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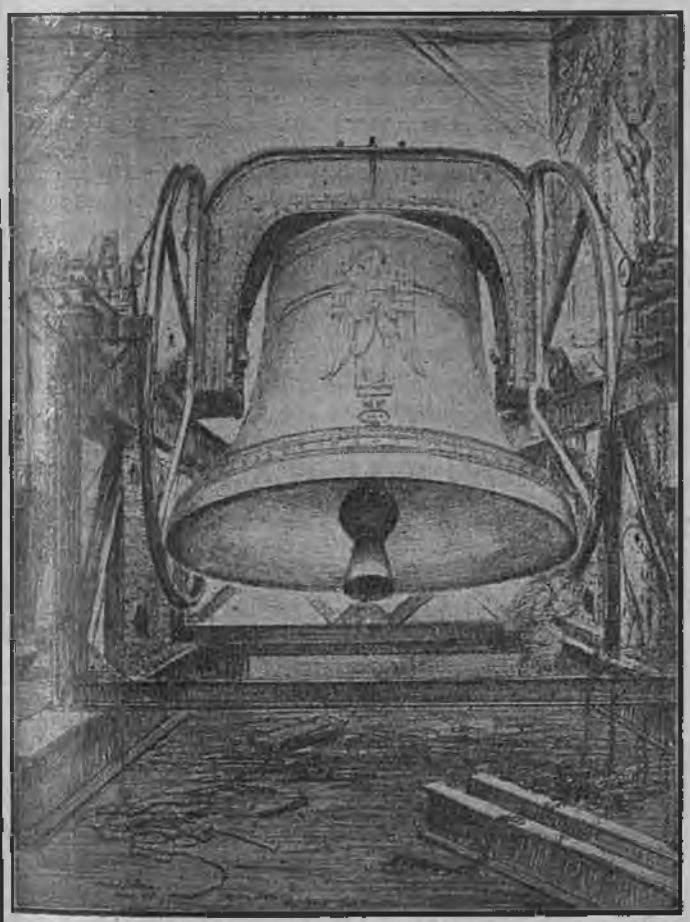

THE 18¼ TON RINGING BELL,
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WILLIAM SHIPWAY.

In the history of the Exercise certain names stand out pre-eminently, and are likely to retain their honoured place as long as the art of change ringing is practised in these isles. The name of Fabian Stedman, the Cambridge printer, is at the very foundation of the art; that of Benjamin Annable, the London baker, whose influence on ringing two centuries ago made a lasting mark, was cut early and deep in the Exercise. One hundred and seventy years ago this week—on September 29th, 1760, to be exact—another who was destined to take an outstanding place in the Exercise, first saw the light—William Shipway, the Bath cabinet maker. These three are the commanding figures in the early development of change ringing, and they 'blazed the trail' over which other explorers have travelled to open up lands unknown to these pioneers. The records of the Cumberland Youths, had they stood alone, would have shown Shipway to be a good ringer and a competent composer and conductor. But he has left us something beyond this. His 'Campanologia,' published in 1816, was the crowning of his life's work. It was for two generations or more the best text book available for ringers, and it reveals an extensive knowledge of the science such as is possessed by comparatively few, even to-day.

In this twentieth century one of the regrets which we have is that we know so little of most of the celebrities of the past. Of those, who with their contemporaries, have gone from us, it is regrettable that we have but the scantiest knowledge. Their names are to be found in the records of various old societies, but we know little of the men themselves. Shipway, however, is in some degree an exception. In his 'Campanologia' he gives us a biographical note which is of great interest to the student of ringing history. He tells us the date of his birth in Bath and the circumstance which introduced him to a knowledge of ringing. He was apprenticed to a Mr. Handcock, a cabinet maker, who was appointed sexton of the Abbey, and thus Shipway gained access to the steeple. He formed an acquaintance with the ringers and soon became attached to the art, which he apparently took up with avidity. It gripped him so completely that, although the company to which he belonged was able to ring Treble Bob Royal, and was 'a respectable and able band of ringers,' Shipway was not satisfied with the progress that was possible and therefore he left Bath for London, where, he knew, there would be greater scope. He reached London in July, 1785, and took a prominent part in the activities of the Cumberland Youths. To this it is possible to add that, with the exception of a few

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years spent in Kent, when he was engaged as instructor at Quex Park, after the installation of the ring of twelve bells in the Waterloo tower, Shipway remained to the end of his days in the Metropolis, dying in 1843 at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His seventy peals included some outstanding performances, but it is for his 'Campanologia' that his name has come down to us and will be handed on to posterity. He spent four years in its preparation, working presumably on the foundation provided by 'The Clavis,' and when it appeared in 1816 he was able rightfully to claim that it was 'the most complete Treatise ever published on the subject.' The Exercise owes a good deal to the man who was born at Bath just 170 years ago.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	...*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
JAMES GEORGE	2	*RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES BENNETT...	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	10
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	A. PADDON SMITH	11
JOHN NEAL	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Cinques.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*GEORGE FLINTHAM ...	...*Treble*	*STANFORD J. WOLFE ...	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	8
HAROLD MARCON	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
*GEORGE CHESTER	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
*LEWIS SNELL	5	HAROLD WALKER	11
†C. BERT CHESTER	6	JOHN WALDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Cinques by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild, and rung at the first attempt. All are ringing members of the Cathedral company.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	...*Treble*	JOHN E. MILLER	6
JOHN ARMSTRONG...	2	HARRY MILLER	7
SIDNEY WADE	3	NORMAN TOMLINSON	8
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	9
GILBERT PLATER	5	ALFRED G. CRANE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tomlinson on the birth of a daughter.

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CARDIFF, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ERNEST STITCH	...*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	6
FRED HANNINGTON	2	GEORGE POPNELL	7
FRANK J. BAILEY	3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	8
*CHARLES H. PERRY	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
KENNETH KNOWLES	5	ERNEST COOMBES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* 90th peal. Rung to honour one of the oldest members of the association, Mr. Jesse Pitcher, who celebrated his golden wedding last week, the band wishing him and his wife continued happiness. Mr. Ernest Stitch has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD F. DEAL	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
JOHN T. KENTISH...	4	ERNEST BRETT	9
JOHN A. WAUGH	5	REUBEN SANDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, April 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt.

T. C. HINSAL	...*Treble*	A. RODEN	5
J. A. TOMPKINS	2	T. RODEN	6
J. HICKMAN	3	E. G. BOWYER	7
T. BEARDS	4	J. BLOORE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Twentyman, of Muchall Hall, Penn, whose help assisted so materially in raising a considerable sum for the recasting of the bells last year. This was the first peal on the bells since their restoration, and was rung by the local band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

GEOFFREY MARLBOROUGH	*Treble*	*WALTER INWOOD	5
CHARLES COOK	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ...	6
EDWARD ASHBY	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
JOHN E. ROOTES	4	WALTER J. SIMONS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE CHRIST CHURCH, EALING, GUILD.
On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
EVERED J. WALSOM	2	HARRY FOLKARD	6
*JOHN A. D. WEBB	3	WILFRED G. WILSON	7
PERCY E. CLARK	4	EDWARD A. J. COOMBES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. First peal by the Guild. Rung as a wedding compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.)
On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in D.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	...*Treble*	GEORGE WILSON	5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK... ...	2	GEORGE E. CLODE	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
WM. J. ROBINSON	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

First peal of London Surprise for the Guild by a local company, and rung as a compliment to Miss Dorothy Hutton, daughter of Mr. H. Hutton, on her 20th birthday.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD DYSON	...*Treble*	ARTHUR WALKER	5
*WILLIAM R. TATE	2	WILLIAM PEARSON	6
*GEORGE W. DYSON	3	*WILFRED APPLEGATE ...	7
JOHN H. LENTON	4	*WILLIAM MAUNDRILL	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by WILLIAM PEARSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

JAMES WOODYATT ...	...*Treble*	DENNIS MORRIS	5
CHARLES G. BOWKETT ...	2	EDWARD WATKINS	6
THOMAS LEWIS	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
WILLIAM LEWIS	4	WILLIAM PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Watkins has been a ringer forty years, and this was his first peal of Major. Rung on the conductor's sixty-ninth birthday. The band are all members of the Sunday service ringing company.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS CHAMBERS	5
JOHN HADFIELD	2	WILLIAM MILLER	6
NORMAN KENYON	3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ...	7
*JOHN HARLING	4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Harold Mason Ainscow, M.A., who was instituted and inducted as Vicar of St. Michael's Church the previous evening. All the above are service ringers at the above church.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. J. R. KING	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS	6
RICHARD C. BELTON	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This peal was rung at the request of the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King (who rang the treble) on the occasion of the harvest festival.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BEER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN BURLES	5
*STUART SANDFORD	2	*E. GEORGE MORRAD	6
RICHARD SMITH	3	EDWARD H. SPICE	7
DR. E. L. TAYLOR	4	EDWARD J. BEER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. MILLER. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE	...*Treble*	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	2	*FREDERICK W. ALLEN ...	6
JOHN T. KENTISH...	3	WILLIAM NASH	7
BEN. JARMAN	4	GEORGE A. SPENCER...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.
* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. Leonard Buxton, M.A., on his appointment as Vicar. The ringers also wish to thank him and Mrs. Buxton for their hospitality after the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MRS. G. H. CROSS ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	WILFRED WILLIAMS	6
HARRY HOVERD	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
First peal by the ringer of the treble and first attempt.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR ALLMAN	...*Treble*	ROBERT G. LEWIS	5
JOHN BRASSINGTON	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
WILLIAM T. PEGLER	3	HARRY PARKER	7
THOMAS HURD	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.
Rung for the harvest festival. Also as a birthday compliment to A. Crawley, his daughter, Miss Ida Crawley, and Oliver Pegler, son of the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Bangor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S No 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
EDWIN H. STONELEY	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ...	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JOHN CURTIS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.
This peal was rung as a 'farewell' to the Rector, the Rev. H. E. Worthington, who, after 33 years' faithful service in the churches of Netherseale and Overseale, has been compelled to resign the living owing to ill-health. The band sincerely hope that his health will improve in his retirement, and would like to take this opportunity heartily to thank him for the many acts of kindness which they have received from him for many years past.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	PETER CHARMAN	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	2	*GEORGE E. CLODE	6
JOHN COOK	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
RAYMOND OVERY...	4	ALFRED H. PULLING...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Longest peal by the Guild and longest length by ringers of 4, 6 and 7.

CHILVERS COTON, SHEPPERTON, NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp

ERNEST MORRIS	...*Treble*	JAMES DRAYCOTT	5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ...	2	JOHN E. MORETON	6
C. HENRY WEBB	3	GEORGE A. NEWTON... ...	7
CHARLES RAYSON	4	*JOHN GIBBONS	...*Tenor*

Transposed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
* First peal. Specially arranged and rung to mark the marriage of Miss L. Sumner, a Sunday School teacher, to Mr. C. W. Daniell, of Stockingford.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	...*Treble*	ARTHUR BENNETT	5
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	6
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ...	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
CHARLES W. COOPER	4	HERBERT E. BOOTH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. FALLON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. Simpson, of Kinver, Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, and Mr. Leonard Whatmore, son of the ringer of the 3rd. Also on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOMAS LOAKES... ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST LAMBERT	5
†REGINALD FINCH	2	FRANK BURGESS...	6
JOHN BURSTON	3	THOMAS WISE	7
‡GEORGE PARKER	4	‡ROWLAND ADAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells and first attempt. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

YATTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. REEVES	5
HENRY PRING	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
*NORMAN COOMBS	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
*WILLIAM H. CROCKER ...	4	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal of Stedman. This peal and that at Taunton on September 20th are transpositions by Mr. W. A. Cave of Washbrook's peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT FOLCHER	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	*CHARLES LOOME	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	WALTER BARRETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HARRY COPELAND ...	...*Treble*	SHELFORD SPARROW	5
HARRY D. LISTER	2	ALBERT G. HARRISON	6
THOMAS SPARROW	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ringers of 4 and 6 from Diss, remainder local. A 52-course composition rung for the first time.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*CYRIL A. JONES	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. WILLIAMS ...	5
RONALD G. JONES	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS	7
ARTHUR NEWELL	4	ARTHUR TILSTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples. Conductor's 450th peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY HUBBLE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GREEN	5
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ...	2	HARRY GOODMAN	6
ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ...	3	JOHN GOODMAN	7
HARRY HILL...	4	BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung to celebrate the first birthday of the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

BENGEO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY CARTER	5
GEORGE GRAY	2	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	6
*ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
REGINALD DORE	4	GEORGE DAWSON... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON.

* Elected a member in the belfry before starting.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and five 720's of Kent. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SMART	...*Treble*	GEORGE L. PERKINS	4
DENNIS ADAMS	2	ARTHUR J. GINN	5
FRED C. GINN	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	6
	*ROBERT SMITH	...*Tenor* (covering)	

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

BLEADON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	...*Treble*	*LESLIE W. PULLIN	4
HAROLD BANWELL	2	LEONARD G. TANNER ...	5
FREDERICK G. STUCKEY ...	3	HENRY PARSONS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. The band desire to thank the Rev. L. Powys David, Vicar, for use of bells. The ringer of 2nd belongs to the local band.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WORTH	...*Treble*	†ALBERT V. REES	4
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	JACK TIPPER	5
*FRANK L. RONAN	3	WILLIAM GAYES... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in three methods away from treble. † First peal away from treble. J. Worth's 20th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. W. C. Sharland, who took up the office of assistant curate the day before.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR WATTS	...*Treble*	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
*CYRIL S. WEST	2	*VICTOR SHADBOLT	5
†CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	3	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HARTFORD, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

MANSFIELD GINN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN SMART	4
DENNIS ADAMS	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	5
ARTHUR J. GINN	3	JOHN PERKINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Over Society.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

William Bavin	...*Treble*	Rupert Thoday	4
Dennis Adams	2	Harry Robinson ...	5
A. William T. Ginn	3	Frank Warrington ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Warrington.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, differently called. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Alfred J. Boyce ...	...*Treble*	Sidney Hillier	4
Vincent E. Swift	2	William A. Swift	5
George Winter	3	†Louis A. Wilson ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Swift.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.

Frederick Cardwell	...*Treble*	*Leslie Heywood	4
Miss Elsie E. Smith... ...	2	Colin T. Ryder	5
Miss Noel Cawthorne ...	3	Fred Watkinson ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Watkinson.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Major.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

John Phillips	...*Treble*	William E. Clarke	4
*Frank Dewey	2	George W. Houghton ...	5
William H. Waldron ...	3	Horace M. Day	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. Day.

* 25th peal and first extent of Double Court. First 720 of Spliced Treble Bob by ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

George E. Foster ...	...*Treble*	Colin Harrison	4
Walter White	2	J. Frederick Milner ...	5
John Oldham	3	Edward C. Gobey ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. Gobey.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. E. White's 66th birthday.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

Clifford Bollings ...	...*Treble*	Albert Fleet	4
Miss Evelyn Steel	2	Horace H. Smith	5
Edmund J. Hobbs	3	Arthur E. Sharman ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. Hobbs.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently, 21 bobs each. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Victor Glass	...*Treble*	Ernest Bright	4
William H. P. Mellin ...	2	William S. Butler	5
John Malyon	3	William Keeble ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Keeble.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, and to celebrate the 13th and 18th anniversary of the weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. P. Mellin and Mr. and Mrs. John Malyon. Mr. Malyon is from St. Albans, and this was his first peal of Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 21, Shaw Road, Blakenhall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Albert D. Collins	1-2	Joseph Flavell	4
Harold L. Flavell	3	Harry Boswell	5-6

Conducted by Harold L. Flavell.

Witness: Abraham Greenfield.

The band thank Mr. and Mrs. H. Boswell (parents of the ringer of 5-6) for their hospitality after the peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANCH SECRETARY COMPLAINS OF POOR ATTENDANCE.

The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Checkendon on Saturday, September 20th. The weather was not very kind, but twenty visitors braved it, and the bells were set going at 3 p.m. A ringers' service was held at 5 p.m. conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. St. George Edwards). Afterwards, all sat down to a splendid tea, very kindly given by the Vicar, who is a keen and enthusiastic ringer. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers.

After a vote of thanks had been passed, the secretary spoke of the poor attendances at the branch quarterly meetings, and suggested they should not be continued. The chairman and Vicar both disagreed with him, and said they were a great help to the country towers.

The bells were again set going, and touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were rung, with excellent striking.

The meeting was on the whole very successful, and the local ringers especially had a really good, long and enjoyable practice.

The six bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Checkenden, are an excellent little ring, the tenor weighing 11 cwt. Two bells are by Lester and Pack, and four by Mears and Stainbank. They were last restored in 1899.

HOW CUDHAM BELLS WERE AUGMENTED.

It will perhaps be of interest to the Exercise to know how Kent came to possess another peal of ten—the smallest hung for ringing in any church tower in the country, and which, as recorded in our last issue, have just been dedicated at Cudham. In the years 1912-13-14 a gentleman used periodically to visit Crayford Church, and thus came in touch with Mr. E. Barnett, sen., the parish clerk. During one of these visits he mentioned that while he was alive his means would not permit, but that he would like, at his death, to leave some money to Cudham Church in memory of his wife, and he asked Mr. Barnett's advice as to how he should leave it. Mr. Barnett's advice was this: 'Well, there are five bells at Cudham; leave it to augment them to six, and, if you have sufficient to leave to augment them to eight, so much the better.' He promised to consider it, and went away. His next visit was a day or two before war broke out, when he told Mr. Barnett that he had definitely earmarked a sum of money in his will to do as he suggested. What 'that little word in season' will sometimes do!

FAREWELL TOUCH AT LIVERPOOL.

On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on the back eight of the twelve, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. M. Young, who is going to take up clerical duties at St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, London. Mr. Young, who has been a great friend of the ringers at St. Nicholas' Church, visited the tower to say 'good-bye,' and it was then decided to ring this farewell touch: E. Gorringe 1, G. R. Newton 2, T. Hammond 3, L. L. Grey 4, J. Meldrum 5, J. Martin 6, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 7, W. H. Joiner 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT HERSHAM.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, September 27th. The attendance was somewhat smaller than anticipated; nevertheless, a very enjoyable time was spent by the ringers, who attended from Banstead, Beckenham, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Hersham, Leatherhead, Mitcham (Christ Church and SS. Peter and Paul), Walton-on-Thames and Woking. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address. Tea followed in the Church House, sixteen sitting down to an ample and enjoyable meal (twenty-five having been catered for). The Vicar of Hersham (Rev. E. Russell Brittain) presided over the business meeting, at which thirteen new ringing members were elected, including the entire band at All Saints', Benhilton, and also Admiral T. P. Walker, of Woking (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. F. Woodiss reported that Benhilton band required an official instructor, and this matter was referred to the district committee, with full powers to appoint whom they thought fit, and report at the next district meeting.

The Secretary also reported that he had received a very kind invitation to the district to tea at the next meeting at Mitcham by the Christ Church company. He therefore asked members to make a special note of the date, Saturday, November 29th, and turn up in good numbers.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. A. Woodrow for making the necessary arrangements.

The tower was again visited, and good practice was obtained in all the standard methods from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Major. It was very disappointing to the district secretary that so few attended this meeting, after the promises of support he received at the annual district meeting when this tower was proposed, but he hopes members will make amends by a special effort on November 29th at Mitcham.

A BIRTHDAY 720.

On Monday evening, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Birkenhead, 720 Bob Minor: W. Goodwin 1, J. Cooke 2, G. R. Edwards 3, W. Battle 4, Geo. Goodwin 5, W. J. Battle (conductor) 6. This was rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and was his first 720 on an inside bell. It was also the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division at Tring on Saturday, September 20th, was hampered by the inclement weather. Only sixteen ringers attended from Apsley, King's Langley, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Luton, and several of the local company. Ringing in the standard methods was indulged in, and a capital tea was partaken of at the Museum Cafe. Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in before returning to the tower for more ringing, which was kept up until 8 p.m.

The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tring, is a massive structure in the Perpendicular style of architecture, dating from the fourteenth century. In the tower hangs a peal of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt. in D). The dates and founders of the bells are as follows: 3rd and 4th by Ellis Knight, 1636; 8th 1622, 6th and 7th 1624, by Robert Oldfield; tenor 1695, Chandler. These old six were rehung by Lester and Pack in 1752, and again rehung and trebles added in 1882 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells again need the attention of a bell-hanger.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT EDINBURGH.

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild members took advantage of their annual outing to visit their ringing friends in Edinburgh on September 20th, and spent the week-end with them, returning on Sunday, the 21st. They had a most enjoyable trip, despite the weather, which was wretched on the Saturday, but pleasant on the Sunday. Thanks to the great kindness and good offices of Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis and Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, who arranged for ringing at St. Cuthbert's on Saturday evening, when excellent touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round, and on Sunday, when Stedman Caters was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary in the morning, and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round in the evening at St. Cuthbert's, the ringing portion of the outing was amply satisfied. In addition there was much handbell ringing. Mr. Stephen H. Wood, of Glasgow, joined in all the ringing on Sunday.

As everyone knows who visits Edinburgh, it is a city of hills and stairs, in spite of which the party, under the guidance of Mr. Heathcote, managed to see most of the sights, including the magnificent war memorial, and visit such places as the Forth Bridge, Granton and Leith.

The party were accompanied by their popular Ringing Master, Mr. C. L. Routledge, and the arrangements were made and carried out by the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Payne.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringing tour of Mid-Wales was completed last Saturday at Ellesmere. Ten towers were visited by eleven members of the North Wales Association, the Welsh clergy giving them a hearty welcome. Of the fourteen peals attempted, thirteen were successful. The only failure was at Dolgelly, with about 40 mins. more to ring, to make up a 'highest possible' for the week.

Our recent article on 'Holt's Original and how to call it,' has been a fruitful source of discussion among ringers, the 'ould 'uns' as well as the youngsters having talked it over, but, of course, with the knowledge gained by experience behind them. We hear that, even at a ringers' wedding party the other day, it was one of the topics that helped to pass an enjoyable evening.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells at Fulham was rung on October 3rd, 1819, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on October 6th, 1788.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Northop, Flintshire, on September 20th, was Thomas W. Goodwin, not Woodhouse, as recorded. The peal at Waverton on August 23rd was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild. May we again ask correspondents to check over their peal reports before sending them?

Bellringers are wanted for St. Paul's Cathedral—Melbourne, Australia, not London. Most of the ringers there are veterans. The Master, Mr. J. M. Guest, is 84, and has rung since he was 11. His 'offsider' is Mr. J. L. Murray, now 68, who has been a ringer since he was 17. They think it is time some younger members were trained, and they are appealing in the Melbourne press for volunteers.

HANDBELL MUSIC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time I am asked to recommend some publication dealing with tune ringing on handbells, and giving the music for the same, especially on small numbers of bells.

If, through your columns, I could be put in touch with some one who supplies this, I should be grateful.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham.

THE 'STONEY' RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it true to say the most beautiful music possible from an octave of bells is when they are in the Queen's and Tittums positions?

Well struck (and you can all take your hats off to the stoney men, for they do strike), these changes are all obtainable with 4.6.8 or 7.4.8. covering. Why cannot they all 'have a go'? All the clever ones have to do is to ring 120 of Grandsire and let the rest cover. In this way they please themselves, the stoney man, the Vicar, and, last but not least, the general public, who dearly love to hear the good folk called to prayer and praise in harmony, which is far preferable to 'hammering pieces off each other' in some badly struck complicated method.—Yours truly,

J. W. D.

IRCHESTER'S BELLS.

ANOTHER FINE PEAL FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday week the augmented peal of eight bells and a new clock at Irchester Parish Church were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough in the presence of a crowded congregation, which included about eighty ringers from a wide area. The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' and from the first moment that spirit seemed to dominate the soul-inspiring service. The lesson was read by the Rev. B. E. Owen, R.D., Vicar of Higham Ferrers. After the third Collect, the Bishop dedicated a beautiful processional cross given by a parishioner, also a memorial tablet to the late Vicar of Irchester, and subscribed for by the parishioners. The choir, robed clergy, the churchwardens, followed by the Bishop, then formed a procession to the belfry, headed by the processional cross. After reading the tablet recording the gifts, the Bishop handed the rope of the treble bell to the Vicar, who gave two or three strokes upon it. The dedicatory prayers were then said, the bell was immediately raised, the other seven having been



IRCHESTER PARISH CHURCH.

previously raised, and the bells started off with a few excellent rounds, followed by a splendidly struck course of Stedman Triples by the following members of the Wellingborough Branch: A. Martin 1, L. Chapman 2, W. Perkins 3, G. Basford 4, J. Garratt 5, J. R. Main 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, O. Payne 8. The bells were then straightway lowered in peal, and the new clock dedicated. It had previously been set at about a minute to three o'clock, and the Bishop, by releasing a cord, started it again, and the Westminster chimes and hour allowed to strike. After the dedicatory prayer, the procession returned to the chancel, when the Hallelujah Chorus was rendered by the choir.

The Bishop then gave an excellent address, in the course of which he said it was a great day for Irchester in receiving these magnificent gifts, and he appealed to them not to hide them away as in a museum, but to treasure them and use them to the glory of God and of His Church.

At the close of the service, the eight members who opened the peal had the privilege of raising the bells and ringing a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

A public tea was afterwards held in the schoolroom, and again there was a crowded 'house.' It was a kind thought on the part of the Vicar to make preparation for the large body of ringers in one of the classrooms, and this was much appreciated. Tea over, a few short speeches were made.

The Bishop, asked to say a few words, said he had already had his say in church, and he did not think it necessary to say any more except that it was a great pleasure to be with them on such an occasion as this, and that he had enjoyed the afternoon.

Mr. L. Parsons, one of the churchwardens, proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, and, in doing so, said he was a farmer, and as they were famous for grumbling and grousing he had one for this occasion, and it was this, that they did not have their Bishop with them often enough.—Mr. Barber, secretary of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild, seconded the vote of thanks, and said he felt honoured by the privilege, and he would like to congratulate the Vicar, churchwardens and the good people of Irchester on receiving these magnificent gifts which had just been dedicated by the Bishop, especially in regard to the augmentation and rehanging of the bells. He especially thanked his lordship for coming to Irchester on a Saturday afternoon, as by so doing he had made it possible for such a number of the members of the Guild to attend and take part in that beautiful service of dedication. On behalf of those members, he sincerely thanked the donors of those gifts. He also said he felt sure all would agree when he said that great credit was due to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for the way in which they had carried out their work, and for the excellent splice of the three new bells. It could be truthfully said that Irchester now possessed one of the finest peals in the county. Some eighteen months ago the Rev. C. F. Westacott, president of the Wellingborough Branch, invited the Vicar of Irchester to address a quarterly meeting, and during that address he said that, although the bells at Irchester had not been rung for twenty-five years, he hoped it would be possible to do so in the near future, and there they were that day taking part in that great event. He thanked the Vicar for the great part that he had played in the scheme, and played so well. He also appealed to those about to take up the work of ringing these bells, and hoped they would look upon the work as a duty and a privilege as well as a pleasure. He wished them every success, and hoped they would become not only good change ringers, but also regular Sunday service ringers, and, above all, loyal and true churchmen. He had very great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to the Bishop.

Amongst those present were the Rev. C. R. Westacott (president of the Wellingborough Branch), Rev. R. C. Thursfield (president of the Kettering Branch), Rev. G. G. Thompson (Vicar of Wollaston), Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary of the Guild), Miss S. Thursfield, Miss E. Steel, etc. The bells were then open to all, and only plain courses were the order of the day, but it is feared that, owing to the large number present, and also to the fact that the parishioners were allowed to inspect the bells and clock at intervals, some few may have been disappointed at not being able to have a pull, but a further opportunity will be offered on Saturday, October 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there by permission of the Vicar.

The bells and clock are the generous gift of Mr. John Turnell Austin, of Hartford, Con., U.S.A., an old Irchester boy, who has presented them to the church as a memorial to his parents and sister who lie in the churchyard. Mr. Austin, who left Irchester over forty years ago, is the principal of one of the largest organ building companies in America. The cost of the work has been over a thousand pounds.

FEAT AT A MOVING TOWER.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL TABLET AT MACCLESFIELD.

During the meeting of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, September 20th, the Vicar (Rev. S. J. F. Sharples) dedicated a peal tablet recording a local peal of Grandsire Triples. Following tea, which was partaken of in the school, a short service was held in the chapel, and the Vicar gave an interesting talk on the history of the church, which he said was one of the finest examples of an English church in the country. After the hymn, the Vicar, followed by the ringers and friends (who numbered about fifty), proceeded to the staircase leading to the tower, where the tablet has been fixed, and there carried out the dedication.

Mr. J. Norbury, secretary of the branch, congratulated the Christ Church ringers on ringing the peal, and said it was a feat for 'strong' men of indomitable spirit to ring a peal on these eight bells, owing to the great sway of the tower.

A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung by the band standing in the same order.

The tower, which is brick built and is 120ft. high, is reputed to sway 2ft. on either side of centre when the bells are rung. They are a fine peal of eight, with tenor 23¾ cwt.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Saturday, September 27th, the eve of the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: A. S. Roberts 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, J. Wood 3, F. W. Marshall 4, P. J. Hitchens 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, W. Wood 8. Rung after a peal attempt had failed. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, was elected a member of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S REFERENCE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Some have honour thrust upon them, others merit it. At the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association held in Liverpool on Saturday last the branch secretary was so busy arranging things for the comfort of the visitors and seeing that everyone had tea, that he had no time to partake of any himself. When all had finished, the bill was handed to him by the proprietor of the cafe headed thus: 'Mr. C. Davies, The Lancashire Ass of Change Ringers.' However, from other comments expressed it is quite certain that an enjoyable day was spent, and, considering the state of industry in Lancashire, the gathering was a great success.

The branch secretary (Mr. Davies) met an enthusiastic party at St. Nicholas' Church at 11.30 a.m., and duly despatched them on a circular tour, provided with details as to how this tour was to be carried out. They first visited St. Francis Xavier's Church, one of Taylor's rings of eight, having received instructions to proceed to Woolton, etc. Later another smaller batch arrived, and were sent on to Woolton to meet and join with the first party. However, the first party were so satisfied with St. Francis' that there they remained, much to the chagrin of the second company. Alas, 'the ways of mice and men gang aft agley.'

About 2 p.m. members began to congregate at St. Nicholas', and soon after the twelve were heard going merrily, and 'Britannic,' the largest boat that comes up the Mersey, sailed for New York to the tune of Stedman Cinques.

The annual service was held in St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m., Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the association, officiating. Archdeacon Howson read the lesson, and the Bishop of Liverpool gave the address, in which he welcomed the visitors to a city 'less rich in bells than many he and they knew.' Various references in his address to the looked-for bells in the new Cathedral, to the need for constant care of those bells which are at present in use, and to the coming meeting of the Central Council, showed his great interest in the work of the association.

At the close of the service, his lordship, accompanied by Archdeacon Howson and Canon Elsee and some of the officers of the association, ascended to the belfry, where two press photographers awaited them.

Tea was held in the Strand Cafe, when ninety sat down to the good things provided. The meeting followed in another part of the same room.

The Rev. Archdeacon Howson, the Warden of the Liverpool Guild, gave a welcome to the members, and, having other business, then left.

The committee's report was read and passed. As there were no nominations for either president or general secretary, Canon Elsee and Mr. W. H. Shuker were invited to retain their respective offices. Canon Elsee was re-elected after completing 40 years as president.

The 'tit bit' of the evening was the alteration of Rule 3, which has to do with the election and qualification of members and making the proposer responsible for the subscription of a member elected in prior to a peal attempt. As all apparently wanted to have a say, and as time was getting on, the matter was eventually passed over to the committee to discuss and bring up again next year at Manchester, where, it was decided, the annual meeting should be held in 1931.

Another notice of motion had to do with affiliation to the Central Council and abiding by its rules and decisions. The letter from the general secretary of the Council was read, and it was decided to support the Council in their work, and also to give them a loyal welcome when they come to Liverpool next Whitsuntide, both the Bishop and Archdeacon promising their support in this connection.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to all concerned, and Mr. C. I. Davies was asked to convey this to them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGING MASTER FOR ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Wye on Saturday, and was attended by 38 members, including visitors from Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Queenborough. The bells were kept merrily going until five o'clock in methods up to Double Norwich. Tea was served at the King's Head (presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. Medcalf).

At the business meeting the election of officers for the coming year took place. After some discussion, all were re-elected, viz., Mr. C. Tribe and Mr. E. S. Ruck, representatives on the Central Committee; and Mr. A. C. Kay, district secretary. Meetings were fixed for 1931 as follows: February, Willesborough; May, Hythe; July, Stone-in-Oxney; September 6th, Tenterden (annual).

Mrs. C. W. Everett was elected as a practising member.

Mr. C. Tribe gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, saying how much pleasure it was to have their company on these occasions.

The secretary then brought forward the question of the appointment of a Ringing Master, and after much discussion it was decided to give it a trial. Mr. E. S. Ruck was appointed to fill the position.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells, concluded the business. Ringing was again carried on up to 8.30, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

TOWER BUILT OF SHIP'S TIMBER.

GUILDFORD GUILD MEET AT QUAINT BELFRY.

In the diocese of Guildford there are just a few parishes which are in the county of Hampshire, and one of these is Farnborough, better known throughout the country for its connection with Army aeronautics. Farnborough has never taken any conspicuous place in ringing annals, but its tower is of more than passing interest to ringers, while its bells, in years gone by, were a source of 'amusement' to those who attempted to ring them. There is nothing imposing or ornamental about the tower, and were it not attached to a church a passer-by would hardly suspect that it was a belfry. It was erected about three hundred years ago, and its structure consists mainly of old ships' timbers. At each corner is a massive vertical member with its base embedded in concrete, and with dwarf supporting buttresses. These uprights may have been oak trees 'squared up' for the purpose, but there are indications in them that they also, like the cross braces and tie beams, came from a ship-breaker's yard. From their condition to-day, after a lapse of centuries, there is no question that these timbers were veritable 'hearts of oak.' It is hardly likely that there had been any previous tower at this church, for when it was added the west window of the church was blocked up. Part of this window arch now forms a door from the gallery into the ringing room. There are other belfries of similar construction in Hampshire, notably at Yateley and Binsted, and the reason, of course, is found in the comparative proximity of Portsmouth and Southampton Water, where in those days the building and breaking up of wooden ships was a prosperous trade, and from which cartage would have been a fairly easy matter. Externally, Farnborough tower is uninteresting. It is covered with modern oak weather-boarding and a slated roof.

The first bell that the tower contained, as far as is known, was cast at Reading by Henry Knight in 1619. Another bell bore the inscription, 'Prayes the Lord, 1633,' and another, 'Love God, 1638.' William Eldridge, of Chertsey, was the founder of one bell in 1699, probably to replace an older one, as it was the third of a little ring of four. None of these bells remains to-day. They were (with the exception of William Eldridge's bell) recast in 1887, when a treble was added. At that time the old four bells hung in a line, so that the ropes hung in a straight line. The treble was away in a corner. In 1922 Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the 4th and rehung the bells in a modern steel frame for six, and in 1928 filled the vacant pit with another treble. And so the bells stand to-day, quite a nice little ring, without modern tuning, with a tenor of 6½ cwt., and going so lightly that they require delicate handling.

The first meeting which the Guildford Diocesan Guild has held at the church took place on Saturday, when nearly thirty ringers were present from Aldershot, Farnham, Farnborough, Frensham, Hawley, Woking and Worplesdon, and excellent practice was put in with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Canon Challacombe, the Rector, welcomed the ringers in the tower, and subsequently conducted the Guild service, at which the singing was led by the organ, at which Mr. T. A. Stroud, organist at Frensham and one of the Guild members, presided, one of the ringers acting as 'blower.'

After tea at the Jubilee Hall, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, when apologies were made for the absence of the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), owing to the illness of his wife, and the Guild treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker).

The meeting discussed the question of the sub-division of the district for the purpose of organising combined practices on the lines at present operating in the Guildford District. It was resolved to group Hawley, Yorktown and Bagshot, with Mr. H. Hunt as convener; Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough and Seale, with Mr. W. Viggers as convener; and Farnham, Frensham, Crondall and Bentley, it being left to Farnham tower to appoint a convener.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist and the 'blower,' the two former leaving it to the last-named to respond. Thanks were also given to Mr. Gasson and members of the local band for the arrangements made for the meeting.

The evening, up to eight o'clock, was devoted to further ringing, in the course of which some well-known members wrestled with the difficulties of making singles in Stedman Doubles, and others struggled with the vagaries of Cambridge Minor; while some found it easier to bump the stays than to keep the bells off them. But everyone fully enjoyed the proceedings.

DEATH OF A PENDLETON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Lowe, who, after a long illness, passed away on September 14th on the eve of his 60th birthday. Mr. Lowe, who was a coaler, was keenly interested in the new bells at Walkden, where he lived. He started as a ringer at Worsley, and, when the old band died out, he transferred his affections to Pendleton, where he attended as long as he was able. Always a keen striker, woe betide anyone who was 'boiler making,' as he called it.

The deceased was laid to rest at Walkden, when ringing friends acted as bearers, and the handbells were rung over the grave.

Mrs. Lowe and her son wish to tender their sincere thanks to all who helped them at a time when it was very much appreciated.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY DISCUSSES NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A very successful meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Axbridge on Saturday, September 27th, thirty-eight members attending from Weston-super-Mare, Bleadon, Congresbury, Mark, Uphill, Biddisham, Winscombe, Cheddar, Compton Bishop, Burnham-on-Sea, Axbridge, East Brent, West Pennard, Ubley, Loxton, Churchill, Compton Martin, Blagdon, Banwell and two visitors from Dursley and Cornwall. The peal of six were kept going from 2.30 till 4.30, when service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Owen Thomas), assisted by the president of the deanery (the Rev. Powys-David, Vicar of Bleadon). A splendid tea was provided at the Lamb Hotel, after which the business meeting was held, the president taking the chair.

It was agreed that the next meeting, being the annual, should be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 10th. The Vicar of Axbridge expressed a desire to become an hon member, and his election was carried with applause.

A question was asked the secretary why Congresbury had been omitted in the annual report, and comment was made that, though they were a little late in payment of the subscriptions, the rules should be waived and they should have been entered.

An open but very reasonable discussion took place on the subject, with various suggestions, one being that unpaid towers should be entered with black mark. The Secretary expressed the view that some members did not appreciate the fact that until the secretary of a branch had received names and payment from respective towers he could not notify or help the general secretary, whose no small task it was to publish a legitimate report. The secretary suggested that in the event of non-payment of subscriptions, should the tower concerned be able to furnish a reasonable excuse for delay, that tower should be included, but reports should be withheld until payment was forthcoming. Members, however, must not assume that such a policy would automatically be adopted, as Rule 7 must be adhered to until the association thought fit to alter it. In conclusion, the Secretary emphasised the fact that no blame was attached to any secretary for non-appearance of names in the reports providing subscriptions for the year had not been paid, and that it was most unfortunate for all concerned that a discussion of that character should be entered upon. To put a black mark under towers who had not paid would, he felt, be absolutely disregarding the true spirit and endeavours of the association.

The secretary was later asked to forward, on behalf of the meeting, a vote of sympathy to the Vicar of Banwell in his serious illness.

Further discussion took place regarding the first annual dinner to be held at the Cairo Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 15th. Considerable enthusiasm was shown, and there is the prospect of a really great social success.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist for their kind help, the Vicar suitably responding for both.

The general secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke, sent a letter of apology for his inability to attend. Further ringing at Axbridge and Cheddar terminated what everyone agreed was a good meeting.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL—AND SOME REMINISCENCES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your kind interest in the 'Original'—in Mr. Haley's time it was styled Holt's One Part. Thanks also to Mr. Tucker for his tribute to Mr. Haley. I do not know if Mr. Haley called it by knowing the twin bobs. I got it out from an original 'Shipway' presented to Broadwood's Library by a lady. (This copy is now in the possession of Mr. Peck. When the library was sold he retained it in hand.) I divided it into six parts, ending: 245673, 274536, 235764, 256473, 253746, 234567. I always know the twin bobs, and Mr. Tucker gave me an interesting record of the times he took when I first called it in 1884 on handbells: Mr. Edwin Gibbs, Frederick T. Gover, C. F. Winney and George T. McLaughlin; umpire, Mr. John Cox. The times noted by Mr. H. J. Tucker: 700, 7.55; 1,008, 8.5; 1,918, 8.38½; 3,780, 9.34½; etc. (twelve times taken in all); 5,040, 10.14½. Mr. Tucker, like Mr. Haley, was very thorough, as one can see by these notes which I copied from his paper in my book.

Referring to the 5D omitted, there are three or four places in the peal where a bell is called into the hunt by a twin bob, and by another twin bob is called out, and to dodge 6.7 up, and then has to be called Before. But when one is young, as Mr. Tucker was, he can call the peal quite easily, just as did Mr. Haley, who called it 'in hand' in 1876, when he was 57.

If anyone wants to hear a good story about Mr. Haley, ask friend Gibbs about the man who was ringing a bell with one hand and scratching himself with the other, when Mr. Haley set up his bell and said, 'It's no good going on like that.'

Mr. Pipe, I trust, will smoke the pipe of peace (in Suffolk) by quoting the motto in brass round the chandelier in the belfry of St. Barnabas', Pimlico: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see God.'

Yours truly, C. F. WINNEY.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

WORK IN THE NORTHERN COUNTIES.

On Saturday, September 20th, a joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Branches of the Ladies' Guild was held at Sutton-on-Trent. Ladies were present from Enfield, Folkingham, Handsworth, Lincoln, Rotherham, Surfleet and Sutton-on-Trent, and their numbers were much augmented by the gentlemen present, to whom they are much indebted, as they added to the success of the meeting. Bells were raised in peal about 2.45 p.m., and from then, except for service and tea, were kept going until late in the evening. Standard methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise were rung by mixed bands, and touches of Bob Minor and Cambridge by ladies.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Eling, whose welcome and address were much appreciated by all.

A good tea, which had been arranged by the Misses Burchnall, was followed by a vote of thanks accorded by Mrs. Ryder, on behalf of the Guild, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the service, the organist and all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

The business meetings which followed were held separately and at the same time, as time was limited owing to members having to return by bus.

At the Northern District meeting, Mrs. Fletcher, the general secretary, whose presence was much appreciated, took the chair. Five new members were elected, and then a discussion took place on the advisability of electing a joint secretary owing to the difficulty of working such a large district.

The chair at the Lincoln District meeting was taken by Mrs. Walden, of Lincoln, and apologies were read from several members who were unable to attend. Here it was reported that several ladies in villages near Lincoln were being instructed in the art of change ringing, and it was proposed by Mrs. McGuiness, and seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, that the next meeting be held at Lincoln in the hope of increasing the numbers of the branch.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held its autumn meeting at Portishead on September 20th. Members were present from Bath, Bristol, Corston, Cleeve and Shepton Mallet, and friends from Bath and the neighbouring towers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and courses of Bob Major and Kent and Cambridge Minor were rung, and in spite of very bad weather a very happy afternoon and evening were spent. An excellent tea was served by Mrs. Goldstone at the White Cot Dairy, and here the members were joined by Mrs. Jukes, wife of the Rector, and her daughter, Mrs. Briggs, an old member of the Portishead band.

At the business meeting which followed it was decided to hold the winter meeting in Bristol, as usual, the towers selected being St. Peter's and St. John's-on-the-Wall. It was also decided if possible to hold two mid-week meetings during the ensuing quarter, one at Shippam on October 15th, and one in the Paulton area in November, the tower and date being left to the secretary.

One new member was elected, Miss Daisy Ashman, of Weston, Bath.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Jukes for presiding at the meeting, and to Mrs. Edwards and the Portishead ringers for their kindness in making all the necessary arrangements.

The lady visitors would especially like to thank the unknown donor of the beautiful roses which they carried away with them.

A MIDDLESEX EXPLORATION PARTY.

'RECORD' PEAL AT STANWELL.

A party of young ringers, whose average age was between 18 and 19 years, started from Hillingdon Church on Saturday afternoon, and, after sheltering once from a downpour of rain, reached Bedfont at 3.30, where they were joined by two more from Ealing. This church is of Anglo-Saxon origin, most of it thought to have been standing at the time of the Norman Conquest. The tower is of later date, with a small wooden tower top and spire. The bells are a rather false striking peal of six, and go fairly well, the tenor being about 12 cwt. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. After the ringing, the Vicar's wife said they were very pleased to hear the bells again, as it had been 'ages' since they were last rung.

Stanwell, with its leaning spire, was reached at 4.30, and here the band were met by three local ringers. After having a look at the countryside from the top of the tower, the musical peal of five (tenor 13 cwt.) by Mears, were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Singles, with call changes to give the locals a ring. A board in the belfry records the 'record' peal on the bells. This was two hours' call changes by the local band with two men on the tenor. Peal ringing would be rather difficult owing to the tremendous noise of the bells.

Harmondsworth was the last place visited, and after refreshing themselves the ringers obtained the belfry key from the Five Bells, and various methods were rung, including a course of Grandsire Minor.

JAMES WASHBROOK'S GRAVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent re the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook's grave, there is nothing to mark it in Philips Park Cemetery, which is five miles from Pendleton and over a mile from Miles Platting, which two towers he most frequently attended. I am afraid the time is not opportune to ask Lancashire to subscribe to a stone. When the national appeal was made, we had the matter before us and decided to support that scheme, which we did to the sum of over £20. Since then we have had two more local appeals, but if it is thought desirable, the committee might take the matter up again. Whilst he was in Manchester, Mr. Washbrook was not attached to any tower, and turned up anywhere as fancy dictated and his work would let him.—Yours,

W. H. SHUKER,
Secretary, Lancashire Association.

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'A Novice,' regarding the grave of the late James W. Washbrook, which was mentioned in the account of the Lancashire ringing tour, an error seems to have been made, as the grave is stated to be at Pendleton. This is not so. Mr. Washbrook is buried at Philips Park Cemetery, Bradford, Manchester. I believe Mr. J. Hall (hon. secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancs Association) visits the grave quite frequently. I agree with 'A Novice' that something should be done.—Yours truly,

R. LONGDEN.

PENDLETON WOULD CONTRIBUTE.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct the misunderstanding that has been caused by the communication of 'W.H.F.' a few weeks ago. He was evidently misinformed, as James Washbrook is buried in Bradford Road Cemetery, Manchester, and not at Pendleton. I might add that if the suggestion of 'A Novice' is taken up by the Lancashire Association, Pendleton ringers will be only too pleased to contribute to the scheme.—Yours faithfully,

H. GREENHALGH,
Hon. Secretary, Pendleton ringers.

ENGLAND 'REVISITED.'

CAPETOWN PRIEST RENEWS OLD ACQUAINTANCESHIP.

The Rev. H. F. de Lisle, who is in England for four months' holiday from Capetown, and is renewing his acquaintance with ringing after an absence of more than a quarter of a century, asks if there are any ringers still living who took part in an attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples at All Hallows', Barking, in, he thinks, 1881.

'The late Rev. H. A. Cockey collected a band of College Youths so that I might ring a peal when I was twelve years old,' he writes. 'Amongst them were Mr. C. F. Winney, Murray and Sam Hayes. We did not get the peal, not because Mr. Winney or Murray or Sam Hayes (or even I) made mistakes! but because the gudgeon of the treble broke after one and a half hours. However, I did get a peal soon after, but where it was I don't remember.

'Since those far-off days I managed to ring some 25 peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Royal, and one or two double-handed peals, including Holt's Original as conductor.

'I have been in South Africa twenty-six years, and must plead guilty to having done no ringing. There is a nice little peal of eight at Woodstock, close to Capetown, but only one or two change ringers.

'However, my old enthusiasm has revived, through meeting several old ringing friends. Mr. Winney and the other College Youths (still 'youths') kindly allowed me to have a pull when they were ringing at Westminster Abbey a few weeks ago, as did a band of Guildford ringers. We also got a peal of Superlative on August 16th at Galleywood, my old home in Essex, and one of Bob Major at Widford.

'It has been a great pleasure to ring again and find old friends still going strong, and to see that bellringing in England is flourishing more than ever.

'I have just come back from seeing the wonderful Passion Play at Oberammergau, and heard the bells in the great "belfry" at Bruges. Forty-eight of them there are, and their tunes, worked by the drum of the clock, are wonderful, and the bells themselves of beautiful tone, but in spite of all their thrill, one wished to hear in preference some good striking on a sound English peal.'

The Rev. H. F. de Lisle is returning to Capetown by the R.M.S. 'Edinburgh Castle' on October 17th.

TRING.—On Monday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: H. Brackley (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Puplett 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, F. J. Reeves 5, C. Badrick 6, F. W. Reeves (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. Rung on the homecoming of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Garmer).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURFORD, OXON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 28th, for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal from Thurstans' Four-part Stedman Triples by the local band: E. Aldridge 1, A. Bishop 2, W. Brunsdon 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Bond 8.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, September 28th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Freeman 1, H. Seager 2, F. W. Shynn 3, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 4, J. Seager 5, P. C. Sayer 6. Also after service 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the same band, except that W. Hunwick rang the treble.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, on Sunday evening, September 28th, for harvest festival, 1,008 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 of Oxford and 288 Kent, in 35 mins.: W. Gayes 1, A. Chalinor 2, F. Ronan 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 5, J. Worth 6.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for harvest festival evening service in 45 mins.: G. Marlborough 1, T. Norris 2, W. J. Simons 3, J. E. Rootes 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashby (conductor) 6, F. Edwards 7, H. Cockram 8. This quarter was also rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Barker), who is resigning owing to ill-health.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the Church of the Holy Saviour, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 52 mins.: F. Haslum 1, A. Briggs 2, J. S. Needham 3, J. Wilson Udall 4, E. H. Bagworth 5, H. Bell 6, S. W. Chapman 7, N. S. Bagworth (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major for ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and first quarter-peal of Major as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on September 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss F. M. Childs 1, H. R. Bennett 2, A. G. Rose 3, Miss M. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Ralph (first quarter-peal at first attempt) 5, F. Frampton 6, C. F. Turner 7, F. Longman 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, who is the first lady to conduct a quarter-peal in the tower.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 28th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, W. Lincoln (conductor) 2, A. Hume 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Joyce 5, J. Wood 6, A. Head 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 7 from Chelmsford, the rest belong to the local company.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, September 28th, at the Cathedral, for harvest thanksgiving evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Thomas 1, Evan Coles 2, J. Pitcher 3, T. Carter 4, W. Dare 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, Ernest Coles 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: T. Bolton 1, J. Herbert 2, E. Cassell, jun. (first quarter-peal inside) 3, W. Ball 4, A. Williams 5, C. Moody 6, E. Cassell, sen. (conductor) 7, G. Edwards 8. Rung for church parade of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 28th, for harvest festival service, before 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist 720 Bourne Surprise, before matins 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Wells Surprise, before evensong 720 Cambridge Surprise and 240 Norwich Surprise: L. Camp, G. Camp, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, A. Bradley.

OXFORD SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Monday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,287 changes) in 57 mins.: Miss M. Reynolds 1, R. Post 2, W. Simmonds 3, W. Collett 4, W. Brigham 5, W. Blake 6, F. Taylor 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8, W. F. Judge (conductor) 9, V. Bennett 10, H. Miles 11, G. Caudwell 12. The longest touch by an entirely resident band for at least twenty years.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE SALTER.

OLD KIDDERMINSTER RINGER PASSES AWAY IN IRELAND.

It is with regret that we record that Mr. George Salter (brother of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster) died at Waterford, Ireland, on Tuesday, September 23rd, in his 62nd year. He commenced to ring at Wolverley, a six-bell tower, in 1884, and joined the Kidderminster band in 1887. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on October 10th, 1888, which was reputed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band since 1765. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise for the Worcestershire Association.

He left Kidderminster for Bangor in 1907, later moved to Dublin, and finally settled down at Waterford, where for some years he was in charge of the Cathedral bells. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal rung in Ireland, his total number of peals being about eighty.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 16th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1s.) 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Bottesford on October 4th. Bells (8) open for ringing during afternoon. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting, all at the Rutland Cafe, High Street. A cordial invitation is given to Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends. Will all members be sporty and pay up their outstanding subscriptions? — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Nearest railway station Ardleigh (2¼ miles).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw (6 bells) on Saturday, October 4th. Frequent buses from Chertsey and Woking. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that members from adjoining districts will attend and help make this meeting a success.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting at East Harling (6) on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 3 o'clock. Kenninghall (8) also available in the evening.—N. Golden, Diss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary as early as possible?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton District. — A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, October 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 6.30.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available early. A hearty welcome to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brixham on Saturday, October 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Also Churston Ferrers. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcomed.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Holme Hale, near Swaffham, on Saturday, October 4th. Bells of Holme Hale (5) and Necton (6) available. Tea for those who advise me of their intention to be present.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—Ringers attending the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th-11th, are invited to communicate with Mr. Fred Atwell, 4, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon, notifying days and time they can spare for ringing during the week, so that arrangements can be made in advance. St. Woolos' Parish Church and Pro-Cathedral, 10 bells; All Saints', 8 bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for October: Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., Monday, the 6th (quarterly meeting) at 6.30 p.m., Monday, the 20th, at 7.30.—S. C. Moye.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. — F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Lytham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Visitors welcome. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — 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, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th. —P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea kindly drop a card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 3, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 8th Oct. ? All ringing friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (9d. per head) in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 7th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation). Those who intend to be present must notify the undersigned not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LADIES' GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Southern and Central Districts will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at St. Laurence's 3 to 4.30. Service. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and meeting at St. Laurence's Parish Hall. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.45 to 8. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Oct. 6th?—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) available at 1.45. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Longstock (5) 2.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Town Hall. Those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

AN INVITATION to all interested in ringing to visit Oxhey, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8. Tea 5.30. Please let me know number for tea by 8th inst. Cheap tickets by rail or coach from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Frome and Mid-Norton Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) provided for those who notify me by 9th at very latest. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6), recently recast, available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., provided free to all who notify Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Oct. 8th. A cordial welcome to all ringers.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available after 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The Vicar hopes to see a good attendance. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halse (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the New Inn. Those wanting tea please inform me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, Oct. 7th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, the 11th inst. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after. Will visitors please notify hon. sec. on or before Wednesday, the 8th inst., for tea arrangements.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Twitchett, Diocesan Secretary. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea please by Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—The new peal of bells at Walkden Parish Church will be dedicated by the Dean of Manchester, on Saturday, October 11th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided (1/3 each) for those who send in their names to John Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, near Manchester, by October 9th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Canon Cooper). Tea, 5.15 p.m., at the Co-op. Café, at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting in the Institute after. Names to be sent to Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than the 16th. Expecting a good turn up.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A WELCOME AT TREVETHIN.

A quarterly meeting was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of eight by Gillett and Bland, were raised about three o'clock, and rung in various methods until 4.30, when service was held, the Vicar (Rev. Vaughan W. Rees) officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ivor Richards, curate of Blaenavon, who is a very keen and enthusiastic ringer.

Following the service, a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by Mr. T. B. Pearson, the Vicar's warden, was served in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who at the outset welcomed the members to Trevethin. He hoped they would all spend a pleasant afternoon and evening and go away with happy recollections of the visit to Trevethin. He paid a fine compliment to his own ringers, who, he said, were a loyal and happy band.

Various routine items were dealt with, including reports on restorations and augmentations, and also instructors' reports.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Llanbradach, and it was left until the annual meeting to decide where the next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held.

Various items were commented on by the hon. secretary, including the announcement that a peal of Grandsire Caters had been rung at Cardiff during the week to honour one of the oldest association members, Mr. Jesse Pitcher, who had just celebrated his golden wedding.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and the ladies for their great kindness, hospitality and welcome was passed, the Hon. Secretary remarking that he was at the opening of Trevethin bells over forty years ago, and that ever since, whether it was the occasion of a practice, a peal or a meeting, the same welcome was accorded by the local ringers, whose leader is Mr. T. Lade, and who on this occasion had, as usual, done all he could to ensure a good meeting.

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