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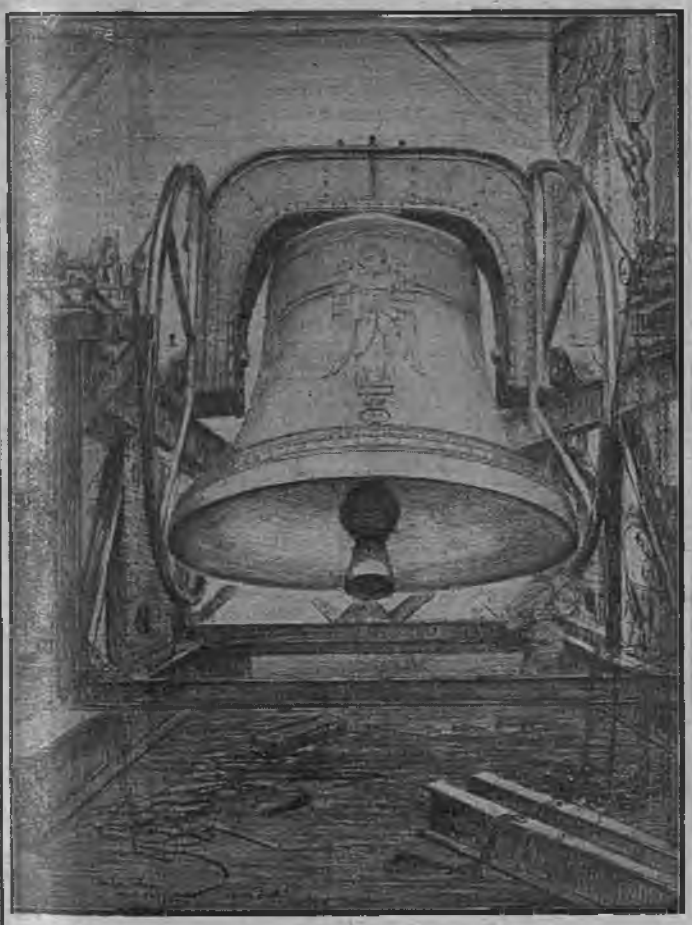

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CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS?

One of the problems that constantly face the Exercise is that of obtaining and keeping recruits. It has been discussed many times and by many different sections of the ringing fraternity, but in these days of almost unlimited counter attractions there is a great difficulty first in getting young people into the belfry, and next, having got them, in keeping them there. Recently, a meeting of the Lancashire Association referred the subject to the committee to grapple with and everyone will watch with interest for the recommendations they may make. Frankly, the question is a difficult one, and it is also an important one. If the art of ringing is to be maintained, it is essential that the ranks of the Exercise shall be also maintained; yet everywhere there is a demand for beginners which cannot be satisfied.

In another column a correspondent puts forward some suggestions for helping beginners to keep their interest, and curiously enough one of his proposals is on the same lines as a suggestion made by a speaker at the York dinner, namely, that of giving badges or certificates to mark progress. This, of course, presupposes that the recruits have been obtained. Incidentally, it may be recalled that the same idea was ventilated by the Central Council, carried to the associations for an expression of opinion, and, finally, on a vote at the subsequent Council meeting, turned down. The action of the Council does not, of course, preclude any individual association from adopting a scheme of this kind, and it would be a very useful guide as to its practical worth if some active and enterprising organisation would make the experiment. Among older ringers there seems to be considerable aversion to being 'ticketed,' but there might not be the same reluctance among young ringers to wearing a badge of competence when they are at ringers' gatherings.

But while ringers may object to being labelled, we have never been quite able to understand the objection to the issue of certificates to a young ringer to mark his progress. There are hundreds of ringers up and down the country who are inordinately proud of the certificate of membership of one or more associations, and they are displayed in frames on the walls of their homes. These certificates mean nothing in themselves, except that a man has paid his subscription; why, therefore, should there be any objection to the issue of certificates showing that a ringer has really made progress in the art? Seeing that the test of membership of, at any rate, the majority of associations is the minimum of qualifications, a ringer ought to be far prouder of a certificate which vouches for his recognised competence in the art. Indeed, why should

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there not be provided on the certificate of membership not only a space for the date of election, but spaces in which could be inserted the dates on which the holder qualified for the different grades, which might be laid down as marking a ringer's progress? There might easily be arranged a uniform standard of qualification for each grade, which all associations would recognise, and whenever a reprint of certificates is next made, the necessary provision for endorsement could be made in the design. This, of course, is only a matter of detail, but we offer the suggestion as a contribution to the discussion on the encouragement of young ringers. The great and primary problem, however, is how to get these young ringers!

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat

FREDERICK G. WOODISS	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. CLODE	6
HERBERT J. SKELT	2	DANIEL COOPER	7
FRANK JENNINGS	3	AMOS W. CLARK	8
*GEORGE WILSON	4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	9
GEORGE W. STEERE	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on ten bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*HARRY GOODMAN	*Treble*	BENJAMIN GODGH	6
HARRY HILL	2	HARRY HUBBLE	7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	3	WALTER FARLEY	8
CHARLES WM. COOPER	4	HENRY GOODMAN	9
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE	5	JOHN GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert J. Sheppard, the much esteemed secretary of the Guild.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt.

MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JACK A. WAUGH	6
JOHN G. NASH	2	JOHN R. CRAMPION	7
WALTER J. BOWDEN	3	JAMES PARKER	8
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE RADLEY	9
EDWARD H. KING	5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FRANK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	FRED LASBURY	6
HARRY PAGE	2	ERNEST COOMBES	7
ERNEST STITCH	3	*TOM PAGE	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
ALBERT J. PITMAN	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. Ernest Coombes. It was his first peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to honour Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baker, who celebrated their golden wedding last Friday, the band wishing them future happiness. Mr. Baker is a sidesman and a great worker for St. John's Church.

CUDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	*HARRY HOVERD	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN	8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN	4	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	9
HARRY PARKES	5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
First peal on the bells. * First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR TILSTON	*Treble*	JOHN RANDLES	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
RONALD G. W. JONES	3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	HARRY H. WOODWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.
* First peal away from tenor. Rung half-muffled in memory of the R 101 victims.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

W. DEVEY	*Treble*	W. FARLEY	5
S. J. HUGHES	2	C. W. COOPER	6
W. FULLWOOD	3	J. GOODMAN	7
J. PRICE	4	W. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.
Quarterly peal for the Guild.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER CLAYDON	*Treble*	ALFRED J. BULL	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	HARRY K. HOOPER	6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	3	FRANCIS T. HOAD	7
LEONARD TIDY	4	GEORGE F. HOAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.
Rung, after meeting one short for Treble Ten, with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the R 101.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, October 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS MARIE SYKES	*Treble*	WALTER HOWARTH	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	VERNON SYKES	6
ERNEST MOORES	3	CHARLES N. MARSLAND	7
HERBERT BARLOW	4	ALFRED WAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled in honour of the men who lost their lives in the R 101 disaster. Miss M. Sykes, sister of the conductor, has the honour of being the first lady ringer to ring a peal on the bells at Oldham Parish Church. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Leesfield, 4th Glodwick, the rest Oldham.

REDDISH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALLEN F. BAILEY	*Treble*	ERNEST BENNETT	5
PETER LAFLIN	2	†JOSEPH WILSON	6
*WILLIAM PYE	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
*DONALD BROWN	4	HAROLD JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Page.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*ALFRED J. BULL	*Treble*	*REGINALD V. JOHNSON	5
*GEORGE OLLIVER	2	*NELSON ELLIOTT	6
GEORGE ELLIS	3	*CECIL NICE	7
*KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 11. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	PERCY DUDLEY	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD	2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*WALTER GIBBINS	*Treble*	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	2	CHARLES F. GOODMAN	6
STANLEY G. FULLER	3	†NOLAN GOLDEN	7
RAY GRANT	4	STANLEY A. HOLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Triples. First peal of Triples by all except conductor, and first attempt.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HURD	*Treble*	†JACK TIPPER	5
*JOHN WORTH	2	ERNEST BENNETT	6
†DAVID SMITH	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	7
*WILFRED STEVENSON	4	HARRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major. The treble ringer's 50th peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES
Tenor 12 cwt.

BRO. ARTHUR JACKSON, Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756 ...	...*Treble*
BRO. JOHN WILKINSON, Mariner's Lodge, No. 249 ...	... 2
BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON, Temperance Lodge, No. 2714	... 3
BRO. J. RICHARD TAYLOR, Ribble Lodge, No. 4558 ...	... 4
BRO. GEORGE LUNT, Dominion Lodge, No. 4289... ...	... 5
BRO. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Coppull Lodge, No. 4232 ...	... 6
BRO. ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS, Harmony Lodge, No. 220...	... 7
BRO. HERBERT LUDKIN, Equity Lodge, No. 1384	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal in the method by a band of Freemasons. The band would like to thank Bro. Claude I. Davies, Lancastrian Lodge No. 3831, for his assistance in arranging this peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES E. LOVETT 5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
GEORGE MAYERS... 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
ERIC G. BENNETT 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Mr. Seager is from Bradford, and was on holiday in the county.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

BASIL RIDGWELL ... ...*Treble*	OLAVE BROYD 5
*FRANK HARRINGTON 2	WALTER SMITH 6
GEORGE PIPER 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 7
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 4	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	FRANCES BROTHERTON ... 6
W. HAROLD JONES 3	JOHN PERRY 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 4	*SIDNEY ELTON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung for the dedication festival of the church, also as a birthday compliment to W. H. Jones.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM ... ...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
FRED PRICE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES... 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, and also to celebrate the marriage of Mr. John Cecil Morris (only son of the ringer of the 5th) and Miss Margaret Ethel Goode, who were married at Eckington, Worcestershire, earlier in the day.

STRATHFIELD MORTIMER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE *Treble*	JOHN S. TAYLOR 5
JAMES ABERY 2	†PERCY J. DYKE 6
CHARLES W. DENYER ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... 4	EDWARD G. FOSTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. Mr. W. Ford (local deputy foreman) sat in the belfry throughout the peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BEER ... ...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
*DONALD G. CLIFT 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ARCHIE MITCHELL ... ...*Treble*	*ELIJAH PAMMENTER 5
†FREDERICK C. WILSON ... 2	ALBERT NASH 6
†ARTHUR PANTHER 3	*HARRY MORTEMORE 7
†FRANK PICKERING 4	ARTHUR GILL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS ... ...*Treble*	FRANK OLIVER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
WILLIAM P. DEANE 3	ARTHUR W. HALL 7
FRANK COXON 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

First peal in the method on the bells, also the first peal in the method by Frank Coxon, who hails from Spondon, and was elected a life member of the association previous to starting the peal. Robert G. Lewis' 50th peal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G

MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ...*Treble*	ALBAN DISNEY 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 6
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

Arranged for Inspector W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police. It was the 21st anniversary of his wedding, also the 8th anniversary of the wedding of his brother, Mr. J. Bottrill, a former Anstey ringer. The peal was rung after the marriage of Miss Mary W. Elkington to Mr. George Bedden, of Groby, which took place at this church.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD A. POST... ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS TAYLOR	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	6
JONATHAN HONEY	3	ALBERT E. LOCK	7
JOHN NOBES	4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

First peal of Surprise by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the 6th bell.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

WALTER AYRE	...*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ...	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	6
*E. STANLEY EDWARDS ...	3	FREDERICK H. CROOK	7
*RONALD W. PICTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	HENRY PRING	5
*GEORGE POPNELL	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
†WILLIAM H. CROCKER ...	3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... ...	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* Elected a member before starting. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	5
ALBERT J. HUGHES	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ...	6
WALTER STAFF	3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	7
HAROLD EDWARDS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. K. Driver, who very kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*MRS. PATTENDEN ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL W. A. BROWN	5
H. S. HUMPHREY	2	WILLIAM BUTTON	6
MRS. H. BAKER	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
HARRY BAKER	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on these bells since the days of James Barham.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Beal, sen. (first quarter-peal) 1, W. G. Wheeler 2, C. T. West 3, C. E. Bassett (conductor) 4, G. Cluer 5, H. Mells 6. The ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Petersfield, the remainder are local men.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD ...	...*Treble*	AMOS SMART	5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER	2	ERNEST W. TIPLER	6
HARRY CHAMBERS	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
JOHN R. MAIN	4	JAMES S. WARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOHN DENNER	...*Treble*	SAMUEL OAKES	5
ALFRED POTTER	2	*ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ...	6
BENJAMIN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
MATTHEW BERRY...	4	ROBERT DENNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. W. M. Smith, the late Vicar of Walkden.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED POTTER... ...	...*Treble*	MATTHEW BERRY...	5
*MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	JOHN DENNER	6
BENJAMIN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JAMES DENNER	4	ARTHUR BURTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, except tenor at back stroke, as a tribute to the memory of the relatives of the donors of the bells and Westminster chimes, and all past worshippers of the church. The above two peals were rung by special request of the church authorities, and the ringers are all members of the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Plain Bob, and two each of Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM HOLMES ...	...*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	3	CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung half-muffled in memory of the 48 victims who lost their lives in the airship R 101 disaster. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church, with the exception of the ringers of the treble and 4th.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	...*Treble*	*JAMES F. HATCHLEY... ...	4
*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ...	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	5
MISS MARCIA WHITE ...	3	FRANK PRICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor. Miss M. White was elected a member of the association before starting.

GREAT ASHFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob with twelve different callings and 24 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

PERCY L. JOHNSON ... ...*Treble*		VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD	3
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	2	CHARLES TAYLOR...	4

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells. A. J. Berry's 300th peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY EYRES ... ...*Treble*		DAVID SMITH	4
*REGINALD W. WORRALL ...	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
ALBERT H. BOOTH	3	HARRY PARKER ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the victims of the R 101 disaster.

WILBY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 extents with the 12 variations of calling.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*HAROLD T. BARHAM ... ...*Treble*		ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	3
†GEORGE W. CHAPMAN ...	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	4

NOLAN GOLDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles and on a bob bell. First peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

COLIN HARRISON ... ...*Treble*		DAVID S. COLLINS	4
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	2	CHARLES ALLSOPP	5
JACK SADDINGTON	3	HORACE F. E. STUBBS ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung on the front six of the 'Foundry' ten.

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR WATTS ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3
CYRIL S. WEST	2	CHARLES E. BASSETT	4

ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal on the bells. First peal in two methods by all the band with the exception of the conductor.

UBLEY.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CECIL MOGFORD ... ...*Treble*		CHARLES FIELD	4
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	*HAROLD BLACKER	5
JEFFERY TOSSELL	3	WILLIAM WEBB ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 5lb.

PERCY AMOS ... ...*Treble*		J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4
ERNEST A. MARSH	2	RONALD RUSSELL	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	FRANK STAINFORTH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. STAINFORTH.

Arranged for E. F. Payne, of Syston, Leicestershire, to enable him to ring a peal out of his own county.

CUCKLINTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK GRAY ... ...*Treble*		FRANK PRICE	4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	2	LEWIS G. PERRETT	5
JIM RALPH	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Kent by all except the ringer of the 2nd. The ringers of the treble and 5th were elected members of the association previous to starting.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman's slow course, 1,440 Plain Bob (12 callings), 2,880 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE P. JOHNSON ... ...*Treble*		FRANK TURNER	4
HERBERT W. WITTERING	2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE... ...	5
*WALTER BROWN	3	*WILLIAM BRADFORD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

* First peal and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged for W. Bradford, who has been a ringer at the above church for 35 years. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Smith, churchwarden.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE FIVE-BELL TOWERS.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, October 11th, when representatives to the number of thirty-seven were present from the three Brighton towers (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Bolney, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Keymer, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Turner's Hill and Warnham. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and at 4.30 a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Guy D. Cooper, who delivered an eloquent address on the words, 'Let Jesus Christ be praised,' from the well-known hymn by Caswall.

A collection taken for the benevolent fund amounted to 12s. Afterwards the company adjourned to the Plough Inn, opposite the church, where a generous tea had been prepared by the kindness of the Vicar, who expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome the members of the association.

The usual business meeting followed, also presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). The proceedings were mostly of a routine nature, two new members being elected, viz., James William Jeffery, Cuckfield, and W. Henson, the Good Shepherd, Brighton. The election of Mr. J. Crampion, South Woodford, London, and Mr. Wilfred Williams, Erith, Kent, as non-resident members was confirmed.

Under the item 'any other business,' the question was raised as to whether more could not be done for five-bell towers. The Secretary expressed his fear that a company would not be present if a meeting was arranged, and stated further that these towers were borne in mind when meetings were arranged at most suitable towers near them, which the members of the five-bell towers could easily attend.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Lower Beeding for the hospitality he had extended both in the belfry and in the church, and for his kindness in providing the meal, which had been so thoroughly enjoyed.—This was carried by acclamation, and, the Vicar having suitably replied, the meeting concluded. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, everyone being of the opinion that the meeting had been a great success. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY TORBLE.

AN OLD WEST HAM RINGER.

Another ringer, well known, especially among the older generation, has passed away in the person of Mr. Harry Torble, who died on Monday, October 6th, after an illness extending over ten years. Mr. Torble was born at Eye, Suffolk, in 1865, and from there migrated to Stratford to enter the employ of the late Great Eastern Railway Company in their shops at Stratford, and soon after his arrival joined the old Bow (Stratford) Society, which brought him in touch with several well-known ringers in the vicinity, among whom were the late Messrs. W. Doran, J. Bradley, S. Hayes, J. Scholes, H. Flanders, etc., and eventually he joined the West Ham band, with whom he has been identified ever since. Although unable to take part in ringing during the past ten years he, nevertheless, still took a great interest in the art, and often paid a visit to towers in the district, where his presence was always welcomed.

He was interred in the City of London Cemetery on Saturday, October 11th, and among those present were Messrs. J. Waghorn, sen., and G. Haydon, representing the West Ham band, W. H. Theobald, the Leytonstone band, and E. J. Butler, the Essex Association.

On Tuesday, October 14th, several of his old friends met at All Saints', West Ham, and rang, as a mark of respect, half-muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the Treble Ten, together with 'the whole pull and stand,' those taking part being Messrs. J. Davis, G. W. Faulkner, W. Miller, R. Molton, A. Reeve, E. D. Smith, W. H. Theobald, C. Hughes, E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye, G. Haydon, A. J. Neale, F. C. Newman, J. Waghorn, sen., and E. W. Furbank.

'SILLY' SUFFOLK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am not happy with anonymous persons. They infringe the ninth commandment. Nevertheless (to use Dr. Temple's word) I think J. W. D. admirable. There is 'a true ring in his letter! There is a story that, when a calf got hung up in a gate in Essex, they cut off its head to release it, and it seems to me that 'Essex Colt' wants to decapitate the free will of the round ringer. Never mind, he is interesting. 'Silly Suffolk' comes from a Saxon word, Sielig, which means 'Holy.' If I recollect correctly, I read it some 40 years ago in 'Stoke Magazine' by the Rev. Charles Forlesse. Dr. Raven also quotes it in a pious expression, Sielig Suffolk.—Yours truly,

C. F. WINNEY.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TERLING BELLS MAY BE AUGMENTED.

It was a very happy band of ringers that paid a visit to the old church at Terling on Saturday, October 18th, for a meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association. Thirty-one members were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Feering, Galleywood, Kelvedon, Maldon, Witham, Writtle, Inworth, Black Notley and Terling.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Moss), the lesson being read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association.

Tea was served at the Rayleigh Arms, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Master and District Master.

At the business meeting which followed, one ringing member was elected, and it was decided to hold the district annual meeting at Writtle on November 29th.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for the warm welcome that he gave the ringers.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Terling, and said he hoped that by the time they next came there would be six bells instead of five.

A touch of Grandsire Triples and 720 of Minor was rung on the handbells, and ringing on tower bells continued till 9 p.m. in various methods.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of Barnsley and District Association was held at Cawthorne on Saturday, October 11th, when the towers represented were Armley, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Holmfirth, Hoylandswaine, Royston, Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., the bells being half-muffled. Tea was served at Holt's Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, which was held in the Parish Hall, Mr. J. C. Wimms (churchwarden) presiding. A vote of condolence was passed by the members standing in silence in sympathy with the relatives of the Vicar (Rev. C. A. L. Woolley), who died rather suddenly three weeks previously, of Mr. W. Ward (aged 91), who had been sexton at Cawthorne for 50 years, and was the oldest inhabitant in the village, and also of the victims of the R 101 disaster.

Penistone was selected for the next place of meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks, the bells were kept going until about 9 p.m. in various methods, there being some very good striking.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

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 good wishes of the Exercise will go with Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Young when they sail to-day on the 'Winchester Castle' for a visit to South Africa. They expect to be absent from England until about April.

Central Council matters should still be addressed to Mr. Young at his new office address, 165, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

Many visitors to the W. D. Crofts dinners at Nottingham will remember Mr. John F. Adkin, the bass member of the quartet who did so much to make the programmes enjoyable. We regret to announce that he died on Friday last after much suffering. A staunch friend, he was always ready to oblige his vocal colleague, Mr. A. Coppock, in any project connected with ringing, and had sung at seven out of the eight Nottingham ringers' dinners.

To ring a peal of Bob Doubles at Wilby, Norfolk, last week, Mr. Alphæus J. Berry cycled 42 miles along main roads, by-roads and lanes, over brecks and through meadows to reach this church, situated in the 'wilds' of Norfolk. There's enthusiasm for you!

We have not had long to wait for the peal of London Surprise at Crawley, Sussex. Before our article on the jubilee of the bells was in print last week, the peal had been rung.

A tower of now departed glories is St. John's, Waterloo Road, London. There was a period when peals were rung there nearly every week, but the bells are now silent and unringable. The first peal on them was rung 105 years ago to-day by the College Youths.

On October 24th, 1807, a peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731. The rival company at St. Michael Coslany disputed its accuracy and rang a peal on December 6th.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822.

The first 'double-handed' handbell peal was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811, the method being Oxford Treble Bob Major.

As announced in the peal columns, the first peal on the light ring of ten at Cudham Church, Kent, has been rung by members of the Kent Association. The conductor was well advised to make the peal one of Kent Treble Bob owing to the excessive noise in the ringing chamber, as he had to shout his loudest to make the 'bobs' heard. It is to be hoped that this difficulty will be remedied, and that some attention will be given to the ventilation of the belfry, the space being small, and there being no window. Even the trap door has to be shut down so that the treble ringer may stand on it. The ringers must have welcomed 'that's all' so as to raise the trap and let fresh air in.

It is reported that the ringers of Harmondsworth, Middlesex, have gone on strike following a complaint by the Church Council that some of the ringers go home instead of attending service.

The ringers want an apology before they resume their duties, as, the captain says, most of the men attend at least one of the services on Sunday, and they contend the Church Council have no cause to complain.

BELLS REHUNG AT EPSOM.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT REOPENING.

Forty years ago this year a ring of eight bells was placed in the new tower of Christ Church, Epsom, and they were opened with a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Of the band that took part only the Rev. Canon Coleridge survives. Last Saturday a festival service was held at Christ Church for the re-opening of the bells after restoration, and a large gathering of ringers assembled for the event. There was also a numerous congregation of parishioners, and the Boy Scouts attended, bringing their colours with them. The service began with a procession from the chancel to the western tower, where the new Assistant Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird, D.D.) offered the appropriate prayers. Modified evensong followed, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. L. Mylrea.

Bishop Golding-Bird, who was senior chaplain to the Australian Forces in the war, and has since held a bishopric which covered the islands of the Indian Ocean, preached a sermon, in which he enlarged upon the privileges enjoyed by worshippers in this country, and graphically compared them with the conditions prevailing in the islands of his former see. He recalled especially an event which happened exactly a year before when he landed on a small coral island 300 miles from the coast, and conducted a service for the 80 or 90 inhabitants—men engaged in digging and shipping guano—in a hastily provided 'church' made by raffia, and upon which had been written, 'Church of Christ. Welcome, Lord Bishop.'

After the service, visiting ringers to the number of about 60 were entertained to a bountiful tea at the Church Hall by the bell founders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) and the Vicar and churchwardens. The Assistant Bishop supported the Vicar, who was in the chair, and before leaving expressed his pleasure at coming among ringers, and reminded them of their duties as workers in the Church.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to the donors of the tea. He congratulated the parish upon having had their bells restored, and said that, from what he knew of the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, he was sure they had made an excellent job of the restoration. He also welcomed the opportunity of that reopening as affording another occasion for displaying the friendly feeling that existed between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Although their areas overlapped, there had always been the most amicable relationship between the two, and they carried on their work not as rivals but as friends who had the same cause at heart and the same goal in view.

The Vicar, who first replied, thanked Mr. C. H. Kippen, of the Surrey Association, for his help in connection with the scheme. It was he who first called their attention to the need for the restoration, and who afterwards told them exactly what was wrong. The bells, said the Vicar, would not have gone on as long as they did if they had not had such an excellent captain as Mr. J. Crawford to look after them, and they would realise how devoted Mr. Crawford was when he told them that he walked five miles to ring and five miles back again every Sunday. The Vicar thanked Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the work they had done, and their bell hanger, Mr. Newson, for the way he had carried out the job.

Mr. C. F. Johnston also replied, and remarked that he had specially pleasant recollections of Christ Church, Epsom, as it was there he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples. He said it was a very rare occurrence for two associations to be officially concerned in the re-opening of a peal of bells. Among old members of the Surrey Association there was some doubt as to what was likely to happen when the Guildford Diocesan Guild came into being, with something like 400 members, three years ago, but so far as he could see there had ever since been between the two associations a spirit of co-operation and goodwill, and the Guildford Guild and Surrey Association were working amicably together over the same territory.

The Rural Dean (Rev. C. R. P. Muir, Vicar of St. Martin's, Epsom) also spoke. Christ Church, he said, had come through some difficult years with flying colours, and they had that day reached the culmination of another great achievement. The speaker told an amusing story of an Epsom lady to whom he spoke about a church bell. She said she loved the bell, and when he asked her why, she replied that it reminded her that 'They're off' (laughter)

Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) also congratulated the authorities of Christ Church upon having successfully carried out the restoration, and said he was sure the founders had made an excellent job of it.

The Vicar said the parish had not much money, and was now faced with a big scheme for the repair of the church roof. The bells had been restored by the many small gifts of generous subscribers, and he was thankful to say they were now in a position to pay the bell founders (applause).

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing from rounds to the Surprise methods, and including a touch of spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, was indulged in, everyone finding the bells go like the proverbial tops. Among those present was Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, who was also present at the original opening of the bells.

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THE BELLS OF EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

'THE RETURN OF THE NATIVES.'

In our peal columns last week was the record of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at East Ilsley, Berks. This was the consummation of a long-cherished wish and ambition of ex-Sergt.-Major W. Hibbert and his brother 'R.T.H.' For a long time past it has been said: 'If we could get young Bill from Coventry and Uncle from Reading we could ring a first-class peal'—and we did.

The father of R. T. and W. Hibbert started change ringing in this tower about 1885 on the poor old ring of five bells, and tried very hard for many years to get a treble added. In 1920 it was decided to add this bell, and by the kindness of friends and the hard work of others money was raised to complete the octave. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took the old bells to Whitechapel, tuned them, and added three of the finest little bells that were ever hung in a steeple, the result being a very beautiful little eight, and an ideal place to ring (round the beautiful old Norman font) and to hear bells.

St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley, Berks.

The church is a good specimen of a village church of mixed styles, the south aisle being Early English, the nave transition Norman, the north aisle, about 1320, being the poorest portion of the building.

The bell inscriptions and weights are:—

Treble.—Ring we merrily unto God our strength. 3 cwt. 1 qr.

2.—Glory to God. In Thankfulness. M. & S. 1921. 3 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

3.—1914 + 1918. M. & S. 1921. 4 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.

4.—Prayse ye the Lorde. 1589. J. C. 3 cwt. 2 qr 3 lb.

5.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

6.—This bell was made 1612. Recast M. & S., 1921. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

7.—W. R. Carr. 1700. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Tenor.—Richard Whitwick gave this bell. 1625. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

The 3rd has in quarters the initials of the 21 men of the village who gave their lives in the Great War.

It is worthy of note that four of the band who rang in the peal on October 11th went to the village school together upwards of forty-five years ago, and the other four about seventeen years ago.

R. T. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In fairness to all members of the Ely Archdeaconry of the Ely Diocesan Association, I am sorry to say I cannot carry on the duties of district secretary and to do the job as it should be done. My duties sometimes prevent me attending the meetings, as in the case at Ickleton on Saturday. I trust that my successor will be able to carry on to a greater success, and that members will give him (or her) their continued support. In closing, I thank you for publishing the reports of our meetings in 'The Ringing World,' also Mr. A. G. Rivers for his kindnesses.—Yours truly, F. WARRINGTON.

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Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have strengthened the foundations of the bell frame by inserting two iron girders, which have been anchored to the tower walls. The frame itself has also been strengthened, and the bells hung on ball bearings. The tenor is just under 12 cwt. The turret clock has been overhauled and cleaned and the dials redecorated.

'ADVICE ON BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your leading article of October 10th, in which you say that the 'Central Council for the Care of Churches' recommend that an architect 'skilled in work of this kind' be called in for bell restorations before the bell founder, I give you an instance of what has really happened in our diocese.

In 1927 the bells of a parish church in my district were under restoration, the three front bells being rehung in a new iron frame, and a new treble added. When I heard of the work, I had a conversation with the Vicar and recommended a well-known firm of bell founders for the work. He told me that this firm were going to cast the treble, and that the diocesan architect had been called in to inspect the steeple. So far, so good, but the snag came when the Vicar told me that the architect was going to get someone known to him to rehang the bells, whom he could trust better than the bell-hangers.

I visited the work whilst in progress, and called the Vicar's attention to certain matters. However, he thought it best not to interfere with the work until it was finished. The day came for the dedication of the bells, and I selected a good band for the opening ring

Imagine my dismay on climbing aloft shortly before the service to find that the 2nd and 4th bells had been changed over in their respective positions in the tower, and the ropes carried down to the opposite side of the ringing chamber. A roller had been fixed on the top of the first floor, a second roller in the middle of the intermediate chamber under the bells, and a third one on the floor under the bells to carry the ropes for the 2nd and 4th bells. So that a ringer was expected to stand on one side of the tower to ring a bell on the other side over three rollers, the first four bells being hung in an upper tier above the back two. We tried to ring, but found it an almost impossible task to raise them and ring 120.

I told the churchwardens not to make any payment, and myself wrote the architect. The bells were changed over and some improvements effected which made the bells go better, but the job was spoilt as the iron frame had been partially cut through on each side to allow the bells to rise through the frame. In this case no one was to blame except the architect, who took upon himself the responsibility of giving a skilled job of bell hanging to a local firm of builders, who would doubtless have made a satisfactory job if they had been put to fix together stone and mortar.

I do not think it desirable to mention the names of the principals in this unfortunate episode, but, let it be a warning to others.

A DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

GIFTS TO NORTON BELFRY.

A very successful meeting of the above association was held at Norton on Saturday, October 11th, attended by fifty-four members from Bucknall, Biddulph, Brownedge, Burslem, Cheadle, Kingsley, Lawton, Spondon, Swynnerton, Wolstanton, Uttoxeter and Norton. The first part of the proceedings consisted of a short service in the belfry, conducted by the Rector of Norton (Rev. J. G. Hamlet), who also unveiled a marble tablet presented by Mr. John Bourne, of Burslem, which recorded the names of the ringers of Norton who had worked so assiduously in helping to obtain the necessary funds for the recasting of the six bells at Norton Church, and also the thirty years' faithful service rendered by Mr. John E. Wheeldon as leader of the ringers of that tower, July 15th, 1900-1930. An oak table was also unveiled, which was presented by Mr. Henry Finney, of Audley, for the use of the ringers in the belfry.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the two donors for the beautiful gifts, which he could assure them were greatly appreciated.

The Rector then said how delighted he was to extend a hearty welcome to such a large gathering of loyal churchworkers as had assembled there that afternoon, and he sincerely hoped that the same happy relations existed in the various towers from which they came as obtained between his own ringers at Norton and himself, for he considered ringing was a very important part of Church life. He was very glad to have that opportunity of expressing the high appreciation not only of himself, but of the whole parish of Norton, who were very proud of their bells.

Mr. George Walker, an old ringer, expressed his great pleasure at the way the younger generation of ringers, under the able leadership of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, were keeping alive the noble art of change ringing. He wished them every success, and exhorted them to continue in this important and fascinating part of the work of the Church.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in the Church Institute, during which the Lawton ringers regaled the company with musical selections on the handbells, which was quite a new feature and very much appreciated. The tower was afterwards revisited, where ringing was indulged in until 8.30, which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

J. E. W.

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At the recent meeting of the Lancashire Association held at Liverpool, the subject, 'What to do with our beginners,' was on the agenda, but owing to the shortage of time the discussion had to be limited, and, in the end, it was decided to leave it to the committee to overhaul the whole question.

I would like to put forward a few points of my own with the hope that the committee will keep them in mind whilst discussing this most important question. The chief bone of contention seems to be the association's rule which says that a ringer, to qualify for membership, must ring 120 changes. I have no hesitation in saying that as regards this rule the average conductor could get a beginner through 120 changes before he knows his way up and down the belfry steps, but by doing so you have not laid one brick which goes to build up the foundation of a change ringer. Instead of altering this rule I would wipe it out entirely. It is not always observed, and it is not much good when it is observed. Now, what have I in its place?

This: When a beginner comes to the belfry to learn to be a change ringer, I would admit him into the association right away, pointing out to him all the advantages, and get his entrance fee When he can ring, to the satisfaction of his conductor, a service touch in any method, I would award him the badge or certificate (badge preferred, because he could carry it with him to meetings, etc.) of a third-class ringer.

When he can ring a service touch in the standard methods I would award him a 2nd class, and when he rings one or more Surprise methods, then he should be entitled to be acknowledged as a first-class ringer. He should himself pay for these badges, which should be available for a very small sum.

I would apply the same thing to conductors. Conduct one peal, 3rd class; conduct all the standard methods, 2nd class; conduct one Surprise method, 1st class conductor. If these small badges were worn at meetings it would be a great help in organising ringing.

In my experience with beginners, which has been very extensive, I find that the most important thing of all is that you must keep moving. You must have a goal to aim at, and when that is reached there must be another. 'You cannot stand still; if you are not going forward, then you are going backward.' It is only the hardened ringer who can withstand the pitfalls and the very disheartening process of going back to the beginning again and still remain a ringer. The young fellow will not, and I believe that this is the chief cause of so many promising ringers being lost. Give the young ringer plenty to do, plenty to aim at, plenty of fields to conquer, and something to show that he has succeeded, and you will not only keep him, but you will have others wishing to follow his example.—Yours truly,

H. LUDKIN.

Hough Green, Widnes.

FIRST STEPS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is it true to say that all 'stoney' ringers are content with ringing call changes? Has it ever occurred to 'Essex Colt' that in ringing, as in every other art or profession, one must start from the **bottom of the ladder?** From rounds and call changes, to hunting a treble, and on to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and so on. No one should be content with ringing call changes, **but no man can be expected to jump from rounds to Stedman and Double Norwich**, and that is what a great many like 'Essex Colt' expect one to do. If a recruit cannot start at the point where these more efficient ones have reached, is it fair to call him a drone? The real root of the trouble is that a great many of these Stedman and Double Norwich ringers (particularly the old hands) are afraid that they might have to put themselves about a bit to keep some of these young recruits interested. To go back to ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob themselves might lower their dignity.—Yours, etc.,

WALK FIRST, THEN RUN.

P.S.—I will remind 'Essex Colt' that in Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon's books of tuition, all recruits to the art are taught to ring Grandsire and plain methods before learning Stedman and Treble Bob.

OVER (CAMBS) RINGERS' SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Over (Cambs) Society was held in the vestry of the Parish Church on Monday, October 13th, the president (the Vicar) occupying the chair. The secretary, Mr. W. I. Ginn, presented the accounts for the past season, which were duly passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. F. G. Weston; vice-presidents, Mr. H. Edwards and Mr. H. Asplin (churchwardens); secretary, Mr. W. I. Ginn; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Ginn; captain, Mr. A. J. Ginn; vice-captain, Mr. F. Warrington.

The Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston) thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, and congratulated them on their successes.—Mr. A. J. Ginn suitably replied.

Mr. B. Wayman resigned the vice-captaincy, owing to business reasons, to the regret of his fellow-ringers.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON 12-BELL RECORD.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths will make a further attempt on the twelve-bell record length on Saturday, November 8th, starting at 8 a.m.

THE PEAL OF MINOR AT ISHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my opinion (for what it is worth) the kind of peal rung recently at Isham should strongly be discouraged.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

PRESENTATION TO THE SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELFRY

INTERESTING PEAL RECALLED.

A very pleasant gathering took place recently in the ringing chamber of Sheffield Cathedral, when Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of London, one of the oldest and most respected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, paid a visit to his native city and presented a framed record to the Cathedral company of his first peal rung 53 years ago at the then Parish Church of Sheffield.

Mr. Rowbotham, in his younger days, was apprenticed to the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley, a Sheffield stalwart and well-known ringer of his day, from whom he obtained his first insight into the art of change ringing.

He, however, was not destined to stay long in Sheffield, for he quickly transferred to London to make his name and fortune, but during the short time available he advanced so far in the art as to become competent to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters with his master.

In addition to this being Mr. Rowbotham's first peal, it also has an historical standing owing to the fact that one of the participants was the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and it was this very visit of Mr. Snowdon's that induced him to consult Mr. Hattersley with a view to fostering the Yorkshire Association, which had just recently been formed. That this effort was successful is now a matter of history.

The record is beautifully written and illuminated on parchment, which is enclosed and sealed in an excellent fumed oak frame, whereby it is rendered dustproof and practically airtight, so that it will withstand the ravages of time.

In making the presentation, Mr. Rowbotham thanked the Cathedral company for allowing him to do so, and for the privilege of placing on record his first peal in the tower in which he was taught to ring. He knew that space was now most valuable owing to the many peal boards already erected containing famous and historical peals of the years gone by, and he especially considered it an honour to add his to the famous collection.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, on behalf of the Cathedral company, warmly thanked Mr. Rowbotham for his most generous gift, and for his kindly thought in wishing to do honour to the tower that gave him birth into the ringing world. In accepting the gift, Mr. Palmer stated he was voicing the appreciation of the whole of his colleagues, who were united with him in expressing their gratitude for the beautiful work presented to them.

An adjournment was then made to the local meeting room, where a very pleasant hour was spent, in the course of which Mr. Rowbotham related reminiscences of his early association with the men who helped to lay the foundation of the high standard of ringing the Exercise has now reached.

The following is a copy of the record:—

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, LONDON.
Founded A.D. 1637.
St. Peter, Sheffield.
On Saturday, November 4th, 1876.
A Peal of Grandsire Caters

was rung upon the bells of the above church, comprising 5,021 changes in 3 hrs. 33 mins., by the following members of this society:—

1. Charles Bower.	6. Samuel Nadin.
2. George Potter.	7. George Wilson, sen.
3. John W. Rowbotham.	8. Charles Steer.
4. Jasper W. Snowdon.	9. Thomas Hattersley.
5. William Booth.	10. George Wilson, jun.

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Thomas Hattersley.
Tenor 41 cwt.

PROGRESS!

At Burlescombe, Devon, on Sunday afternoon, October 5th, says the 'Somerset County Gazette,' members of the local band of ringers executed in 2 hrs. 16 mins. a peal of 360 call changes in the method of Bob Minor. This is held to be the longest peal and the first length of Minor ever rung on the bells. All the calling was done by the captain from rope sight, and the duties of marker and timekeeper were discharged by Mr. G. H. Okewell with his usual efficiency.

DUFFIELD.—For evening service, on Sunday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Draper 1, Miss F. Hartle 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, M. Marshall 4, R. Boulton 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Tandy 7, C. Draper 8.

THE ISLEWORTH BELL SCHEME.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S EFFORT TO COMPLETE THE FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A year or two ago the South and West Branch of the Middlesex County Association decided to try and raise a fund to give two new trebles to Isleworth Parish Church. The western suburbs of London are badly off for ten-bell towers. After you leave Kensington and Fulham you do not come across one till you reach Kingston, which is out of the Middlesex district, or Hillingdon, which is right away on the west border of the county. We thought that a ten-bell tower somewhere in the neighbourhood of Acton or Ealing would be an advantage both to our association and the Exercise at large and help the promotion of change ringing. There was more than one tower which might be suitable: Acton, where there was at that time a regular and enthusiastic band under the late Robert Holloway, and where peal attempts were allowed quite frequently. The tower and situation were quite suitable, but the bells were deemed not good enough. St. Mary's, Ealing, was thought of. The eight were recently rehung and retuned by Taylor. Quite a good peal, but a weak tower. Christ Church, Ealing, has got by far the best and strongest tower in the district; a good peal, too, of the old style tuning, but rather too high in note to make a satisfactory ten. Besides, the architect who some years ago carried out some very costly internal decorations to the church, put the organ in such a position that no bell can be got in or out of the tower without pulling the organ to pieces.

That left All Saints', Isleworth, not so good in situation as these others, but in most other respects a good place for a peal of ten. The tenor is only 18 cwt., but it is deep in tone. The bells were restored by Taylor some years ago, they are hung in an iron frame, go well, and are very musical outside. Besides these were other reasons why it would be a grateful thing for us to try and get two new bells there. For a long time it has been unofficially the headquarters of the branch. Every year the annual meeting is held at the church, and then and always the clergy and churchwardens have treated the association with the utmost kindness and courtesy.

The fund was started and met with quite a lot of success. A large sum of money was raised, and then, when the end was nearly in sight, things, as is usual, slacked off a bit. Now we want to finish the job, and we want a few more pounds. We are making an appeal to the Exercise at large to help us.

It will be a good thing for ringing in general if we ringers show by a gift that we appreciate the kindness we receive at the hands of so many towers where we visit. If any reader of 'The Ringing World' can spare something, will he forward it to Mr. Hollier or to Mr. Bridges, the treasurer of the fund.

For the Middlesex Association (S. and W. Branch),

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, 52, Lammas Park Road, Vice-president.

MR. BRIDGES, Manager, Barclays Bank, Isleworth Branch, Isleworth, Treasurer.

WM. H. HOLLIER, 29, Duke Road, London, W.4, Hon. Secretary to the Fund.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD AT TETTENHALL

On Saturday, October 11th, a peal tablet was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, recording two peals of Grandsire Triples rung by Sunday service ringers of this church. The unveiling was carried out by Mr. H. J. Lockley, the donor of the board. The Vicar (Rev. W. Goode), after dedicating the board, said how pleased he was that the ringers had succeeded in ringing two peals, as four of those taking part in them had been taught how to handle a bell since they had had their new bells.

Mr. R. Pickering expressed the thanks of the band to Mr. Lockley for giving the board, and to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly defraying the cost of painting the same, the writing having been splendidly done in gold leaf on a black ground.

Besides the Vicar, those attending the ceremony were the Rev. J. G. Campbell (curate), Major W. L. Foster (churchwarden), Rev. C. H. Barker, Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary), and Mr. W. A. Cooper (Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). Members of the society also attended from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Coseley, Brewood and the local band, with a local ringer who has had to give up ringing owing to illness, and whose name is recorded in the belfry, viz., Mr. J. H. Rowe.

The ringing which took place afterwards included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, the clappers being half-muffled as a token of respect to the victims of the ill-fated R 101, and of the Grove Pit disaster at Norton Canes.

A splendid tea was partaken of at the Mitre Inn, Lower Green, provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lockett. After tea, handbell ringing was the order. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, with Doubles for the younger ones, and Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Altogether a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent.

THE LATE MR. HARRY DYAS.

The funeral of Mr. Harry Dyas, of Kensington, whose death as the result of being knocked down by a motor-car we recorded last week, took place in the Kensington new cemetery at Gunnersbury, the first part of the service being held in St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens. The committal prayers were said by a pious priest from St. James', Norlands, who himself cast the earth upon the coffin, and after the sorrowing widow and children (a son and daughter) had taken a last look at the coffin, Messrs. Bolton, Elson, Pasmore and Winney rang handbells over the grave. There were about 30 wreaths.

Mr. Harry Dyas was formerly one of the staff of the Royal Mews, and a great lover of horses. He was an imposing figure when in Court dress and seated on the box of one of the King's carriages, and when he retired from service he was granted a royal pension.

Mr. Dyas started his ringing at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and he became a keen service ringer, taking more delight in this than in peal ringing, although he had rung approximately 50 peals, half of them Stedman Triples, Caters and Treble Bob Royal being among the remainder. His last peal was at Clerkenwell for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henden, and he rang his last quarter-peal at St. Paul's, Bath Road, on St. Matthew's Day, for the evensong, which he attended.

By his own wish, horses were used to draw the hearse and carriages at the funeral.

At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Thursday, by kind permission of the Vicar, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the deceased, who was caretaker of the bells. One of the band recited the De profundis (with 'Rest Eternal,' etc., at the end in place of Gloria, Patri) before the ringing. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung. C. F. W.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Curdridge on Saturday last, when forty members and friends were present from Curdridge, Gosport, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Southampton, Shedfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, Ryde, Wickham, Bishopstoke, Lymington, Overton and Winchester.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon, when a short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Starey) officiated. An excellent tea was served in the reading room, after which the business meeting was held.

The election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: Miss I. L. Hastie (Dorking), Mrs. A. E. Lock (Abingdon), and Messrs. A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold), R. Overy (Haslemere) and E. J. Munday (Rogate). Two full members from Steep and one from Swanmore were elected ringing members.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday, January 24th, 1931. It was decided that the following resolution be forwarded to the Central Committee: 'That all non-resident ringers, on joining the Guild as compounding members, be presented with a copy of the Guild certificate.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and being present at the meeting, after which a further visit was made to the tower, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

STREATHAM RINGERS VISIT THE FEN DISTRICT.

A very pleasant and enjoyable outing was spent recently by St. Leonard's, Streatham, ringers during a visit to the Fen District. On arriving at Peterborough, a visit to its magnificent Cathedral was much appreciated, but it is much to be regretted that the heavy peal of six are unringable owing to the weak state of the tower. In the afternoon a visit was paid to St. Mary's Church, where Mr. Jutson, of the local band, soon had everything in readiness for a pull on this handy ring of six, which were rung in Minor and Doubles. The next move was by bus to Whittlesey, Cambs (about seven miles distant) to ring on the recently augmented peal of eight at St. Andrew's Church (where the captain of the visitors first learnt to pull a bell thirty years ago). Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung here. The thanks of the visitors are due to the Vicars of St. Mary's, Peterborough, and St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, for the use of the bells and the welcome given them. London was reached on the return about midnight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

YOUNG RINGERS AND FRESH METHODS.

A very successful meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cranbrook on Saturday, October 11th, and was attended by about thirty members, the following towers being represented, viz.: Benenden, Horsmonden, Hawkhurst, Lamberhurst, Sevenoaks, Penshurst, Tenterden, Staplehurst, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the crew of the R 101, and some good practice was obtained, several members scoring their first touch in various methods.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Swingler), assisted by the curate (who is learning to ring), and an excellent address was given by the Vicar. Capt. E. R. Lewis, one of the churchwardens and an hon. member of the association, was present. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting the Vicar presided. One honorary, two non-resident life members, and several practising members were elected.

Mr. F. White urged members to look up methods that they were unable to practice at home, and come to these meetings and ask those in charge for an opportunity to practice them. This would always be granted and every assistance given. He said it was better to try and fail than not to try at all.

The District Secretary said he thought that most young ringers were nervous of tackling a fresh method at the meetings for fear of not being successful. He could assure them that the best ringers made mistakes and broke down, so it was no disgrace, and there were always members willing to help them through a touch.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, curate, organist, churchwarden, Mr. White and the rest of the local members for the various parts they had taken in the meeting, to which they replied, terminated the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A well-attended meeting of the Wirral Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, on Saturday, October 11th. As this was the day appointed for the funeral of the R 101 victims, the flag on the tower was at half-mast and the bells half-muffled. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roscamp), who made appropriate reference to the disaster, and in place of the usual psalm and hymns, Psalm 23 and the hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul,' and 'How bright those glorious spirits shine,' were sung.

The address was given by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who was on a visit to Wallasey.

The Vicar gave the ringers a very warm welcome to St. Nicholas', where, he said, he was always very pleased to see them.

An excellent tea was provided, and much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kind welcome, and also to Mr. Edwards for his address.

THE R 101.

The following touches were among those rung in memory of the victims of the disaster to the airship.

At Chichester Cathedral, on Sunday, for morning service, at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, W. E. Ticehurst 7, F. Arthur 8.

At Warkton, Northants, on Sunday, October 12th, in 43 mins., with half-muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. W. Clark 1, H. Patrick 2, H. O. Mutton 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

At Eyam, Derbyshire, on Monday, October 6th, two 720's of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the officers and members of R 101: W. Dane 1, C. Marples 2, F. Barker 3, T. Facer 4, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor) 5, K. Facer 6.

At Wicken, Northants, on Saturday, October 11th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: J. A. Green 1, T. Roberts 2, H. Ridgway 3, F. Walton 4, F. Case 5, L. Smith 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

On Sunday, October 12th, at Christ Church, Macclesfield, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Gayes 1, A. Chalinor 2, F. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees (first quarter-peal away from treble) 4, W. Stevenson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Tipper 6, J. Worth 7, J. Waumsley 8.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, October 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, F. Corney 2, J. Bird 3, E. D. Lilleywhite 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, H. Ellis 6, J. Waugh 7, E. A. Hull 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, October 12th, after evening service for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Pamment 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, G. Tomsett 5, C. Hazelden 6, C. E. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Savage (longest touch) 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 belong to local band.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 12th, for harvest festival at St. Margaret's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 52 mins.: E. Tanser 1, G. Humphreys 2, E. Morris (composer) 3, T. Bent 4, E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge) 5, W. Tanser 6, L. Johnson 7, E. Cattell 8, G. S. Morris (conductor) 9, J. Morris 10.

ERDINGTON.—On Sunday, October 12th, at St. Barnabas' Parish Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: W. J. Meers 1, F. S. Sanders 2, Miss O. M. Sanders 3, G. F. Swann 4, J. Preston 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, G. F. Garrison 7, J. E. Pywell 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, October 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: J. Dove 1, A. Parker 2, T. Law 3, F. Rollins 4, E. Sibley 5, J. C. Dean 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Housman 8, F. Wilford 9, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 10.

EDGBASTON.—On Sunday, October 12th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. Dowler 1, E. J. Cole (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Atkins 3, W. Mumford 4, G. E. Fearn 5, E. Boylin 6, H. Withers (conductor) 7, T. Russell 8.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Miss E. E. Pettitt 2, A. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, H. T. Reason 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: E. Acock (first in the method) 1, A. W. Clark 2, R. Davis 3, G. H. Humphries 4, J. Rumble, jun., 5, A. J. Cawley 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, H. G. Pratt 8.—Also on Sunday, September 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: J. Rumble, sen., 1, F. E. Mitchell (first in the method) 2, F. Talbot 3, J. E. Cooper 4, H. G. Pratt 5, R. Davies 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Rumble, jun., 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Ansell 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Springham, steeplekeeper.

HOW CHANGE RINGING CAME TO YATELEY.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Recently the local band of bellringers at Yateley, Hants, were the guests of Mrs. Stilwell, of Thriftswood, Yateley, who very kindly entertained them to supper at the White Lion Hotel. After doing justice to the capital courses served up, Mr. S. J. Riddell, president of the band, proposed the health of Mrs. Stilwell, remarking that for over fifty years a great interest had always been taken in bell-ringing by the Stilwell family, and many kind and useful things had been done by them for the benefit of change ringing. He was sure that Mrs. Stilwell would be pleased to know that among the strong company present were Mr. W. B. Tree and Mr. J. R. Bunch, who were two of the first in Yateley to take up change ringing, and without whose efforts the art might have been lost to the parish. They commenced 42 years ago, under the tuition of the late Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, whose services for six months were generously defrayed by the late Mr. John Pakenham Stilwell, who was for many years president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and who also gave three bells to the church. It was very pleasing to see in the room four grandchildren of that great supporter of the Guild in its early days, together with Mr. H. Oswell from overseas.

'The health of Mrs. Stilwell and family' was received with acclamation and accorded musical honours.

Major J. G. Stilwell responded. He said that they were always pleased to assist the Yateley band, and, like his grandfather, he considered that a good company of ringers was a splendid asset to any church and parish. They had in Yateley one of the strongest bands in the Basingstoke district. He felt that, although they had to thank the older ringers for introducing the art of campanology into the village, the success of the present band was mainly due to their president, Mr. S. J. Riddell, who gave a tremendous amount of his time in teaching beginners.

The handbells were then produced, and some capital old English and Scotch melodies were played by the handbell section, and Grandsire and Stedman were rung, the whole company taking part in turns.

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. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 4th from Messrs. J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Chooet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, C. W. Pipe, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. J. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 2.50, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Lawrence Jewry 2.45 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th (nomination night); both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Ropley, Saturday, October 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Coffee Room. — B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —The annual party will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. each, obtainable from local secretaries. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at City Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. E. D. Bowser, the autumn meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—An opportunity for further ringing on the newly augmented peal at Irchester will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th (not 18th, as previously arranged). Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, in Coventry Road School, 1s. each. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. —D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. Will tower secretaries please collect outstanding subscriptions for 1930? Thank you. All ringers welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Honorary Secretary, Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. — A. D. Baker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 3.45. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 4.15. Bells (8) available from 11 to 9.30 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. As this is the first M.C.A. meeting to be held here a good attendance is hoped for and visitors from other areas will be welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. S. Boundy, 19, Queen's Road, Buxton. There are still a few outstanding subscriptions and a number of reports to be disposed of.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Leamwood, Dore, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley to-morrow (Saturday, October 25th). Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Oct. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. — J. Puplett, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's Stalybridge on Sat. October 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market St., Ashton-under-Lyne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hitchin, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. The peal of 8 bells will be available at 3 p.m. until 9. Tea at 5.30. Short service 6.30. The last meeting here was a record for attendance. Break it on Saturday! Main line train service. Buses from all parts with 20 minutes' service. Come early. Everyone welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Furzes, Southgate Street. A good attendance is requested.—T. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, at 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming, three days notice will suffice. Bells at St. Mark's, Dalston, available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided, but only for those who notify me by Monday, Oct. 27th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by invitation of the Rector. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 29th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. A special invitation to Preston branch ringers is extended. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. and tea provided at 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open 5 p.m. Buses from Millstone Lane. — F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Oct. 29th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Very good bus service from Peterborough. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — The last quarterly meeting will be held at Belper and Duffield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The bells of St. Peter's, Belper, will be available from 2.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the bells of St. Alkmund's, Duffield, from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all members of the Derby District kindly make a special effort to attend this meeting as there is important business to be discussed? — George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at Old Warden. Bells (6) available at 3 p m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. —C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on Nov. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30, at Commercial House, Church Street. Please send names to A. J. Berry, Thornham, by Nov. 5th.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford Rectory.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of unveiling the peal tablet in memory of the late Mr. Robert Holloway, late ringing master of the South and West District. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Will try and arrange for tea for those who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, first post.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Tea 6.15 p.m. (6d. each), meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Nov. 4th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

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.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Practice every Wednesday at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, S.E., at 6.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Any police officer attending Police Federation in London during November please write to F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, W.1, or Inspector Bottrell, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

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