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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Guild about which the Exercise hears very little is that for the Truro Diocese. A copy of its report, covering the years 1915—1924, has, however, just come into our hands, and it is gratifying to know that 'there are signs of a great revival of interest in the bells and fresh opportunities for the work of the Guild are opening out.' From the details which the report contains, it is quite obvious that the Guild has a great task before it to live up to one, at least, of its objects—the cultivation of change ringing. The Guild offers many inducements in its rules for the encouragement of the art, but the number of change ringers throughout the county is apparently not more than about one-tenth of the total number of members.

Only those who have attempted to promote the art of ringing in a county such as Cornwall is, with few means of intercommunication and many scattered and isolated towers, with a body of men many of whom are openly averse to the introduction of half-pull methods, and with a widespread apathy among the clergy, can have any conception of the almost heart-breaking struggle which faces the handful of workers who have the knowledge and opportunity to carry on the crusade. The adjoining county of Devon was in similar plight not so many years ago, but constant effort on the part of a few undaunted spirits has worked wonders, and doubtless what Devon has done the diocese of Truro can do in the process of time.

May we offer the suggestion to the Guild that they should follow the example of nearly all the other societies which cover large areas, and divide their organisation into districts? Devon did this a few years ago, with really wonderful results, and the experience of every large Association is that the district system of encouraging interest and promoting change ringing is the most effective of all. It is true that the Truro Guild holds occasional 'minor festivals,' but they seem to be all in the west of the county, where the real moving spirit is Dr. Symons, to whose efforts, almost entirely, change ringing in that part of Cornwall exists to-day. The members of the Truro Guild, even though they are largely cut off from outside assistance, would find much mutual help and encouragement if they could attend frequent district meetings—meetings which for their own benefit are brought more or less to their own door as it were. There is a lot to be done in Cornwall, and we look forward to a gradual improvement in the position. It is uphill work and the pioneers are few, but we feel sure that the establishment of self-contained and self-supporting branches, in place of a centralised management, with, perhaps, only one general meeting in a year, would lead to a new enthusiasm, which, in the end, would not only benefit the Guild itself, but serve in larger measure the objects for which the Guild exists.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 8
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 10
JOHN SPARROW 5	JOHN W. CORNFORD 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	GEORGE A. CARD... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

A welcome peal to the King's second grandson.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	FRANK ROWLINGS 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	HARRY SEAR 7
THOMAS LAW 3	WALTER SEAR 8
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	FRED WILFORD 9
TOM TREBUTT 5	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, and the Bros. Sear, of Bletchley. Mr. Hopper has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
JACK JUDGE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Believed to be the quickest peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT, M.A. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JOHN NEAL 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Major on the bells, and rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, to Hermione O'Doughty, the ceremony being performed at Oxford on July 31st by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the esteemed presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, rang his first peal at this church on September 25th, 1875. This was the 800th peal by James George.

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ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 18 cwt.

*Miss Phoebe Upsher ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
*Alick Cuyler 2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF 'THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON 5
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, of Erdington.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WALTER MALINS 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	† WALTER WILLIAMS 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4	* ARTHUR B. WEBB Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. J. POOLE

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung on the occasion of the Feast. The ringers desire, through this medium, to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Miss Cecil E. Hepburn ... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5
*Miss Kitty Moore 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
Miss Phyllis Hare 3	FRED WILFORD 7
Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells. First Surprise peal in which four ladies have taken part.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 5
HAROLD EASTOE 2	WALTER GODDARD 6
WALTER AYRE 3	CHARLES TAYLOR 7
RALPH S. LONG 4	ERNEST HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Varah), and the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby, and a vice-president of the Northern Branch.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM STEGGALL Treble	JOHN SOUTER 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
ALPHABUS BERRY 3	CLEMENT MORE 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
WALTER N. ASHEY 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 196).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. The peal was a farewell tribute to the Rector of Stoke-on-Trent (the Rev. H. V. Stuart), who leaves Stoke for the Deanery of Carlisle.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MISS ROSE THOMAS Treble	EDWARD S. RUCK 5
*CHARLES W. EVERETT 2	ERNEST W. POWELL 6
*THOMAS TABBERTT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*PERCY PAGE 4	ARCHIBALD C. KAY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman rung by members of the Ashford district only. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Blackburne to the town of Ashford.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
*ARTHUR K. GOWER 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Messrs. Hooton and Johnson, for whom the peal was arranged, were elected members of the Sussex County Association in the belfry.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 14th, for evening, 1,484 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. Jarman 4, R. Evans (conductor) 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, G. Beaton 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.
GEORGE R. PYE... ..Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
WILLIAM THEOBALD... .. 2 | *GEORGE MILES 6
*FRANK RINGE 3 | ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN... .. 7
ALFRED PYE 4 | WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.
*GEORGE BURT Treble | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON 2 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3 | CHARLES H. SONE 7
JOHN WHEADON... .. 4 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells. The conductor's 80th peal. Peal No. 32 in C.O. Collection.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2 | FREDERICK SMITH 6
WALTER MOBBS 3 | RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
WALTER BARRETT 4 | CHARLES CUTTING Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Edward Smith, whose funeral was at Alburgh that day.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BENNETT ...Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2 | EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Deal, of London, and Mr. Bennett, of Bournemouth, and rung as a compliment to the conductor on the anniversary of his wedding.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...Treble | WALTER N. ASHBY 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2 | CHARLES H. PAGE 6
ERNEST KING 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
ARTHUR PEAKE 4 | JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. A. H. Waller, Vicar of the adjoining parish of Alsager, who passed away suddenly on the Wednesday previous while on holiday in Scotland, and was interred on this date. The band wish to thank the incumbent and officials of Lawton for granting the use of the bells at short notice, and to Messrs. Rigby and Longman for their attention to the 'go' and muffling of the bells.

FRISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble | JAMES M. BAILEY 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2 | JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE WILSON... .. 3 | CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Mr. G. Lindoff, who was paying a visit to his native home after 22 years. It is 28 years since he rang a peal on these bells.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

†HUBERT LEE Treble | ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
JOHN BASS 2 | WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
†HAROLD V. COOPER... .. 3 | JOHN LLOYD 7
†WILLIAM GIBBS... .. 4 | *ALFRED JONES Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL Treble | HARRY JARMAN 5
REGINALD KYNASTON... .. 2 | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
ROBERT T. EVANS 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
HAROLD T. HUGHES 4 | E. HARVEY KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. B. Kynaston. The last time this composition was rung in this tower was in 1785, when a peal was scored by the Anacreontic Society. Mr. C. L. Lilley hails from Shrewsbury.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2 | AMOS W. CLARK... .. 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor approximately 25 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble | THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 5
FREDERICK J. HANCOCK 2 | GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | JOHN WILKINSON... .. 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal on this grand ring of bells, which were founded by Rudhall in 1733. Rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Viscount Lascelles and Princess Mary. The band desire to thank the church authorities for permission to attempt the peal, and the local company for having all in readiness.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS LIGHTFOOT Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRED LAMBETH 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by J. C. BIBBY.

No. 88, C.C.C. This peal was arranged for Mr. Lambeth, who belongs to Chippenham, Wiltshire.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The composition, on a new plan, is now rung for the first time.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD RADDOON Treble	WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE COOK 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthias.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Treble	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	ALBERT RICHINGS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

G. Popnell is from South Wales; C. C. Ellis is from Edinburgh, and this is his first peal in his native county.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of Bishop Ryder.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 6
WILLIAM H. BALL 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CHARLES WEBB 4	MORRIS J. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, with his wife, on their return from their wedding tour. Rung on the 56th birthday of the tenorman.

HINOKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: P. Aldham 1, J. Ison 2, G. Thompson 3, C. Payne 4, T. Wright 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, L. Perrin 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Viscount Elmley.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 extents of Plain Bob, and 3 extents of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER N. ASHEY Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 4
WALTER LONGMAN 2	†ARTHUR W. HALL 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 4
WALTER LONGMAN 2	WALTER N. ASHEY 5
ARTHUR W. HALL 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the 150th tower in which the conductor had rung a peal, in 34 counties for 30 associations.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each Plain Bob;

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 4
ALFRED J. BULL 2	HARRY PARKES 5
GEORGE ILLMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung on the back six after meeting short for Major.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHREWSBURY.—On June 19th. at St. Chad's, a 4-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: J. Bain 1, U. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, F. Lycett 6, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 7, D. J. Boucher 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by 1st, 2nd and 6th. Rung on the induction of the Rev. F. Overton to St. Chad's.—On July 23rd, 315 Stedman Caters: J. Bain 1, G. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, J. Evans 6, W. Fairhead 7, D. J. Boucher 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10. First touch of

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN Treble	AMOS SMART... .. 4
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	FRANK KIRK... .. 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS KITTY MOORE Treble	WALTER T. WILSON... .. 4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

A birthday peal for C. A. Manning, and his first peal in three methods. * First peal of Minor as conductor.

ROXTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's each of St. Simon's and Bob Doubles, and eighteen of Grandsire with twelve different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT J. HARLOW... .. Treble	TOM BARTRAM 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HENRY STAPLETON 4
HUBERT FOLBIGG... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal of Doubles in three methods by ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., St. Clement's, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY... .. Treble	JOHN H. RODEN 4
WILLIAM NEAL 2	HORACE M. DAY... .. 5
JOHN LENN 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was arranged for Mr. John J. Jutson, of Peterborough, who was unfortunately too ill to ring, Mr. Wells taking his rope. First peal in eight methods inside by ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, August 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebb,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob, Cambridge Surprise, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

*VICTOR BENNETT Treble	HARRY TOLLEY 4
†FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 2	CHARLES COLES 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... .. 3	WILLIAM HARRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. The above peal was rung and brought round for evensong.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 21, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

FREDK. G. MANN 1	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4
LAURENCE POULSON 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6

α Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: ALEC. JARVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Mann, this being his first peal.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

Kent has been justly named 'The Garden of England,' and only those who have been privileged to travel through this county can appreciate its glorious beauty. The above ringers and their wives, with friends from Gravesend, Northfleet, Cobham and Swanscombe, started off at 8 a.m. by charabanc on Saturday, August 2nd, down through the Weald of Kent into Rye, Sussex. The first stop was at Mereworth, where the peal of six were tried in methods up to London Surprise. On the peal of eight at Hawkhurst Stedman was tried (not too successfully), and touches of Kent Major and Grandsire brought round. From Hawkhurst to Rye, Kent was seen at its best, and judging from the show of apples and hops en route, we should not be short of cider and beer this year. Dinner was waiting at the Railway Hotel, Rye, to which full justice was done. The bells at this church, which, by the way, is a grand structure, and noted for the clock pendulum swinging in the church, have been receiving the attention of Messrs. Taylor, and they had completed the job so that permission had been granted to ring, which was taken advantage of with Kent, Stedman and Grandsire. The homeward journey was by way by Tenterden and Biddenden to Smarden, where the peal of six was tried in methods up to Cambridge. After tea, at the Royal Oak, Bearsted, the final ringing of the day was at the Church of Holy Cross, where, after touches in various methods, a 720 London Surprise was rung in true Milton style by F. A. Mitchell, H. Argent, J. Burles, F. M. Mitchell (conductor), L. Beckett and G. Morrad. The ringers would like, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the friends who met them at the various towers, and to the clergy for the use of the bells. All were delighted with the outing, and were as one in saying, 'For lovely scenery, give us Kent.'

IN WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual outing of the Edgbaston ringers took the form of an excursion into Worcestershire and Herefordshire. Starting from Selly Oak, they were favoured with a pleasant morning, and, on reaching Worcester, took the Ledbury-Bromyard road. A halt was called at Knightsbridge, where the 'guide,' Mr. W. Ranford, joined the party. The secluded Herefordshire village of Winterbourne provided the first ringing, and Suckley was the next call. At lunch, at the Nelson Inn, the visitors were joined by the Rector of Suckley, who extended a hearty welcome. In the afternoon the company enjoyed a pleasant run through beautiful country to Mathon, and then turned back to Cradley, ringing taking place at both towers. The concluding ringing was at Malvern Link, where touches of the eight bells gave great pleasure. Leaving Mr. Ranford at Worcester, with many thanks for his kindly services, the run to Selly Oak was completed at 11 p.m., after a delightful day's outing. The party wish to thank Mr. Ranford for his assistance, and also all who helped in various ways to make the outing a success.

CHESHIRE RINGERS VISIT STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 16th, the ringers of All Saints' Church, Lawton, Cheshire, accompanied by friends and relations, numbering 31, spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Travelling by charabanc, in very doubtful weather, the party were met at Brewod by Mr. Perry and Mr. Hunt, who conducted them to the tower. The bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and all were loud in their praise of this lovely ring of bells. Going on to Cannock the party were met by Mr. T. Benton, and after an excellent tea the belfry was visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were again rung. These bells, which have recently been rehung and made into a peal of eight go splendidly, and all were reluctant to leave. The return journey was begun about 8 o'clock, and home was reached about eleven. The party wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergy for granting permission to ring, and members of the local bands for having everything in readiness.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION. YORKSHIRE VETERAN HONOURED.

On Saturday last the ringers of Armitage Bridge Church, Yorks, met to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senior, the former better known to all the West Riding ringers as 'Bonny thro' t' Armitage Bridge.'

Mr. Senior was born at Kirkheaton, a neighbouring village, but he went to Armitage Bridge when quite a lad. He was soon attracted to the church, and learned to ring there, and has remained firm at his post ever since.

He has worked all his life for the old-established and well-known firm of William Brooke and Sons, was married at the parish church, and has always lived within a stone's throw of the tower he loves so well, his reason being (so he says) to see that nobody steals the bells.

Four years ago he was presented with a gold watch and chain by a few ringing friends, on completing 50 years as a ringer at Armitage Bridge Church.

After the local company had rung a short 'Golden Wedding' touch, the ringers from Meltham, Almondsbury and Huddersfield, joined in the celebration. Then all adjourned to tea, which was served at the Fleece, where the host (Mr. Hirst) had spread a capital meal. Vocal and other musical items and handbell ringing followed, and were much enjoyed by all the company.

Congratulations had hardly ceased to flow when 'Time' was called, and brought the rejoicings to a close, but 'Bonny' promised to try to be present when the diamond jubilee was due, and asked all there at the party to join him then, when he hoped time would not pass as quickly as it had done that afternoon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 16th, and was a great success. Members and friends were present from Sandy, Clifton, Everton, Roxton, Bedford, Turvey, Woburn, Hitchin, Luton, Baldock, Royston, Cambridge, Long Stanton, and the local company. There were 26 present at tea at the White Horse. At the business meeting, the Rev. R. Copeman, of Cambridge, was in the chair. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Arksey on September 13th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the business meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going till 8 o'clock. Some good touches were rung, including Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major.

ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Walter John Sadler, which took place on Sunday, Aug. 17th, at the early age of 46 years. The deceased had been in indifferent health for some time, and underwent an operation early in the year. When away from home recruiting his health, he had a relapse from which he never recovered. He had been a regular service ringer at Braintree for many years, and had rung peals in most of the standard methods up to London Surprise. He had a keen sense of appreciation for punctuality, was never known to break an appointment without some very urgent cause, and was very highly respected by a large circle of friends outside the ringing fraternity, for his honesty of purpose and upright character.

The funeral took place at Braintree on Saturday, the Rev. G. P. Basset Kerry, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, officiating. Among those present, in addition to the mourners, were Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), L. W. Wiffen and W. H. Dyson (District Master and secretary, respectively), H. E. Hammond, W. H. Hammond, G. Melbourne, F. Ely, Geo. Wiffen and F. Webb. Among the many floral tributes were a cross from the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, and a wreath from Braintree Branch of the British Legion, of which deceased was a member. A widow and four children are left to mourn their loss, and with them much sympathy is felt, as well as with the deceased's father, Mr. John Sadler, who has been a ringer at Coggeshall for over 40 years.

Immediately after the funeral a long touch of Treble Bob Major was rung, with the bells half-muffled, and in the evening 928 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by a representative band of the Essex Association: Geo. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, W. J. Nevard 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, W. Arnold 6, W. Elliot 7, A. Saunders 8.

'DOUBLE HANDED' ON TOWER BELLS.

Very few ringers can manage two tower bells at a time, the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook having been the greatest exponent of this kind of performance. Others who have proved their ability in change ringing have been Messrs. J. E. Groves, J. Thomas and W. Lawrence. Now we have to record a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Measham, Leicestershire, in which two bells were rung by one man. This was accomplished on Wednesday, August 20th, the band being J. Pagett (Derby) 1 and 2, G. Verrey 3, M. Swinfield (conductor) 4, T. Meredith 5, E. Beadsmore 6, J. H. Swinfield 7, L. Bradwell 8.

EMPIRE PAGEANT AT WEMBLEY.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells at Great Budworth, Cheshire, were cast by Rudhall in 1733. It has remained for a Lancashire Association band in this year of grace 1924, to ring the first peal on them. Many attempts have been made on them in the past, but never before has a peal been successful. The bells have recently been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

The record handbell peal, 19,738 Stedman Caters, rung in 9 hours 32 minutes at Guildford, commenced on August 31st, 1912, and concluded, after midnight, on September 1st.

A band of Cumberland Youths rang the first peal in a railway train a year ago—August 31st, 1923.

The first peal in Salisbury was rung at St. Martin's Church on September 3rd, 1887.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Stedman Caters at Brighton on August 4th was Charles H. Page, and not Henry Page, as reported.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who is Recorder of Lincoln, will sit as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate in Birmingham all through September.

Many times have Birmingham ringers sat under the genial chairmanship of the alderman, and no doubt with the above announcement before them they are likely to be on their very best behaviour during next month. It would be embarrassing for the Deputy Stipendiary if any of them should come before him in his official capacity, but the result might be even more embarrassing for the other party. Verb. sap.

By the way, it would not be a bad opportunity for some crank to test in the court, by way of summons for a 'public nuisance,' the ringing of St. Martin's bells, with, say, Albert Walker and Alfred Paddon Smith as defendants, coupled, perhaps, with the Rector of Birmingham and his churchwardens. We should dearly like to hear the arguments, and the judgment.

NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Benson's suggestion that methods be named after the Christian saints is a good one.

As change ringing is a purely English art, he would we may suppose, restrict his choice to English saints in the main. A little discretion would have to be used, as there might not be much enthusiasm in the Exercise for naming the four standard methods after the Four Evangelists, for example.

There are plenty of good names with noble associations, such as St. Alban, St. Chad, St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda, St. Audrey, etc., not excluding the well-known St. Peter, St. Catherine, etc., as Mr. Benson has suggested.

This would also give our peal ringers valid reasons for ringing peals, if they were attempted on or about the Saint's day after which method was named. At present some of the reasons given, such as 'a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and also to Miss Smith, the verger's daughter,' though polite, sound rather thin.—Yours faithfully,

E. CORNER.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT NORTON CANON.

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Clifford District was held at Norton Canon on Saturday, August 16th, the bells, a ring of five, by Rudhall, 1759, were rehung twenty years ago, and there were twenty ringers present on the occasion of the anniversary, Clifford, Eardisley, Lyonshall, Almeley, Kinnersley, Letton, Bredwardine and the local tower being represented. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and at 5 o'clock the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. T. Simey) conducted the Guild's service in church, and gave a very helpful address. Afterwards all were cordially invited to tea at the Rectory.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, which was of short duration.—Almeley was chosen for the next meeting, October 18th being the provisional date. Two probationers and one hon. member were duly elected, and two probationers were presented with the Guild's certificate.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, Mrs. Simey and Mrs. Ward for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea, and looking after the ringers' wants at the table.—The Vicar suitably responded, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, a very pleasant gathering terminating at 9 p.m.

THE CALAMITY BELL.

The following story is now going the round of the papers (it has appeared in more than one): The verger of a little old country church was showing a party of visitors round. They ascended the belfry. 'Now, this 'ere bell,' said the verger proudly—'a bit remarkable this bell is. It is only rung on the occasion of a visit from the lord bishop, a fire, a flood, or any other such calamity!'

RINGING IN CORNWALL. TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD REPORT.

In a report covering the years 1915 to 1924, the committee of the Truro Diocesan Guild say that so many of the ringers were on active service in the war, and so many laid down their lives for their country, that the tradition in the towers was almost broken. Now, however, there are signs of a great revival of interest in the bells, and fresh opportunities for the work of the Guild are opening out. The reports from the affiliated towers and the lists of members of the Guild give great encouragement. Several peals of bells in the county have been restored and enlarged, and others have been taken in hand. And as the principles of the Guild spread, the value of the ringer and the honour of his office and the increase of his skill will grow. There are several towers which have taken in hand the highest form of bell ringing, the peculiarly English art of scientific changes. The Ringing Master (Dr. Symons) will endeavour to get instructors where they are invited.

The Guild, adds the report, gives silver medals to members who qualify in scientific change ringing as well as certificates of merit for round ringing and call changes, and it is to be hoped that there will be more entries for these distinctions than in former years. There are now 42 affiliated towers, and some 450 members of the Guild, of which the new Bishop is patron. The Guild sets itself against prize ringing, on the ground that the church bells should not be rung for money prizes, and that its certificates of proficiency for individual members of the bands are more likely to raise the standard of ringing than a competition as to efficiency of a band as a whole.

Individual tower reports are appended, and some of them make interesting reading, although there are a number who have 'nothing to report.'

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Truro, the bells are rung regularly before morning and evening services on Sundays, and on any other special occasions. Recently the 'Guild Evening' was restarted, and Kea and Kenwyn ringers then join the Cathedral band. 'We soon hope to be able to ring Triples,' is the comment.

Cardynham.—The ringing is punctual and regular. Half-pull changes would be attempted if there were some local centre in instruction.

Gulval.—Members turn up exceedingly well for Sunday Service ringing; they look upon it as a duty. Practically every Sunday touches, either of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor or Grandsire Doubles, are brought round. At present, under Dr. Symons' tuition, we are working up Stedman.

Camherne.—We have nine ringers who are regular attendants at ringing and Divine service. Though there are only nine ringers we seldom ring less than eight bells for service; wet or shine they are in their places.

Madron.—Of our ringers, all with the exception of two, have won their medals for change ringing. These two have their certificates for proficiency in round ringing. The only method is Grandsire Doubles. Four of our younger ringers—medalists—have gone to America, and we feel their loss very much.

Stoke Climsland.—We have a splendid band of 20 ringers. Unfortunately No. 7 bells needs recasting owing to an accident a few months ago.

Other extracts could be quoted, but enough have been given to show the work which is being carried on in the diocese—and some of the difficulties.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. BLACKBURN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, followed by a most successful social, was held at Blackburn on Saturday. The bells of the Parish Church, Holy Trinity, and St. Michael's, were kept busy during the afternoon, and over 100 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the Parish Church. After tea, Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Penwortham (vice-president, Lances Association) presided at the business meeting, when the following officials were appointed: secretary, Mr. J. Watson (who has just completed 18 years' service in this office); committeeman, Mr. R. Hartley, of Burnley. Both appointments are for two years. It was also decided to nominate for the respective positions of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., president; Mr. William H. Shaker, general secretary; Mr. H. W. Jackson, treasurer.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar of Blackburn (the Rev. J. Sinker), the Vicar of Holy Trinity (the Rev. G. Stewart Perry), and the Vicar of St. Michael's (the Rev. E. Hanson) for the use of the bells, and to the ringers at the various churches for their kindly welcome, also to the ladies who took charge of the tea, and to Mr. J. R. Taylor for presiding.

The rest of the evening was spent in a social and dance. Ringers were present from Clitheroe, Whalley, Colne, Burnley, Rishton, Church Kirk, Oswaldtwistle, Standish, Brindle, Horchton, Chorley, Leyland, Penwortham, Preston, Whittle, Bolton, Deane, Walkden and Blackburn.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

A joint meeting of the adjoining districts of the above associations was held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday last, and was pronounced, by all who attended, as a great success. Upwards of sixty members of one or both of the associations were present at some time or other during the afternoon, and some good practice was obtained in Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Treble Twelve, and Cambridge Royal. Several ringers rang their first touches on ten or twelve, and efforts were made to give all an opportunity of ringing what they desired.

Tea was served in the Cock Hotel, some 50 ringers sitting down to a good meal. Mr. W. H. Theobald (district hon. secretary, Essex Association) presided, and was supported by several officers of both societies, including Mr. F. J. Pittsow (general secretary, Essex), Mr. W. Pye (Master, Middlesex), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex), Mr. G. B. Lucas (District Master, Middlesex), and Mr. C. T. Coles (district hon. secretary, Middlesex).—The Chairman welcomed the visitors from the neighbouring county, and said he hoped the meeting would be an annual one. He read a letter from Mr. C. H. Howard (Master, Essex), apologising for his unavoidable absence, and expressing his entire agreement with the idea of a joint meeting, which he hoped would have good results.—Mr. Coles responded, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, and said he would do his best to give their Essex friends a good welcome if they were able to hold such a meeting as this in Middlesex next year. It was very gratifying to see such a large gathering, which proved that the meeting was a popular one. There was no reason at all why societies should not fraternise, for they were not rivals, but were all animated with the one idea, that of furthering the art of change ringing.

Mr. Fred J. Pittsow also expressed his sympathies with the objects of the meeting, and after a vote of thanks to the Waltham Abbey ringers had been moved and passed, the ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing, or to the pleasant glades of Epping Forest to listen to the sound of a very fine peal of bells.

It is to be regretted that the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Johnston), on holiday, made it impossible for a service to be held, but the thanks of all are due to him for alloying the bells to be rung, and making such a meeting a possibility.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES SCOTT, DONCASTER

It is our sad duty to record the death of one of Doncaster's oldest bell ringers, in the person of Mr. Charles Scott, who, after a painful illness, was called home by the Divine Conductor on August 26th, at the age of 60 years. For 28 years he had done his duty, as a Sunday service ringer, faithfully and well, only being absent from his place in the belfry when reasons of health demanded that he should be. He was a real churchworker in every sense of the word.

As a ringer he was one of the best, and to use a ringing expression, he always 'rang a good hell.' Peal ringing did not appeal to him much, and he only rang two peals of 5,040 changes, being content to do his duty as a service ringer. The first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, which was rung in 1897, on the bells of St. George's. The second was also rung at St. George's, and was a peal of Stedman Triples, in 1906. He was chairman of the St. George's Society, a member of the Doncaster and District Society, and was formerly a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

The funeral took place on Saturday, and was attended by his fellow ringers, and also by his workmates from the Plant Works. Archdeacon Sandford conducted the service. Afterwards the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples being rung in 48 minutes as a last token of respect. Deepest sympathy and condolence are extended to the bereaved widow and son.

'THE REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The remarkable man of Litchurch, Derby, was the late Mr. Shardlow, who was the tower keeper at St. Andrew's. He used to pride himself that he had the best kept belfry in England, and it certainly was the best I had ever seen, and I've been in a good many.

One little anecdote is worth recalling. The first meeting ever called to form an association for Derby and district was got together first of all by Mr. Richard Redgate, and was held in the school at St. Andrew's. (I believe this was somewhat late in 1881; the association was eventually founded on April 10th, 1882.)

After the meeting was closed, permission was obtained from the Vicar to have a ring on the fine peal of eight. We had not got far in a touch of Stedman Triples when up came Mr. Shardlow, white with rage, into the centre of the belfry. Then, eyeing each one round, he jumped at one, pulled his bell down, then another, and another. All being confusion, he got quite exhausted, and sat down in the belfry window on the late Mr. J. Withersley's top hat, which he squashed. Anyway, he was got round after a lot of fuss, and was afterwards a much-respected member of the M.C.A.—Yours, etc., Oldbury.

JOHN JAGGAR.

JAMES GEORGE—800 NOT OUT.

Born Eighteen Fifty-Three,
Still feeling young,
Rung his Eight Hundredth Peal,
Still going strong.

(With apologies to the proprietors of a famous 'food'.)

It does not seem long ago, indeed it is not very long ago, since we announced in these columns Mr. George's 700th peal, and now he has perpetrated his 800th, which will be found recorded in its proper place.

Where he will stop goodness only knows, but his is a most remarkable record for a man who did not start until he was 36 years of age. He is almost a Peter Pan—we say 'almost' advisedly, for while Peter refused to grow up, James George has certainly grown up, but he refuses to grow old. Maybe some day he will even grow old, for he shows some signs of maturity, and occasionally evinces a disposition to settle down, or perhaps to give thought to the best way of spending life. Yes, there is undoubtedly some hope for him yet.

In the meantime he goes merrily along, scoring peal after peal, never caring the least bit where or what he may be asked to ring.

It doesn't matter a jot to him whether it be the treble of the lightest eight, or the Great Bell of Bow, he takes them in his stride and passes on to the next job. And he doesn't look the least little bit like it either. He has no fierce mien, protruding jaw, huge shoulders or bulging biceps, but is just a kindly looking man of medium build, with benign countenance, and a benevolent expression. But he can deliver the goods, and seriously, we doubt whether there is or has been any man of his age who so positively enjoys a heavy job.

Why he does it is best known to himself, and the writer of these presents has frequently pointed out to him that he has no one to blame but himself. He usually says, 'Well, someone has got to ring the big ones, and I like it.' There you are!

One might have thought that as he neared the '70' mark he would have slackened off a little, but did he? Here are some of the odd jobs he has brought off since he rang his 700th peal:—

Between the age of 68 and 69:

Two peals of London Surprise Major with a working bell.

The treble at Lye to peal of Stedman Triples (tenor 3½ cwt.).

The tenor at Bow, Cheapside, London (53 cwt.) to peal of Stedman Cinques.

Between the age of 69 and 70:

The 11th at Newcastle-on-Tyne to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 37½ cwt.).

The 10th at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The tenor at Southwark Cathedral, London, to peal of Treble Twelve (tenor 50 cwt. and 22 lbs.).

The 11th at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 36 cwt.).

The 11th at St. Giles', Cripplegate, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 36½ cwt.).

The 11th at Winchester Cathedral to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 30 cwt. and 4 lbs.).

The 11th at Liverpool to peal of Grandsire Cinques (tenor 40 cwt.).

The 10th at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.).

The tenor at Southwark Cathedral London, to peal of Bob Maximus (tenor 50 cwt. and 22 lbs.).

The tenor at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The 11th at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 36 cwt. on his 70th birthday).

Between the age of 70 and 71:

The 7th at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Triples, which he conducted (first peal on the new bells).

The tenor at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Grandsire Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The 11th at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The tenor at Sheffield Cathedral to peal of Treble Twelve (tenor 40 cwt.).

The tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Cinques (36 cwt.).

The tenor of Great Yarmouth to peal of Treble Twelve (tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.).

The 8th at Exeter Cathedral to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.).

It will be noted that on his 70th birthday he rang the 11th in the Bull Ring to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and he rang it well, taking great care to put it in its place all the time. It is very doubtful whether there are many other men who would be able to celebrate their 70th birthday in this manner, and he ought to be grateful to his forbears for endowing him with such a robust constitution.

Mr. George is a member of practically every society in the coun-

try, among them the following: Essex, Midland Counties, Middlesex, Winchester, Salisbury, Sussex, Hertford, Oxford, Archdeaconry of Stafford, Worcestershire, Hereford, Lancashire, Kent, College Youths, London County, Waterloo; All Saints', Fulham; St. Martin's, Birmingham; Durham and Newcastle; Raunds, Wellingborough and District; St. Margaret's, Westminster; Bedfordshire, United Counties, Ashton-under-Lyne, Gloucester and Bristol; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; Norwich Diocesan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; Nuncaton; St. Andrew's, Rugby; Surrey; Warwickshire, Cheltenham and District, Llandaff, Irish, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Salop, Dudley and District Guild, Chester Diocesan, Worcester Cathedral.

Appended is the list of his 800 peals, which have been rung in 291 different towers, and 42 different counties, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

	Tower Bells		Hand bells
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.
Bob Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	62	14	6
Grandsire Doubles	1		
Stedman Triples	130	4	4
Union Triples	1		1
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Grandsire Major	2		
Bob Major	30 (A)	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	46 (B)		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	35 (C)		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	75		
Cambridge Surprise Major	16		
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	4		
London Surprise Major	8		
Grandsire Caters	30 (D)		1
Stedman Caters	125		11
Grandsire Royal	1		
Aston Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	38 (E)		
Bob Royal	10		
Little Bob Royal	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Grandsire Cinques	5		
Stedman Cinques	114		16
Bob Maximus	1		
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	14 (F)		
Forward Maximus	1		
	761	19	39

(A) including 6000 } Both rung. (D) including 6011 and 8009.
(B) including 6336 } in one day. (E) including 6080 and 7280.
(C) including 6720 (F) including 6000 and 12,240 Record.

In conclusion, we may add that Mr. George's energies are not solely confined to peal ringing. He is Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's Church in Birmingham, where he rings on Sundays, and where he is endeavouring to get together a band.

To him, too, more than to any other person, with the single exception of the man who paid the bill (Councillor Gelling) is due the credit for the fact that Bishop Ryder's tower contains now a beautiful new peal of eight by Taylor, put in as a memorial. It is peculiarly appropriate, therefore, that Mr. George's 800th peal should have been rung on these bells, and for such an auspicious occasion.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**HINCKLEY DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Sharnford on Saturday, and was well attended by members from Broughton, Astley, Croft, Desford, Hinckley, Monks Kirby, Peckleton, Ratby, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlleston and Sharnford. Touches rung on tower bells included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the bells being made good use of until 8 p.m.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. H. Briggs, owing to the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb) having to leave early.—Two new ringing members were admitted to the association, viz., Thomas Preston, of Kirkby Mallory, and G. Wright, of Thurlaston.—Barwell was selected for the next place of meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells.

JUBILEE OF ST. MARIE'S BELLS, SHEFFIELD. INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

On August 20th, 1874, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of White-chapel fame, installed in the above tower a very fine peal of eight bells in the key of 'D,' with a tenor of 25½ cwt. This peal was preceded by eight steel bells, made by Messrs. Naylor, Vickers and Co., Sheffield, who specified that if they were not considered suitable, they should be returned to their works at Millsands, Sheffield. From the reports of those who heard this peal, it is not to be wondered that the authorities concerned unanimously agreed not to pay for the bells, with the result that the founders took them away, and eventually sold them to the church authorities at Mossley, Birmingham, and it is thought that after a time the latter people were so sick of the terrible noise these bells made that they eventually despatched them to Blackpool. The late Duke of Norfolk then made a handsome offer; if the congregation of St. Marie's would find half of the amount to purchase a peal of bells worthy of their church, he would give the remainder. The money required was soon forthcoming, and, as previously stated, the present peal was duly installed.

At that time, Mr. James A. Dixon was a member of the company, and in due course became steeple keeper. He thus completed his 50 years' service during the same year as the bells celebrate their 'jubilee.'

On Wednesday, August 20th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in recognition of the dual event, but after an hour and ten minutes' excellent ringing, unfortunately came to grief.

The Very Rev. Canon Dolan, with his usual thoughtful generosity, had a treat in store for Mr. Dixon, for immediately the ringing had finished, he invited the members of the company to the Presbytery, where he presented a cheque to the veteran ringer, on behalf of the congregation and himself, in recognition of the faithful services rendered by Mr. Dixon. It is also very pleasing to recall the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Barnasconie, the first couple to be married at St. Marie's after the installation of the bells, and who are thus celebrating their 'jubilee' of married life, for in appreciation of the triple event, i.e., the 'jubilee' of the bells, Mr. Dixon's services and their own wedding, they also made a very acceptable present to Mr. Dixon.

The present company at St. Marie's, desiring to do their bit also, held a dinner on Friday last at the Talbot Hotel, Sheffield, Mr. Dixon being the guest of honour. The Rev. Canon Dolan, Father Bradley, and the old ringing friends of Mr. Dixon, were also invited, a party of 17 sitting down to an excellent repast.

During the course of the evening, a gold pendant, in the shape of a bell, suitably inscribed, was presented to the guest of honour, on behalf of the company at St. Marie's, as a token of their appreciation of the long association Mr. Dixon has held with that tower.

Handbell ringing (both tunes and changes) and general jollification brought 'turning out' time all too soon.

A short time ago, one of the present members of St. Marie's had the misfortune to suffer bereavement by the loss of his mother, and in order to commemorate her memory, Mr. Hurst, her son, presented to the church a set of 19 handbells which the Canon has had augmented to a peal of 30 in E flat, size 21. To make the gift more worthy Mr. Hurst also had a very fine oak cabinet made in which to keep the bells, these being hung in terrace style on the back of the cabinet, whilst on the front are two inscription plates, one recording the gift of the original 19 bells, and the other the augmentation to 30. The handbells are also the product of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On Sunday last, the Canon, assisted by other priests, ascended the tower and gave his blessing to the bells and cabinet, and accepted them from Mr. Hurst as the property of the church.

After suitable remarks had been made by the donor, the Canon said how pleased he was to accept such an appropriate gift, and he would be glad to avail himself of the services of the company for any social event where the handbells could be brought into use.

The cabinet in question is of plain oak with glass panels, and beautifully made in ecclesiastical style, and in addition to its utility for preserving the bells, makes a fine ornament for the tower, which everyone connected with the church greatly appreciates.

KINGSBRIDGE BELLS.

The peal of eight bells at St. Edmund's, Kingsbridge, are being restored and rehung on patent adjustable bearings, with new steel gudgeons and modern fittings, by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of the Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, who have also received orders for the complete restoration of the peal of five bells at Thornbury Church, N. Devon. These bells are to be removed, and the old frames, beams and fittings cleared out of the tower. Now steel joints are to be erected, carrying a massive self-supporting iron bell frame. The bells are to have new headstocks and fittings, and will be hung on the most modern principles.

WHALLEY BELLS AUGMENTED. A NEW TREBLE AND TENOR.

The bells at the fine old Church of Whalley, Lancashire, have been increased to eight, and were rededicated on Saturday last. The ceremony, attended by a crowded congregation, was performed by the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Wallis), and after the dedicatory prayers the local company rang a few rounds. The address was given by the Rev. J. Newman (Rector of Church Kirk).

Immediately after the service, the local company again rang a short touch, and then the tower was open to visitors, and many ringers enjoyed the magnificent peal. The Oswaldtwistle company, along with the Bolton company, ringing touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise.

The six old bells have been rehung in a new iron frame. The new bells are a tenor (22 cwt.) given by a lady in memory of her husband and son, and a treble given by subscription, in memory of the fallen in the great war. The work has been carried out by the Loughborough foundry, and great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the 'go' of the ring.

The Blackburn Branch intends to hold their branch meeting at Whalley the Saturday previous to the Lancashire Association meeting at Oldham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Essex Association was held at Rayne on Saturday, August 23rd. Despite the stormy weather, 25 were present from Hull, Great Bentley, Kevedon, Rayne, Maldon (St. Mary), Braintree, Great Dunmow, Broomfield, Great Bardfield, Feering, Stebbing and Earls Colne. The District Master (Mr. L. W. Wiffen) presided.—Four new members from Rayne and two from Braintree were elected, and Mr. J. Malyan, of St. Albans, was elected a life non-resident member.

Regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. W. H. Dyson owing to the very serious illness of his wife.

A vote of condolence was passed with the father and widow of the late Mr. W. J. Sadler.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. Redgwell and ladies in making arrangements for the tea.—Mr. Redgwell suitably replied.

The next meeting is to be held at Feering on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st.

Touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung upon the handbells, and Cambridge, Double Court and Treble Bob on the tower bells.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Trollope, in your last issue, states it is ridiculous to say that Dublin Duplex belongs to Mr. Lindoff. That I will leave your readers to judge for themselves. Will Mr. Trollope tell us who is the 'author,' if Mr. Lindoff is not, and why a claim was not made to the method when it was first rung, as I am under the impression no such claim was ever previously made? Will the band who rang the peal of Dublin Duplex tell us where they received the method from, and when the peal was rung? If memory is not at fault, I believe it was conducted by W. H. Barber.—Yours truly,
W. KEEBLE.

DEATH OF A NORFOLK VETERAN.

The funeral took place at Alburgh, Norfolk, on Wednesday of last week, of Mr. Edward Smith, an old and esteemed member of the Norfolk Guild, who passed away in his 81st year. The deceased was conductor of the Redenhall company for a considerable period, and rang in the first peal of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Altogether he rang 79 association peals as well as several before its formation.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Alburgh after the funeral.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Tenby, on Thursday, August 21st, to celebrate the birth of a second son to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hour and 34 minutes, the first half of Holt's Ten-part: W. Richards 1, R. H. Jenkins 2, G. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, J. John 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. C. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—At St. Lawrence Church, for Sunday morning service, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Pudwell 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, D. K. C. Birt (Surrey County Association) 3, P. Kirby 4, A. King 5, J. H. Mata (Archdeaconry of Stafford first quarter-peal) 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Titchfield on Saturday last, when, despite the unsettled weather, members were present from Alverstoke, Curdridge, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Titchfield, and Wickham. The company also included Messrs. G. Williams (Master), G. Pullinger (Guild secretary), and C. W. Ridgway, of Abbots Langley (Herts).

A short service was held, at which the curate (the Rev. F. R. Chambers) officiated, in the absence of the Vicar. About 20 sat down to an excellent meal, followed by the usual business meeting, which was mostly of a routine nature.

Mr. W. Tato (representative) gave an account of the Central Committee's doings at Winchester in July last.

Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), in reply to a question concerning the restoration of William Rayner's tomb in Arretton Churchyard (I.O.W.), said that he proposed sending subscription cards to all towers affiliated to the Guild, and he hoped all would contribute.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on November 15th next, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, curate and also to the local company for having everything in readiness, concluded the business meeting.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The August meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday week, when nearly 40 ringers, representing 18 towers, attended. The bells were set going to Stedman, and several other methods were practised before service, which was conducted by the Rev. Huxley Williams. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Marriott). The Rev. H. Williams presided over the business meeting, which followed, and was supported by the vice-president and hon. secretary, the Ringing Master being away on holiday on this occasion.

Three new members were elected, viz., Stafford H. Green, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent; W. J. G. Brown, of Raxfield, Suffolk; and F. J. Fowler, of Cookham, Berks.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, which was very much appreciated; to the Rev. H. Williams for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting; to the organist; to the Misses W. Griffin and D. M. Gundry for preparing tea; and to Messrs. W. C. Parker and G. Walsley, of the local band.

The tower was again visited, when Cambridge and Superlative, and other methods, were rung. The bells at St. Mary's Church were also open during the evening, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for allowing the visitors the use of them, and to Messrs. S. Greenwood and W. E. Butler, of St. Mary's band.

The meeting was a very pleasant and successful one.

The September meeting to be held at Sunbury; October at Twickenham; November at St. John's, Hillingdon, particulars of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

DEVON GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dartington and Totnes, and ringers were present from London, Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Dartmouth, Collaton, Paignton and Christow. Ringing commenced at Dartington about 3 p.m., and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Martin) officiated, and the Rev. L. W. Browne (Collaton) gave a very appropriate address.

Tea was partaken of at Clarke's Temperance Hotel, Totnes.

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. W. H. Wilkes occupied the chair. The place and date of the next meeting were discussed, and ultimately Ipplepen, with Littlehempstone, were decided on.

Mr. E. Shepherd urged the branch to stick to their work. He was glad to see some young blood present, because it was a good sign, but he regretted the number was not larger, and said 'Don't despair.' He could remember attending an annual meeting of the Devon Guild when only 17 were present, all told. Last Whit Monday, at the annual meeting of the Guild, over 300 were present, which was a clear proof that 'scientific ringing' was spreading.

The Chairman then gave 'The Visitors,' and Mr. J. W. Golding, one of the Westminster Abbey ringers, replied, and said he had rung in Devon before, but had not had the pleasure of attending a meeting. He thought if more help was forthcoming from those who were further advanced in campanology the branch would soon make rapid progress.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar of Totnes for the use of the bells, and the Rector of Dartington for the use of bells and the service.

Further ringing was continued on the Totnes bells till 8.30 p.m.

THE SUFFOLK TOUR. ELEVEN PEALS RUNG.

The 'week' in Suffolk which terminated on August 9th was a most successful one, eleven peals, as already recorded, having been rung. The party were to meet at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd, but the majority were delayed by the holiday traffic, and a start was not made until an hour later, with two Ipswich men to make up the band. Word came up, however, soon after, that the Essex men had arrived, and the Ipswich ringers at once said 'Stop, and let them ring.' Restarting, the first peal of the tour, Cambridge Surprise, was brought round. The usual rush after tea and bus separated the company, but the motorists met at the rendezvous, and then came a hurried drive of 19 miles, which had to be covered before lighting-up time, one of the riders having copied the example of the foolish virgins.

Sunday at Debenham resulted in a peal of Superlative, during the ringing of which Josiah arrived and introduced himself. After the peal the band met round Mrs. Collins' table. She must be quite used to getting tea for ringers.

On Monday the Alton representative had a busy time transporting ringers to Eye in reliefs, and lost his gloves in the process, but he helped to add Cambridge to the bag. Mr. Day kindly took most of the band to Diss in his car for which they were very grateful. Superlative was rung here. The striking for the first twenty minutes was not what it ought to have been, so the bells were stopped. After a move over and a fatherly talk a good peal was rung, though the Norfolk man wished all the rest of the week that it had been five minutes longer.

The towers for Tuesday were Framsdon and Helmingham, and again a 'double' was scored. At the former church Messrs. Wilson and Rumsey met the visitors. The key had to be obtained from the Rector, and also a ladder wherewith to climb into the belfry. His Kent friends would be surprised to see how the veteran can climb, when there is a peal on the board. At Helmingham, Mr. Last was to have been in the peal, but stood out to allow an earlier start to be made. The writer wondered why the Suffolk men were shy of the 7th, but found out after the ringing started. After the peal a lady in the church was making inquiries about the ringing, and on being told what the method was, caused great amusement by exclaiming, 'What, Stedman Triplets!' The Kent veteran made his five miles' walk to the spot where the caravan rested for the night, in company with a member who set a leg-aching pace, and it is said he arrived home disgusted and anxious to borrow a pair of slippers which, in a previous peal attempt, had been somewhat conspicuous.

Another 'double' came off on Wednesday. At Worlingworth, with two of the brothers Bailey and J. G. Rumsey, a London band was secured, and everyone was well pleased with the result. At Framlingham, Superlative came to grief, after an hour's ringing, through a broken rope, but tea was hurried on while the rope was being spliced, and another start was made, with the most fortunate of endings. The last hour had given some of the band an uncomfortable feeling, for the fifth and sixth men could see right through the tenor rope every time it went up at backstroke. But it held until, after the peal, the bell was pulled off to be lowered, when it broke. It was a narrow escape!

Only one peal had been arranged for Thursday. This was at Bury St. Edmunds, and Stedman Caters was decided on for the fine peal of bells in the Norman tower. The first quarter was rung quite well, and then the conductor had an argument with himself over the bells at the single, and 'stand' was called, but after dinner the peal was safely rung.

Great things were expected on Friday from the visit to Leiston and Ufford, but 'blessed are they who expect nothing.' London would not 'go' at Leiston, and an hour's ringing put 'paid' to the attempt. It was thereupon decided to cut out Ufford and make another start at Leiston, but a broken rope two and a half courses from home settled the question of a peal that day. There was then nothing left but to enjoy tea and a talk about what had been done. It was the only blank day of the week.

Saturday's programme meant an early start for everyone, for Lavenham and Hadleigh were to be visited. Mr. Poppy and the veteran were to be picked up at Ipswich at 8.30 a.m. The former was there, but the Kent man, knowing the reputation of Lavenham bells, went for a shave. However, the tower was safely reached, but this is no place to put on record what the motorists said about the roads. The veteran wanted Double Norwich, and after the two back-end men had tossed to see who should ring the tenor, 'go' was called. With a musical method and composition, the band quickly realised the beauty of this famous bell.

At Hadleigh, where the excursion concluded, two of the Ipswich men joined in the ringing. After all the trouble Mr. Rumsey had expended on the tour, it was only a well-deserved compliment to ring his favourite method, Superlative, at his birthplace, and a really good peal was rung to finish a very successful week.

The visitors feel they cannot adequately express their thanks for the many kindnesses they received from their friends in Suffolk and over the border. Special thanks are due to Mr. Rumsey, of Debenham, for making all arrangements.

A. H. P.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sunday evening, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Webb 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, C. Hull 3, J. Giddens 4, J. T. Newington 5, A. Page 6, G. D. Bridge 7, C. E. Patten (conductor) 8.

GULVAL, PENZANCE.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 45 mins.: A. W. Brighton (London) 1, W. Wood 2, John Symons 3, W. Hiscott (Plymouth), conductor, 4, P. C. Jelbert 5, A. Triggs 6, P. Hitchens 7, J. Corkell 8. Visitors always welcome.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), ten callings, in 45 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton (first quarter-peal inside) 2, W. Leaning 3, G. Hobbins 4, J. Bray (conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw (first quarter-peal) 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 1,283 Stedman Cutters: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, A. Coles 3, F. Norriss 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. Skovington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, M. E. Smith 10. Rung as a compliment to M. E. Smith on his 70th birthday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 651 Stedman Cutters: A. Lawrence 1, G. W. Townsend 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, H. A. Hearl 5, J. E. L. Cockey 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

TENBY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. John 1, S. C. Williams (conductor) 2, G. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, J. John 6, H. Jenkins 6, R. H. Jenkins 7, J. Williams 8.

RHYL.—For the evening service, on Sunday, August 17th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: M. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Griffin 2, B. R. Collis 3, J. Ellis 4, F. W. Perrins 5, J. Evans 6, A. J. Hughes (conductor) 7, F. Bailey 8. Messrs. Griffin and Perrins hail from Walsal and Coventry, respectively.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Foddy 1, T. Roberts (conductor) 2, H. Ridgway 3, E. Percy 4, H. Edwards 5. First 720 of Doubles by the ringer of the treble.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, Keighley, a 1,158 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of Mr. William Thorpe, of Grantham, whose marriage took place the day before at Grantham. The ringers were as follows: R. W. Jennison (conductor) 1, J. Edmondson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hogg 5, A. Jackson 6, J. Hall 7, S. Murgatroyd 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, W. E. Oakley 2, G. Seaman 3, W. Greenaway (Ware) 4, W. Norris 5, W. Hewitt 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, at St. John's Church, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples: Adam Blogg 1, Alfred Blogg 2, E. B. Coxhead 3, C. Salisbury 4, H. Lucas 5, A. Hartley 6, Wm. Lancaster (conductor) 7. These were the first touches of Stedman ever rung by a local band for Sunday service.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: W. Holfield 1, C. G. White 2, W. Harris 3, H. C. White 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor), 6, R. White 7, F. White 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NOTICES.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Talgarth on Saturday, the 6th September. Tower open 2 p.m. (6 bells). Glasbury bells (8) also available. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Please notify me by 1st September numbers to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 4th and 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The new peal of eight at Bourn, Cambs, will be dedicated on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. It would facilitate arrangements if ringers would notify me of their intention of being present.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the new Vicar the next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, August 30th, which also includes tea on the Vicarage lawn.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on August 30th. Bells (6) will be available at 2 p.m.—C. Symm Newton, Stockfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing commencing at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Parish Mission House, Wood Street, at 4.30, with a meeting after and evensong at the Church at 6 p.m. Will ringers kindly inform Mr. John Howes of 9, Hawks Road, Norbiton, Kingston-on-Thames, of their intention to take tea so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford district.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 30, at Kimbolton, at 3 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m.; after tea Keysoe bells will be available from about 6 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Audries, on Saturday, Aug. 30. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Mondays the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 22nd, at 7.30. Outing to Chertsey on Saturday, the 27th. Details will be announced later. Please reserve date.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Rawmarsh. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head for those who send their names to Mr. E. Pammenter, 11, Spolton Road, Parkgate, not later than Sept. 3rd. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—A. Panther, Sec., *pro tem.*, Wath-on-Dearne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open from 2.30. A free tea will be provided at the parish rooms at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells will be also available in the evening. All those intending being present kindly notify me by September 2nd.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at St. John's, Hagley, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Old members specially invited to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 6th, at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available all day. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea will be provided. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write by September 3rd to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than August 30th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, September 6th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available after 2 p.m. Will ringers please meet at St. Cuthbert's? Will all those requiring tea please notify by the 4th September?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 1/- each at 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Wednesday, September 3rd. Members please note that reports of peals must be sent to the Assist. Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, Mr. T. E. Lee, 31, Hackthorne Road, Woodseats, Sheffield. Will committeemen let me have suggestions from their respective towers, re the Sunday Service Cup as soon as possible?—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 6th, at the County Tavern (opposite Shire Hall), High Pavement, Nottingham, at 7 p.m. St. Mary's Tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. All M.C.A. members welcome.—Fred Blood, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. Fred Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, not later than 11th September?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8), tenor 18 cwt., available throughout the day. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. All applications for tea tickets, for which a charge of 1/6 per head will be made, must reach Mr. F. Robertshaw, 38, North Gate, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, not later than first post Tuesday, September 9th, 1924.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their annual meeting at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available all the afternoon. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea, election of officers. Subscriptions due. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than September 10th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Lydeard on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Tea provided by the Vicar, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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IN MEMORIAM.

BERTRAM PREWETT, killed in action, August 31st, 1918.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**APPEAL FOR THORNE BELLS' RESTORATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eastrington on Saturday, August 16th, when representatives were present from York, Selby, Hull, Goole, Thorne, Market Weighton, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Howden and Hemingbrough. A choral service was held in the Parish Church of St. Michael, and in the course of his address, the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Hains) extended a hearty welcome to the association, this being the first occasion that a meeting had been held in the village. The art of change ringing, he said, was one which required no little skill and practice, but he would like to impress those present with the real object for which church bells were rung. They were to call people to the worship of God. The bell ringers should surely be the first to set an example in this respect, and yet there were many ringers who seldom, if ever, attended a church service. He would like to suggest that the association make a move towards impressing upon its members the importance of their realising the real object of their art.

An excellent tea was afterwards provided, and served by ladies of the parish in the Parochial Hall, to which some 40 members sat down.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. J. H. Howell, of Hull, occupied the chair, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. A. E. West, Sutton). Two new members were elected: Mr. H. Howell (Hull) and Mr. J. Bradley, junr., of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Goole, in December.

An appeal was made by the Thorne ringers with the view to the different towers in the district, subscribing towards the restoration of the Thorne bells, which have been in a dilapidated state for a considerable period. An estimate has been given for recasting and re-hanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at a cost of £467, and of that amount, £244 has already been promised. The members present agreed to convey the appeal to their respective towers.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, choir, and organist, the ladies who provided and served the tea, and the local ringers for their efficient arrangements during the day.

DEATH OF A MIDDLESBROUGH RINGER.

Middlesbrough has lost a valued member of the Parish Church company by the death of Mr. John William Passman, who passed to his rest on August 5th. He was connected with the church nearly all his life, and took a keen interest in all its affairs. He was a ringer for many years, and took part in the work of the Sunday School. He will be much missed from the tower, and his place will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at Middlesbrough Cemetery on August 7th, and on Tuesday of last week a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob rung.

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