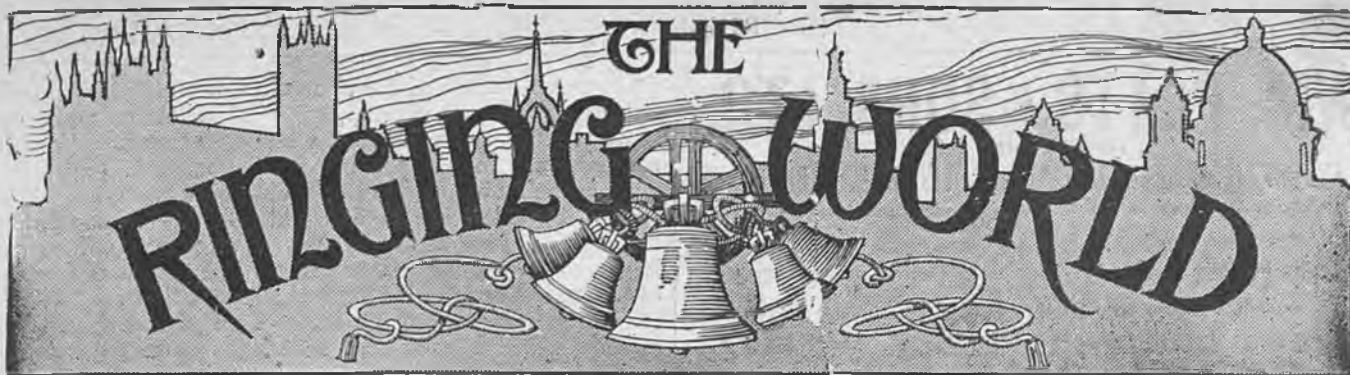




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A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ?

The suggestion that there should be one 'national' association of ringers is not a new proposition. It has been discussed from time to time and it was, we believe, out of one of the earlier discussions of the subject that the Central Council was eventually evolved. Whether it was the direct outcome we are not quite sure, but a 'national' association was certainly canvassed before Sir Arthur Heywood's scheme for a central authority took definite shape. In those early days the country was not so completely covered by a network of associations and guilds as at present, although a number had been formed and others were in process of formation. Since that time the proposal to have only one association for the whole country has been debated at intervals, but, as far as we know, no steps have been taken even to ascertain the opinion of the general body of ringers.

The honorary secretary of the Surrey Association re-opens the subject, in a letter in another column, and puts forward arguments which certainly claim consideration, but we have serious doubt whether he will find them sufficiently strong to move the present organisation of the Exercise out of its present form. Administrative centralisation is actually against the present trend of policy, which leans more and more towards devolution, by splitting up association areas into districts which are given considerable executive power. This decentralisation has done much to raise the strength of the associations, by the more intimate propaganda which can thus be carried on among the individual towers. If this is to be maintained—and ringing organisation would quickly lose a lot of its effectiveness if it were not—the present system of administration through comparatively small areas would of necessity have to be retained. Centralisation, therefore, would largely resolve itself into a centralisation of funds, and, while this might have its advantages, it is doubtful if the same personal interest would be taken in a national association as is now shown by individuals in their diocesan or county affairs. It is true that a national organisation could carry out certain greater projects than is permitted by the smaller resources of the present associations, but there must be set against this the risk of diminished interest, not perhaps in the art of ringing itself, but in the running of the organisation, and it might rob it of some of that touch with the Church which has been built up with so much labour and patience.

We voice these doubts merely to ventilate the other side of the question, but we agree that if the same local and individual interest and activity could be retained a national association might do much. It would certainly

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do away with some of the anomalies of which Mr. Kippin writes, such as the overlapping of associations with consequent dual subscriptions, while the 'penalty' which ringers have to pay for the privilege of ringing a peal outside their own association would be eliminated. These things, however, are details which even under existing arrangements might conceivably be altered; what is most important in dealing with a subject like the amalgamation of all the societies into a national association is: 'Would it be advantageous to the art of change ringing and the objects which the present associations are out to promote?'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	FRED PRICE 8
HECTOR G. BIRD 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 9
ERIC J. COLE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
JOHN NEAL 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
ALBERT WALKER 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT 12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Frank Eric Haynes to Dorothy Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warman, which took place at All Saints' Church, Stechford, Birmingham, on August 10th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At New College,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	† RICHARD A. POST 6
* FRANK MAY 2	SYDNEY TAYLOR 7
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW 3	WILLIAM STONE 8
† WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
† C. ELLIOT WIGG 5	† REGINALD PLAISTER Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	FRED HAWKES 6
* JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	HARRY PRICE 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 8
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 4	CYRIL TANSSELL 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise Royal and first attempt. First peal of Surprise above Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. Martin.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GEORGE R. PYR 6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOHN G. NASH 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 8
* ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
† GILBERT E. PLATER 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal of Royal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	* REGINALD KYNASTON 8
THOMAS HEMMING 4	HECTOR G. BIRD 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Caters. The quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Southover,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	Cecil C. MAYNE 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILD OF SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

OSWALD J. HUNT, St. John the Baptist, Coventry Treble	
FREDERICK G. WOODISS, Banstead, Surrey 2	
RONALD H. DOVE, St. Michael and All Angels, Croydon 3	
HARRY W. BADGER, Marlow, Bucks 4	
CHARLES E. BASSETT, Petersfield, Hants 5	
ERNEST E. WHITMORE, Raunds, Northants 6	
EDMUND C. CHASTY, Long Eaton, Derby 7	
CYRIL E. PALMER, St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich Tenor	

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. H. DOVE.

The first peal rung by a band of altar servers. The band represented eight dioceses and seven counties, and on this occasion and a previous unsuccessful attempt travelled approximately 2,300 miles.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5
ARTHUR MARTIN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung on the jubilee of the eight bells, the treble and 2nd having been presented by Robert Warner in memory of Earl Beaconsfield, and dedicated by the Rev. H. Blagden at a special service on August 20th, 1882. This was the 185th peal on the bells.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 2	PERCY L. JOHNSON 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	WILLIAM STANNARD 7
CHARLES STANNARD 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

MOORSIDE, OLDEHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY, ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HARRY PLATT Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	IVAN KAY 6
JAMES LEES 3	VERNON SYKES 7
THOMAS COCKING 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by B. THORPE.

Rung as a token of respect prior to the funeral of Mr. A. Clegg, an old Glodwick ringer, the bells not being available afterwards, also as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Herbert Dunkerley, of Moorside.

GORTON, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Brookfield Unitarian Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MAWBY Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD 5
GEORGE H. SHUKER 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
DONALD BROWN 3	TOM WILDE 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	FRED PAGE Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH Treble	* WILLIAM GRACE 5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
ALLISON PORDON 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Major.

GLODWICK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
* GEORGE EYRE Treble	JAMES CARTER 5
ARTHUR TAYLOR 2	JOHN KIRK 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	† CHARLES MARSLAND 7
BENJAMIN THORPE 4	JOHN CLEGG Tenor

Conducted by A. TAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Albert Clegg, for 50 years a ringer at the above church, who passed away on Saturday, August 20th.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 20th, at St. Mary's, Ealing, the last 742 of Holt's Original: E. J. Walsom 1, H. C. Alford 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, C. F. Winney 5, H. Langdon (conductor) 6, A. A. Hughes 7, H. A. Folkard 8. This was rung for the wedding of Mr. Percy C. Clark and Miss Gladys M. Cole. The ringers were kindly entertained at the County School for Boys at Ealing by Mr. and Mrs. Percy E. Clark, when a toast to the health of the bride and bridegroom was heartily accorded.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS FLORENCE K. HARTLE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (Reverse Variation).

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*FRANK MAY Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
†RICHARD A. POST 2	SYDNEY TAYLOR 6
GEORGE ESSER 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
CHARLES PULLEN 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First eight-bell peal. † 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Charles Pullen.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALAN D. STEELE Treble	THOMAS HURD 5
WILLIAM P. DRANE 2	WALTER LONGMAN 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
JOHN E. WHEELDON 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the association, and rung without previous practice.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
HENRY J. TUCKER 2	ERNEST G. WILLIAMS ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by FRED. W. ROGERS.
Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

LAURENCE POULSON Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD 5
CHARLES STANNARD 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
KRITH W. WHITTELL 3	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
PERCY L. JOHNSON 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* 101st peal for the Guild, rung in 42 towers.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	*ERNEST BRITAIN 5
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 2	*GEORGE W. MOODY 6
PERCY PEACOCK 3	JACK BRAY 7
*GEORGE W. CREASEY 4	Cecil Pye Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT MARKWEIL ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 2	*THOMAS E. SONE 6
FREDERICK SMERTON 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 175th peal. This composition, No. 51, has all the 4, 6, 8's and the 6's 22 times right, and is now rung for the first time.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALBERT D. CULLUM ... Treble	JOHN A. FRANKOM 5
MISS DORIS BLENCOWE ... 2	HARRY W. SMITH 6
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 3	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	CECIL J. CULLUM Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This was the first attempt for a peal by the brothers Cullum, the treble man being 15 years of age.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALBERT FRY Treble	*FRANK W. ROMAINE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	*F. CYRIL SMITH 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 7
H. JIM RALPH 4	WILLIAM CHEATER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major. W. B. Cartwright was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. This peal was rung in celebration of the jubilee of the Guild and as a tribute to the valuable work of the late Mr. J. R. Jerram, who was one of the pioneers of the Guild from its earliest days and one of the conductor's oldest friends.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

ARTHUR WARREN Treble	GEORGE W. CLARKE 3
ALBERT STAPLETON 2	JACK D. BELL 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. SMITH Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	FREDERICK DEARING 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Treble	EDWARD E. TIDY 4
JAMES W. KNIGHT 2	HERBERT V. YOUNG 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	*JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* 25th peal. Arranged for Mr. H. V. Young, of Taunton, this being his first peal for 13 years, and his first peal in more than one method.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble	AMOS SMART 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

OLAVE E. BROYD Treble	BERNARD W. PETTITT 4
ALBERT CATTERWELL 2	ERNEST TOUNSEND 5
*HAROLD TOUNSEND 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt and only 12 years of age.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BALL Treble	ALBERT E. BALL 4
JAMES WARD 2	AMOS SMART 5
FRANCIS BALL 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods and the first rung for the Guild by a resident band.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARVEY H. WINNEY ... Treble	ARTHUR ALFORD 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
GLYN SHAW 3	THOMAS A. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GLYN SHAW.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.

GARSTANG, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 4
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	HAROLD DAVIES 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. The bells have been in the tower since 1815 and have been recently rehung and overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY AT SURFLEET.

The annual outing of Leicester Cathedral Society on August 27th must be written up as an unqualified success. The objective was Surfleet, that 'home from home' so well known and so beloved by ringers throughout the country. The exigencies of the 'Police Service' were responsible for an hour's delay in making a start, none daring to suggest that we could possibly depart without the one and only 'H. J. P.', especially as he was to be delivered to the care of his 'better half' at the other end. Law breaking was responsible for the delayed start, and breaking the law must have been responsible for almost regaining normal schedule. A glorious ride brought us to the first stop at Edenham, where Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were the order on a nice ring of bells. The peal board expert who accompanied us was very interested in the wonderful memorial works in this church, centuries old lettering appearing as though executed yesterday. On to our destination, where we were received by 'R. R.' with his cine-camera to record the events of the day. Maybe he will some day discover a budding Greta Garbo or Charlie Chaplin.

On the lawn amidst perfect surroundings, with sentinels of the forest in the background, full justice was done to a sumptuous repast, the succeeding wreckage also being recorded for posterity. After tea, ringing in the quaint tower of the church, including Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, occupied the attention of some, while the ladies were shown over the farm by mine host, who presented them with the ownership for the time being. Enough flowers eventually found their way into the bus to justify a trip to Covent Garden. Others renewed acquaintanceship with old ringing friends by way of the screen, which will, in due course, probably reveal the happenings of this occasion to succeeding visitors. Change and tune ringing on the lawn contributed to the enjoyment of ideal surroundings, where the very trees must be tempted to discuss 'change courses' and to call the 'bobs.'

Reluctant were we to leave this enchanting spot, and envious of 'H. J. P.', who was left behind to enjoy a week's stay in this hospitable country. Everyone voted it an ideal outing, and no words can express our appreciation for the wonderful kindnesses we received at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. 'R. R.' Their obvious desire to see that all had a good time was more than fulfilled. H. G. J.

NORTON RINGERS VISIT SALOP TOWERS.

The annual outing of the Norton, Staffs, Parish Church ringers took place on Saturday, August 20th, when they visited Hodnet, Stanton and Morton Corbett. Included in the party were ringers from the local towers of Brown Edge, Bucknall and Burslem. The route taken was via Newcastle and Loggerheads, and thence to Hodnet, where they were joined shortly after 3 o'clock by some of the Shropshire ringing community. Mr. Rodenhurst boarded the bus and acted as pilot for the afternoon, enabling the ringers to get to Stanton and Morton Corbett—two villages off the beaten track—in the shortest possible time. At Stanton various touches were rung, while those who did not ring inspected the interesting old church and village. Having spent a pleasant three-quarters of an hour at Stanton, the party went on to the pretty village of Morton Corbett, where there is a fine peal of six. Again various methods were rung, and one heard whispers of 'What about a peal on these?' However, the stay could not be prolonged, as arrangements had been made farther ahead for tea. The party left Morton in high glee—the ringers expressing their delight with the 'go' of the bells, while the honorary ringers spoke of the beauties and interests of the church and grounds, and of the visit to the Castle ruin. The return to Hodnet was via Hawstone Park—a most beautiful ride. After a substantial tea at the Bear Hotel, an invitation was extended to the ringers by the Hodnet friends, and ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m. The ringers during the afternoon had been highly delighted with the towers visited, and thanks were expressed to those who had been responsible for making the visits possible. The party arrived home in cheerful mood, having thoroughly enjoyed another good outing. W. C.

GUILD OF SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY.



The first peal rung by a band of Altar Servers is recorded in this issue. The ringers, who represented eight dioceses, are in the above photograph.

Standing: P. G. Woodiss (Banstead), O. J. Hunt (Coventry), E. E. Whitmore (Raunds), H. W. Badger (Marlow), C. E. Palmer (Woolwich) and C. E. Bassett (Petersfield).

Seated: E. C. Chasty (Long Eaton), the Rev. L. W. Mylrea (Vicar of Christ Church, Epsom, where the peal was rung) and R. H. Dove (Croydon).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

AN OPEN-AIR MEETING.

On Saturday last the Leeds and District Society paid a visit to the ancient Church of St. Wilfred at Calverley. The bells were rung up about 3.15 p.m., and the methods in which touches were rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

It was a perfect day and a glorious evening, and on the president's suggestion the 34 members present from Pudsey, Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Headingley St. Michael's, Headingley St. Chad's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Queensbury and the local company agreed to hold the business meeting in the churchyard (a grassy bank and low wall making a temporary grandstand for the members), and with the Airedale valley and the hills beyond stretched out before them, a very enjoyable meeting was held.

After the business had been successfully dealt with, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) made a strong appeal to the members to endeavour to improve their striking at every opportunity, and to remember that a vast number of people were bound to hear them when they held their monthly meetings. It was up to the ringers to give the public something worth listening to.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mr. A. Armitage.—Mr. C. Pratt replied on behalf of the local company.

STANMORE RINGERS MARRIED.

On Saturday, August 20th, the bells of St. John's Church, Stanmore, were ringing merrily to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the ropes being handled by Messrs. J. Rootes, C. Cook, H. Moxon, R. Goodship, G. Goodship, B. Leversuch, G. Hughes, W. Cheshire and F. Edwards, to celebrate the wedding of two of their colleagues, Miss May Banwell and Mr. Hubert Schofield. Both had been members of the Stanmore band for several years, Mr. Schofield being secretary and also a member of the choir.

The service was fully choral, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. Canon Hawitt. On the previous Thursday the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a handsome chiming 'grandmother' clock from members of both choir and belfry.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Thursday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. Woodcock (first quarter peal) 1, J. P. Cox 2, A. Wenban 3, E. T. Exeter 4, P. Sinden 5, R. Collins (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for E. T. Exeter, of Balcombe. It was also a birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the above society, held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 27th, was very poorly attended, only 14 members being present, the towers represented being Arksey, Campsall, Thorne, Tickhill and the local company. Owing to pressure of work, the secretary (Mr. C. H. Holmes) tendered his resignation, as he said that at present he found it impossible to put enough time in to do justice to the office. He also commented on the extremely poor attendances at the meetings during his term of office, which most certainly had been in some cases little short of an insult to the secretary and all others concerned.

There is no doubt that a less enthusiastic and hard-working man would have been discouraged and would have thrown up the job in disgust, but Mr. Holmes stuck to his guns in an extremely worthy manner, and his resignation was accepted with great regret.

Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, was asked to take office, and accepted till the annual meeting, so that a more representative meeting could have a say in the matter.

Arksey was decided on for the next meeting, to be held in September, and it is to be hoped that there will be a larger gathering of ringers present at this and all future meetings, that the standard of ringing will be as high or even higher than it has been in the society's early days and that everybody will attend with the desire to practise something new.

'GRANDAM' TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of 'The Ringing World' for July 29th you publish the report of a peal of Spliced Grandam and Grandsire Triples, rung at Eccleston on July 14th, also the figures of a lead of the former method.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has written to me pointing out that the method we rang and published as Grandam Triples has already been rung under the name of New Grandsire Triples, and that it is recorded in Mr. Morris' book. A peal of 5,040 Triples was rung at West Bromwich on April 21st, 1877, and 5,003 Caters at the same place on March 1st, 1879. Therefore, I wish to withdraw the name we gave to this method in the peal of Spliced Triples at Eccleston.

HENRY W. WILDE.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *W. Prockson 1, *Miss M. Prockson 2, A. W. Coles (conductor) 3, A. Hodgkins 4, W. E. Troke 5, W. H. Howe 6, A. J. House 7, W. H. Seabrooke 8. * First quarter-peal.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Sutton on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Chatteris, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Linton, Over, Sawston, Somersham, Stetchworth, Sutton, Swindon and Trumpington. The Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Woodard) conducted the service and gave an inspiring address. Mr. W. Faux kindly presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall, Mr. Few having made excellent arrangements.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Swavesey on October 22nd.—Mr. Beale of Newmarket, and Mr. S. Few, of Sutton, were elected members.

Mr. Buttress proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the ladies.

Various methods, including Sutton Delight, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Wilburton was visited in the evening.

Will members please remember the annual district meeting at Sawston on September 10th. Sawston Imperial is the special method for practice.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hawk-hurst on Saturday week in glorious weather, and was attended by about 30 members. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. E. Ward (curate) in the absence of the Vicar, who is on holiday. He gave an excellent address, in the course of which he warmly welcomed the members, and urged them to think of their work as ringers as something higher than a sport or pastime. Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at the Eight Bells Hotel, and although considerably more turned up than had notified, the caterer was quite equal to the occasion. The Rev. H. E. Ward had accepted an invitation to preside, but at the last moment, to his extreme regret, he had to cancel it.

The business meeting followed, Mr. H. Markwell presiding. Four new members were elected. Feeling reference was made to the recent deaths of Mr. E. Barnett and Mr. A. Palmer by Mr. W. Haigh and Mr. F. Richardson, and the members stood in silence for a few moments to their memory.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, curate, local members and Mr. Pitman for the various parts they had taken in making such a successful meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower.

DEATH OF A BRISTOL LADY RINGER.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Miss Edith Smith at Maidenhead on Saturday week.

Miss Smith held an appointment at the Colston Girls' School, Bristol, and was a conspicuous worker for St. Michael's Church, Bristol, for a good many years.

During the war, when the towers were empty of men ringers, Miss Smith responded, with other ladies, to ring St. Michael's bells. Miss Smith was esteemed by her fellow members of the Ladies' Guild, but the Bristol United Ringing Guilds mourn the loss of a very loyal and consistent friend. She had been a stewardess of the B.U.R.G. dinners since their inception.

Her death was not really unexpected, as she underwent a severe operation a few months ago, and, after apparently mending, broke down, and, feeling the end was near, went to Maidenhead with her sister.

She was a wonderful organiser, a very keen ringer when health permitted, and loved every part of St. Michael's Church and its working branches.

St. Michael's Church Council and the Bristol United Ringing Guilds mourn the loss of a true friend.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would be glad if you could find space to insert in 'The Ringing World' a few words of thanks and apology in connection with the death of my late father, Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen.

To those who have so kindly sent letters of very real and deep sympathy, and wreaths, I extend my mother's and my own deep appreciation. I am extremely sorry that our thanks have to take this form, but they are none the less sincere. It is impossible to reply individually, the letters are too numerous.

Those of my father's friends who received the first intimation of his passing over from these pages, I ask to accept my sincere apologies, but having regard to the circumstances of his death I know they will understand.

To those, who on ringing tours with him, and at Central Council meetings, have been so kind to him, in seeing that he should have no discomforts, etc.—and there is more in this than I am able to express on paper—we are, and always have been, most grateful. Whenever he returned from one of these expeditions he would always remark, 'Everybody has been kind to me.' I thank them for it.

E. BARNETT.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many ringers interested in handbell tune playing will be glad to learn that handbell music can be obtained of Mr. William Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport. They should write for revised catalogue.

Mr. Thomas Benney, one of the oldest members of the College Youths, and for many years a well-known figure in London ringing circles, was 81 years old on Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Eric Haynes, who was married on August 10th at Stechford, Birmingham, to Miss Dorothy Florence Warman, was secretary of Cambridge University Guild in its jubilee year.

Harold Townsend, of Great Bardfield, Essex, has rung his first peal at the age of 12. It was in three methods on six bells, and his striking throughout the peal was highly creditable to him.

A tour in Oxfordshire starts on September 3rd at Christ Church, Oxford—some 19 towers—and the ringers will find ample scope to 'split the atom,' thanks to the generous welcome of the clergy.

Visitors to the West Middlesex meeting on September 10th should note: At Bedfont, which side of the old yew trees have been 'clipped' the most; at Stanwell, which point of the compass shows the most corkscrew spire; at Harmondsworth, if the strawberries are over, whether the pears are 'worth while'?

The 'Pye party' hope to sample the Herefordshire cider on a week's ringing tour from September 17th.

Mr. W. Peglar, of Bangor, has gone into hospital for an operation. All members of the North Wales Association wish him a speedy and safe return to the ringing world.

An Empire peal will soon be possible on one of the peals of bells in England. We are told Miss D. Feltham and Mr. Tony Price are home from Africa and Canada respectively. Messrs. Madgwick and Deal, from Australia, are on the waiting list, and there is a Vancouver man in Bristol. It only remains for two men o' war's-men and Sister Madeleine, from Africa, to complete the team, whilst Harry Adams stands as reserve.

Why, asks a correspondent, were not the bells of the Imperial Institute, London, pealed to celebrate the conclusion of the Ottawa Conference, one of the vital assemblies for the future welfare of the Empire?

THE USE OF A GUILD OF RINGERS.

A correspondent writes: At the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the secretary said that he sometimes heard the questions asked by beginners, 'What is the use of the Diocesan Guild? And what do we get out of it, if we join?' In addition to the forcible answers given by the secretary, may I slate a few facts relating to St. Luke's, Grayshott, Hants, which suggest a clear answer?

In Grayshott Church a new peal of eight was installed and dedicated on August 19th, 1931: a new band of ringers had to be formed and taught to ring, and on August 21st, 1932 (the first Sunday after the anniversary of the dedication), the local band (with the aid of two ringers from outside) rang several plain courses of Grandsire Triples for evening service. This was, of course, no great achievement, but it would have been impossible without the help of the Diocesan Guild and its members. Not only did the Guild give a donation towards the expenses of providing the bells, but the ringers of Woking and Haslemere did the like. The Master of the Guild helped with skilled advice as to the hanging of the bells, and himself was one of the band which rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples after the dedication service. The Haslemere band in general, and Mr. R. Hayes in particular, gave help in teaching the new ringers; and on August 21st, 1932, Mr. Hayes came up from Haslemere and Mr. A. J. Bartlett toiled up from Chiddingfold (nearly 10 miles away) to assist the Grayshott ringers in ringing worthily of the occasion, as they came the year before to help in ringing the quarter-peal at the dedication service.

The Grayshott ringers have no difficulty in answering the questions, 'What is the use of the Diocesan Guild?' and 'What do we get out of it, if we join?'

DUFFIELD BELLS.

THE RESTORATION SCHEME.

Duffield, with which the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, was so intimately associated, is endeavouring to raise funds for the recasting of the ring of ten bells. It was one of the last wishes of Sir Arthur that this should be done, but although 16 years have elapsed since his death, it has not hitherto been found possible to do the work. Now, however, the Duffield ringers are making strenuous efforts to carry out the proposal. The cost will be approximately £420, and the ringers have managed to raise about £325. Several generous donations have been given to the fund, and it is felt that those who valued Sir Arthur Heywood's work for change ringing, and possibly those who have rung with him in days gone by, may like to help in the work which he had planned to do. Subscriptions, large or small, will be welcomed and acknowledged by the Vicar's warden, Mr. F. Ruffell, Field House, Duffield, who, it will be remembered, made an appeal at the Midland Counties Association's jubilee dinner for the influence and support of all interested in change ringing towards the Duffield scheme.

The bells are at present sharp in tone and not worthy of the great use which is made of them for Sunday ringing and peals.

A RINGING ADMIRAL.

DEATH OF GUILDFORD GUILD'S TREASURER.

The death occurred at his residence, Homeleigh, Woking, Surrey, on Saturday, of Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O., after only a short illness, at the age of 73 years. Admiral Walker had been hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation. He was also a member of the Surrey Association and a life member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He had been for 25 years churchwarden of Woking Parish Church.

Admiral Walker's ringing career did not begin until he had left the Navy, and it is probable that he is the only naval officer who learned to ring while holding that rank.

Born on September 16th, 1858, Admiral Walker entered the Royal Navy in January, 1872, and joined his first ship, on the China Station, in January, 1874. He served in this vessel during the operations against the Malays in 1875-76, being landed with the Maroot Field Force, and received the Perak medal and clasp. In June, 1879, he was appointed to the Royal Yacht 'Victoria and Albert,' from which,



[Photo: Elliott and Fry, Ltd., London.
THE LATE ADMIRAL T. P. WALKER, D.S.O.]

in accordance with custom, he was promoted to lieutenant. Following a commission in North American waters, he was selected in September, 1882, to qualify as a gunnery officer, and, on passing out of the 'Excellent,' served as gunnery lieutenant of several vessels. Among these were the battleship 'Northumberland,' flagship of Vice-Admiral Baird in the Channel Squadron, in which vessel he was shipmate with King George, who was a lieutenant.

Promoted commander in January, 1893, he served from April, 1896, to March, 1899, in the Naval Intelligence Department of the Admiralty. He left Whitehall to become captain of the cruiser 'Warspite,' flagship of Rear-Admiral Lewis A. Beaumont in the Pacific, and in April, 1901, transferred to the cruiser 'Royal Arthur' with the Rear-Admiral on the latter's appointment as Commander-in-Chief in Australia. In October, 1904, he became captain of the battleship 'Formidable' in the Mediterranean, and served there until his appointment in April, 1906, as Assistant to the Admiral Commanding Coastguard and Reserves, which post he held for two years, when he was promoted to flag rank. From February, 1907, until advanced to rear-admiral on March 22nd, 1908, he served as an Aide-de-Camp to King Edward.

Admiral Walker was retired under the regulations in September, 1911, but he rendered valuable service as an Assessor under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act in attending Admiralty Appeals in the House of Lords. He was also an Assessor on Investigations into Shipping Casualties. As soon as the war broke out he offered his

services to the Admiralty, and as there was no opening for him in his own rank, he took a temporary commission as captain in the Royal Naval Reserve for duty in the Auxiliary Patrol. In this he served all through the war, commanding successively the yachts 'Clementine,' 'Aegusa' (which was blown up by a mine) and 'Martyr-thea.' For his valuable and arduous service he was awarded the D.S.O.

Admiral Walker leaves a widow, one son (serving in the Navy on the West India Station) and two daughters.

'OUR TREASURER.'

BY THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The passing of Admiral T. P. Walker has removed from the Exercise a delightful personality and from the Guildford Diocesan Guild a revered and much loved member. Those who knew him best appreciated most the many kindly traits of his character and the quiet but forceful influence of his life. To no one more than to Thomas Philip Walker, Admiral, member of the Distinguished Service Order, could the description 'a Christian gentleman' be applied. He was first and foremost a servant of God. He was a true son of the Church, which he served with zeal and devotion; a sailor who loyally served his King and country. His service to his God was his personal concern, but it was evinced wherever he came into contact with the things of everyday life, for his leisure was devoted to the service of others. His zeal for the Church found expression in the active work which he undertook; as churchwarden of the Parish Church of Woking for 25 years and in a variety of other directions, including membership of the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences. It was this same eagerness to serve the Church that led to his taking up bellringing. His services to King and country were long and arduous. During his naval career he sailed in all the oceans of the world, and when the Great War came, soon after his retirement, he volunteered his services, and, with the rank of Captain, R.N.R., undertook hazardous work in the Mediterranean, where on one occasion his ship was blown up under him by an enemy mine.

But it is not of these phases of his life that I would write; I am more concerned with his connection with bellringing. There may be some who would say that his career in this direction was undistinguished. Judged by standards of outstanding brilliance or great performance, or even by length of years, it cannot compare, perhaps, with many a man's, but there were things connected with Admiral Walker's ringing which make it as much worthy of record as the activities of numerous better known ringers. First of all, he learnt to ring at an age when many men are thinking of laying down the ropes. A few years ago, in the church where he was churchwarden for so long, there used to be six bells, and he sometimes chimed them for week-evening services. Then, within their limited scope, he chimed tunes upon them. From this it was but a short stage to becoming interested in the proper ringing of the bells, and so it came about that he was taught to ring.

Never was there a more enthusiastic pupil. Long after he was able to take part in the 'open' ringing he would go as often as three times a week and put in 'dummy' practice, in which, with the other ropes before him, he would mentally hunt his bell through Doubles and Minor, by transposing the coursing order. He went on to imaginary Triples and Major, before there were eight bells in the tower, by suspending two additional ropes in the ringing room.

He rang his first quarter-peal of Minor on January 1st, 1928, in celebration of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Later he rang a quarter-peal and a 'date touch' of Bob Triples, but he never rang a complete peal, much to the regret of many of his friends in the Guild. It was loyalty to his own band that was the reason for this. The Woking company wanted to ring a local peal, which would have been the first by all the band, and for this purpose Admiral Walker declined all invitations to stand in any other attempts. The Admiral was very apt in finding sea terms to apply to his ringing—for instance, he coursed 'astern' of another bell. After the last attempt for a local peal on Whit Saturday, a telegram reached me at Plymouth announcing the result in nautical language: 'A bob went adrift and we missed stays.'

When the Guildford Diocesan Guild was formed, Admiral Walker became honorary treasurer, and held the office until his death. It was through his instrumentality and largely by his efforts that the bells at Woking Parish Church were augmented to eight in 1929, although he disclaimed any greater part in the scheme than that shared by the other members of his company. But that was typical of him. He regularly attended the meetings of the Guild in every part of the diocese, and his presence was ever welcome, for his geniality was as infectious as his enthusiasm. He was always delighted if he took part in a successful touch, and there were few things which in ringing had given him more pleasure than a course of Bob Royal, to which he rang the 2nd at Leatherhead.

Men of the type and standing of Admiral Walker are all too rare in the Exercise. He will be sadly missed in the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and by the honorary secretary most of all. His kindly counsel, his unrelaxing efforts to foster the Guild spirit and extend its influence, and his readiness to help in any direction, were a constant encouragement to all who came in contact with him, and his association with the Guild will long remain a happy memory.

(Continued on next page.)

A DEVON RESTORATION.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF TALATON BELLS.

The reopening of Talaton Church bells, a nice ring of six, took place on August 11th. Some time ago the tower developed cracks on the western and eastern faces, and ringing was stopped. It was decided, when the remedying of the defects was taken in hand, also to improve the bells. This part of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have tuned five of the bells to the tenor on the latest principles, and provided an iron frame with all new fittings. The weight of the tenor has proved to be 12½ cwt.; it was generally thought to be much heavier. The total cost of the work on tower and bells has been about £500, of which about £300 has been secured. Messrs. Dawson and Sons, of Bristol, who dealt with the tower, have grouted the cracks, done other work, and put in strengthening rods, so that the stability of the structure should be assured.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Bradford), assisted by the Rev. E. A. Jullian (Rector of Whimble and chairman of the Aylesheare Deanery Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers). The Lord Bishop of Bermuda (the Right Rev. Heber Browne, D.D.), by courtesy of the Lord Bishop of Exeter, performed the dedication ceremony, and was attended by the Rev. E. Reid, of Halberton, as chaplain.

The Bishop, who is well known in the parish, gave an address, in which he mentioned that the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who compiled about 70 years ago details of all church bells in Devon, was connected with Talaton by ties of kinship. He alluded to the uses of bells of calling people to worship, in celebrating national and parish events, and on occasions of mourning. Two of the bells—4th and tenor—were pre-Reformation, and had been sending out their messages to the people for 400 years.

The opening ringing was done by the Talaton band, under Mr. G. C. Woodley, and the next by the president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (the Rev. E. S. Powell), Mrs. Powell (hon. secretary of the Aylesheare Deanery), Messrs. T. Laver (hon. secretary of the Guild), E. Shepherd (Exeter, one of Devon's representatives on the Central Council), A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter District, Devon Guild) and J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary, East Devon Branch).

Later, ringers from Ottery, Exeter, Christow, Bradninch, Plymtree, Payhembury, Sowton and other places rang the bells, and expressed appreciation of the great improvement effected.

A collection in the church amounted to £7 7s., and a good sum was realised by a tea, arranged in the school by lady members of the Church Council.

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THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Woking on Tuesday afternoon, when the Parish Church was filled by a congregation representing all grades and classes of the community, gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had endeared himself to people in every walk of life. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack and surmounted by the Admiral's naval hat and sword, rested at the entrance to the chancel almost beneath the white ensign worn by the ships he commanded throughout the war from 1914 to 1918, and which he later presented to the church.

The service was shared by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop of the Diocese) and the Vicar (Canon Askwith), the latter reading the lesson and reciting the committal at the grave. The hymns were 'The Saints of God,' 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'For all the saints,' while, specially announced as 'the Bell-ringers' Psalm,' Psalm 150 was sung.

A long procession wound its way through the public street from the church to the burying ground, and there, in a grave lined with evergreens and gladioli, the mortal remains of the gallant Admiral found their final rest, the plaintive notes of the 'Last Post' being sounded at the close of the service.

Mrs. Walker and her daughters were the chief among many mourners. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Major J. H. B. Hosse (Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general hon. secretary), Messrs. W. R. Melville (Ringing Master), G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), W. C. Ryde, K.C. (Grayshott), Mrs. Melville (Guildford), C. Hazelden (Guildford), representing Guildford District; A. Harman (Ringing Master), W. James (Cobham), representing Leatherhead District; R. Hasted (Ringing Master), C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary), C. Edwards, T. Upshall and G. Upshall (Farnham), W. Denyer (Aldershot), J. Corbett and F. Nye (Bagshot), representing Farnham District; H. Hancock (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chaffey, representing Chertsey District; and the following members of Woking Parish Church band: Mr. J. Brackley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Messrs. T. Strudwick, D. Munday, F. Foot, A. P. Osborne, L. W. Young, G. Cole, etc.

Before the service the local ringers rang touches of Triples with the bells fully muffled, except for the tenor open at back stroke. Afterwards the bells were rung half-muffled by other members of the Guild, and in the evening a representative band rang a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples.

There were a large number of floral tributes, including one in the shape of a bell from the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a wreath from the Woking ringers and a sheaf from the ringers of Ottershaw, where Admiral Walker frequently attended the practices.

RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.

A LETTER 'STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are many causes to me which tend to drive ringers and would-be ringers away from our ranks, viz.:—

1. Often the one responsible to train a probationer to learn handling a bell is snappy and grumbling and wants his pupil to run before he can walk.

2. Sometimes the captain of the tower uses his authority over the other ringers as though they were nonentities.

3. Occasionally three or four members of a band 'rule the roost' as it were, making rules which fit their own selfish ideas, and making the rest of the band eat 'humble pie.'

4. Many parsons are at variance with their ringers through paltry, flimsy differences; they never enter the belfry and don't care a toss whether the bells ring or not.

5. There are many conductors who, when arranging peal attempts, select one band nearly every time, men or women who have rung scores of peals in various methods. Why not give the young, keen ringer a chance to score his first peal, if he is desirous, in some method? It would keep his interest alive instead of allowing it to decay!

6. When a strange ringer (presumably) appears in the belfry they are treated oftentimes as if their presence was not wanted; no one asks, 'Can he ring?' or gives him the opportunity.

7. At association meetings the experienced have touches of Surprise methods all to themselves. When the lesser experienced have their turn at Bob Major or Grandsire Triples, all the Surprise men have taken a walk. What a brotherly spirit!

My letter is rather of a 'straight from the shoulder' type, but, nevertheless, it is truth, and if anyone wishes to know my name they may have it.

Nottinghamshire.

'WOULD-BE PEAL RINGER.'

'DRIVEN AWAY!'

Sir,—If the whole facts be gone into, I think you will find that more young ringers give up because of the many discouragements placed against them than through removals, as you quote in your leader on the subject. A case similar to that mentioned by 'Scribe' has existed for the past 5½ years in this county, with the result that this ringer, being determined not to be dictated to by others, goes into other counties to get his ringing. Ought this to be? A ringer who will stick to it and travel miles like this surely ought not to be lost through petty jealousy, as is so in this and many other cases. I, too, am convinced that more young ringers are driven away than drift!

A correspondent has asked, 'When will these critics remember that ringing cannot be compared with any other art or game?' I will go further still and ask, When will these men realise that recruits are, after all, ONLY VOLUNTEERS and not paid servants? What a great many of these men forget to realise is that without new recruits there would be no one to fill their places as they pass on.

'NORTHAMPTONIAN.'

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of 26th August you state that seven different extents of Oxford Treble Bob Minor can be obtained which do not cause the tenors to dodge together the wrong way in 5-6. I am aware of only two such extents, both of which were incorporated in the peal rung at Ealing on 18th August, and I should like to see the figures of the other extents you mention.

In the same issue of 'The Ringing World' are the reports of two peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor, composed by the Rev. E. B. James. This composition does not consist entirely of 720's, but is, nevertheless, accepted as a true peal. Both the Rev. E. B. James' peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor and the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Ealing consist of every change rung seven times. Therefore, if the one is considered to be a true peal, then so must the other.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

[Mr. Turner is correct in stating that there are only two different extents of Oxford Treble Bob Minor which bring the tenors always the right way together behind, and the statement in 'The Ringing World' last week was erroneous. It was made under a misapprehension. We had no intention of misleading our readers, and naturally regret the misstatement. It was not upon this, however, that our article was based, but upon the general principle of whether such compositions, rung and claimed as peals, are leading us forward or backward in our standard of peal ringing.]

In regard to the Rev. E. B. James' composition of Cambridge Minor, there are many who still hold that these 720's are individually true. Each is made up of 30 leads of the method as shown in the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' in which the initial row 123456 is an integral and immutable part of the first lead. For those who accept this view, Mr. James' composition contains seven true and entire 720's, and in that respect differs from the 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Ed., 'R.W.')

A YORKSHIRE TOUR.

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PONTEFRAC.

Bradford to Pontefract was the journey for Thursday. We had a pleasant, sunny ride, via Leeds, to the ancient town, famous for cakes, its castle, its racecourse and its two peals of church bells. The local authorities were kind, and we again enjoyed a 'double' event—on St. Giles' ten and All Saints' eight. The History of Pontefract states that the former church had no bells up to 1707 and that a bell was cracked ringing for an election in 1826. In 1835 Taylor, of Oxford, supplied a ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt. After the destruction of All Saints' in 1648-9, St. Giles' became the parish church of Pontefract, though the rights, privileges and emoluments were not legally transferred until 1787.

All Saints' bells, a ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., were again a Taylor casting of 1863, the metal of older bells—of historical value—being used at Loughboro'. These old rings of bells—at each tower—have since been embodied in the present augmented rings with new frames and fittings, and both go well, the bells highly tuned and a pleasure to ring upon. Our thanks to the clergy, Mr. Lenton and Mr. Walters respectively for their help and for fixing up lunch.

The present structure is hardly older than the 14th century, but a church was standing as far back as the 11th century, referred to in Doomsday Book and in a charter to Robert de Lacy about 1090 A.D. Lying amidst its ruins this noble building has earned for itself the title of Minister of the Moors. In 1695 the north transept was repaired as a chapel for burial services, and in 1832 the transepts were restored for worship. The nave is still a ruin. The tower, central to a cruciform church, is 22 feet square inside, with walls $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet in thickness, the height 115 feet, and is said to have once contained twelve bells. After the last siege of Pontefract Castle (close by), 1648-9—in which the tower suffered greatly—Col. John Bright, of Badsworth, obtained a grant of some of the bells for his own church.

Our day ended with a pleasant journey back to Bradford in good time to stow 'two more' in the handbags and get off a little correspondence before turning in to our Yorkshire beds, to dream of Yorkshire Surprise.

FRIDAY'S 'UNLUCKY' START.

On Friday—the octave of our holidays—the journey to Keighley by bus gave us an opportunity of counting the numerous chimney stacks of coal mines and textile works. The town is an important business centre, and has good buildings and fine streets. The bells, by Mears, 1907, with tenor of 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb., go well—with the exception of one bell. We were favoured with a morning attempt and met by the Vicar, but came away pealless.

Resuming our tour—after lunch—Guiseley was the next parish, where the church, a graceful stone building, has a western tower, with the usual four pinnacles. The lower part, open to the church, is made a feature of in a pretty interior, extending the nave. Here the visitors' book was signed by the wardens' particular wishes, this being St. Oswald's Day, the patron saint of the church. The ringing room is reached by a troublesome stairway of very steep steps. It is immediately under the bells, and two of the ropes are incommenced by a hoisted clock and case. The bells were supplied by C. and G. Mears in 1848 (tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.) and the ropes have double sallies, but bells go well, nearly 100 peals having been rung upon them. Mr. Sam Brown, now 83 years of age, rang two peals with the late Jasper Snowden, and he is still a service ringer, but I cannot say how he manages to crawl up the steps.

Preparations were in hand for a week-end of church festivity, a pageant depicting the life of St. Oswald on Saturday: a service with sermon by the Bishop of Durham on Sunday: a public meeting at the town cross, with an address by the High Sheriff of Yorkshire.

Our festival peal accomplished, Archdeacon Howson invited us to look over the ancient Rectory, dating from Tudor days and one of the features of Yorkshire, with its quiet, restful gardens and the lake. This enabled us to cool down before tea and the return journey by tram to Shipley and bus to Bradford.

This being our final evening together, we patronised the Unicorn once more and made our farewells to the Cathedral ringers and friends. A report of our week's 'results' was submitted for their approval, but the only consolation offered for our strenuous operations was a request to stay 'another week,' when the Yorkshire lads would find another set of towers for our use just as easy to reach as those we had been to.

On Saturday the tourists dispersed, after visiting Queensbury Church—dedicated to the Holy Trinity—for the morning's attempt for Superlative. In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the church-warden came up to kindly give us a welcome, so this broke us down after an hour's ringing. Mr. W. Ambler, foreman, had locked us in and gone off with the key, but the Verger had another, and so allowed the intrusion unintentionally. This church stands on high moorlands, half way between Halifax and Bradford, erected in 1644 upon the site of an old smaller one. It has the usual square tower, with the four pinnacles, an excellent ringing room, up to date in

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THE ADVANTAGES OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think your correspondent who advocates a 'National' Association as a means of forming a School for Instructors is on the right track for progress.

It seems absurd in these enlightened days that so many separate associations and guilds exist, each with the same objects—the main one 'to further the cause of change ringing'—and a subscription to join each, penalising the peal ringer who visits another part of the country. The associations, in fact, have no connection with each other at all except representation upon the Central Council.

The confusion in this part of the country is really the last word, through the formation of Diocesan Guilds in the midst of County Associations, the boundaries of the dioceses in the vicinity giving credit to the intelligence of an office boy. Perhaps the following examples may surprise a good many ringers of the Exercise.

The Dioceses of Guildford and Southwark between them cover the whole of the county of Surrey, except Croydon. Guildford takes a minute strip of Hampshire, and Southwark a small portion of Kent, and I believe there is something similar in regard to the London Diocese. Croydon is in the Diocese of Canterbury and is an island separated from the town in the mainland by two dioceses and a distance of 60 miles. What would happen if Kent decided to have diocesan guilds and took in Croydon as part of the 'Canterbury Guild' or a 'Southwark Guild' coming upon some of the Kent towers?

In this area towers are covered by two associations, some ringers belonging to both, entailing them a double subscription to associations with the same objects.

A National Association would eliminate all this chaos and a great deal of unnecessary expenditure by ringers in general.

There is another very important problem fresh in the minds of the Exercise. What is going to happen to 'The Ringing World' when circumstances compel the present Editor to relinquish his duties? Is it not very unwise to go on year after year with no provision being made for the future?

To my mind, a National Association again is the solution. 'The Ringing World' becoming the association's weekly journal. Although at the present price, I think there would be many more readers than there are now if it was published by an organisation to whose support they contribute. Except for a kind of yearly summary or year book, the necessity for printing annual reports would be abolished. In this matter alone there would be a great saving of expense, as the total cost of printing associations' reports throughout the country must be enormous. Full time work would be required, but I do not doubt that honorary officers would be forthcoming as before.

Perhaps some of the older generation would condemn the whole as impossible and unworkable. These I would ask for a solution to the several points I have mentioned, but I am sure that there are sufficient brains in the ringing Exercise to make an undertaking such as this successful, as in the case of other organisations, whether religious or secular.

I shall be glad to know your views, and those of your readers.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Beddington.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to express my humble apology to Mr. Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, and his band who rang my false peal of Stedman Triples, referred to in your last issue. The peal was discovered, with about 200 others, in my investigation 43 years ago. In looking over these peals during last winter, I noticed in two cases that the singles were out of place. I sent corrected copies of these peals to Mr. Swinfield at once, but, unfortunately, one of the peals had been rung. The mistakes are much regretted.—Yours truly,

J. J. PARKER.

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every respect, the bells being by Mears, 1807, tenor 15 cwt. On the walls are new records, showing the progress of the local band.

An old set of rules, in suitable frame, may be seen with a very pointed footnote as follows:—'N.B.—The ringers shall be men of good character who are leading sober, honest lives, and they shall be present at one service at least every Sunday.'

The final meal was consumed in Bradford, from whence some half dozen members went on to York to see the Minster tower and hear the wonderful ring of twelve bells in the Cathedral tower on Sunday. I have no doubt some of them will meet again in some quiet churchyard—with a tower and bells—that is for ever England's.

'And now our changes all are rung

Here ends our dying song.

Our last, our final peal is done,

Farewell, farewell, ding dong!

W. H. P.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF EASTERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th. Ringers were present from Newcastle, Sunderland, South Shields, Durham, Darlington, Blaydon, Whickham, West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street and the local ringers.

Ringling commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and, after a substantial tea in a nearby cafe, a short meeting was held. Mr. R. L. Patterson, who presided, said he had visited Mr. J. J. Leighton, a most respected member of St. Ignatius' band, and also a regular attendant at meetings, who was lying very ill in hospital. He was pleased to say Mr. Leighton was improving and sent his best wishes to the meeting.

Mr. Storey proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and said although many meetings were held at Houghton, the Rector always gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and it was always a pleasure to ring there.

Sympathy was expressed by Mr. Storey in the passing away of Mr. W. H. Porter, of Darlington, an old and valued member of the association. He would, he said, be greatly missed by all.

Mr. Storey impressed on each ringer the desirability of taking 'The Ringing World,' and young ringers especially would find it very interesting. If a big majority of ringers would only take a copy each week, it would probably mean a bigger paper at a lesser price, and, although it was a splendid paper now, it could be even better if all ringers helped.

The Chairman said the Vicar of Bishop Auckland would be pleased to have the ringers there to help their ringers on. A special meeting had, therefore, been arranged for September 10th, the notice of which was in 'The Ringing World.' He hoped that as many ringers as possible would be present.

The next meeting of the Eastern District will be arranged by the vice-president and secretary after the annual meeting in September.

After the meeting, ringing again took place, the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. The meeting was most enjoyable and successful.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**FIRST VISIT TO THAMES-SIDE TOWER.**

The first meeting of the Essex Association ever held at West Tilbury took place on August 13th. It was favoured with beautiful weather, and, although the place is rather difficult of access, over 30 members put in an appearance from Romford, Great Bentley, Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Stanford le Hope, Orsett, Leigh-on-Sea, Prittlewell, Bentley and Swindon, together with a good muster of the local band. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman till 4.45, when a short service was conducted by the Rector. Tea, kindly arranged by the West Tilbury band, was then partaken of, followed by the business meeting. Two new members were elected and Waltham Abbey selected as the place for next meeting of the South-Western District, to be held on September 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. J. R. Fellowes) for giving permission for the meeting and conducting the service, to the organist for accompanying the hymns, etc., to the West Tilbury band for making all arrangements, and to all those who had in any way contributed to making the meeting such a success, was carried unanimously, and replied to by the Rector and Mr. Wilkins, who voiced their pleasure at seeing so many present, and expressed the hope that a further meeting will be held in their rather out of the way village as soon as convenient.

After some handbell ringing tracks were made by some back to the tower, others walked on to the Rectory for a stroll round the gardens, whilst others could be seen enjoying the beautiful scenery from the church tower, from which a splendid view can be obtained, Tilbury Docks and Gravesend on the one hand, the Kentish Hills opposite, whilst the fine expanse of the Thames Estuary can be seen on the left of the church, which shows up prominently owing to its situation at the top of the hill.

Owing to the poor train service most of the visitors had to leave by 8 p.m., but despite this early departure, from the remarks one heard it was evident that all who had been present had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Butler) made a strong point in impressing on all present the great necessity for supporting 'The Ringing World,' with the result that at least five additional readers have been secured.

TIPTON RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers and friends of St. Martin's Church, Tipton, had a very enjoyable tour on Saturday, August 20th, for their annual outing. They left Tipton at 2.15 p.m. by motor-coach, and went through Stourport on to Martley, where a call was made to ring on the peal of six bells. Afterwards the tourists went to Holt Fleet, where tea was enjoyed. The journey was then continued to Hallow, where ringing took place at both churches. Courses in various methods were brought round. The party then went on to Worcester and Hartlebury, reaching home about 11 o'clock. The party wish to convey their thanks to Rectors and others for the arrangements made.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT OLNEY AFTER MANY YEARS.**

On Saturday, August 27th, Olney was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch, it being many years since a meeting had been held at this church owing to the state of the bells. The weather, being fine, was responsible for a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Blechley, Bradwell, Emberton, Hanslope, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, Weston Underwood, with ringing visitors from Northampton, Wellingborough and Dunstable, including Mr. H. Chapman. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Fermor-Leggat, the Guild form of service being used.

About 40 sat down to tea. Mr. W. Sear, secretary of the branch, apologised for the absence of the chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon), who was away on holiday, and stated that there was no special business to bring before the meeting. He was happy to have been able to arrange a meeting at Olney, with the object of getting the Olney tower back into the branch, and was pleased to say that there were seven members to be proposed that day. He thanked the Olney ringers for the welcome they had given to the branch.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and those responsible for providing tea.

Ringling during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

A VALUED CHURCHMAN.

At the Parish Church, Farnham, on Monday, August 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 minutes by: J. Beagley 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Basted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

Rutg as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. Grange, who was interred that day, and who for several years was a sidesman at the church, and from January, 1926, to January, 1931, was Rector's warden. He was also an honorary member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Grange took a great interest in the bells and the ringers, and was one of those instrumental in getting the chimes of the church clock put into working order after a silence of 14 years, and having the bells rehung on ball bearings in January, 1930. He took an active part in the collection of the necessary funds, the whole of which were collected through the local Press and local agency, with the result that after the work had been paid for, there was a balance sufficient to provide a new dial for the tower clock. Mr. Grange was a member of the Urban District Council and a highly respected resident of the town.

About a month ago he assisted at a fete held at Waverley Abbey in aid of the church funds, when he caught a chill, which, with complications, was ultimately the cause of his death.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEEDS.—On Sunday, August 28th, at Christ Church, Armley, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Gaunt 1, H. Grimwood 2, H. Lofthouse 3, G. Moorhouse 4, F. Rayment (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, J. Thackray 8.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 28th, after the children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Dixon 1, H. Connell 2, F. Mason 3, N. Brown 4, J. W. Wood 5, J. H. Clark 6, William Dickinson (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8. Specially arranged for the conductor.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Fry 1, W. A. Romaine 2, J. Daniel 3, F. C. Smith 4, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 5, E. J. Bury 6, W. W. T. Daniel 7, W. Chalk 8.—For evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Fry 1, J. Daniel 2, E. J. Berry 3, W. A. Romaine 4, W. W. T. Daniel 5, F. C. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. W. Romaine 7, W. Chalk 8. Arranged for E. J. Berry and W. W. T. Daniel, who belong to Swindon.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major: H. Dawson 1, E. Jennings 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Lieson 5, H. Haresnape 6, J. Pennington 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): D. Phillips 1, J. Cross 2, J. Dale 3, G. Playle 4, J. G. MacDougal 5, J. Blay 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 21st, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. H. Stebbings 1, H. S. Barker 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, R. G. Harvey 4, H. Stebbings (conductor) 5, E. J. Howard 6. First 720 in method by six of the local ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service at St. Giles', 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. H. Taylor 1, F. Willford 2, T. Law 3, J. J. Taylor 4, T. Tebbutt 5, H. Marlow 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Hensman 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, F. Bruce 10.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 8th and 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Compton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Uffculme (8 bells) also open. —R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Service 4. —G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea (in Village Institute) at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. The bells at Ingatstone will also be available.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. —E. Stich, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadwindsor on Sat., September 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. David's Church at 3. Bells (8) will be available any time. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, September 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Members please note alteration of tower.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Lytchett Matravers on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, address by Rector (Rev. J. A. R. Swaby). Tea, in the Old School, 5.15. Ringing at St. James', Poole, 7 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MENHENIOT CHURCH, CORNWALL.—Peal of six bells rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Truro, Wednesday, September 7th, at 7 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 10th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by September 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus and train will be met by arrangement. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Patrington, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. each, on Rectory Lawn, if fine. Application to be made for same to Rev. P. R. Frost, M.A., The Rectory, Patrington, East Yorkshire, by Thursday, September 8th. The presentation to Mr. A. B. Cook, the late Dis. Sec., will be made at this meeting.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. A. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, on or before Friday, September 9th?—Percy W. Smith.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at Mirfield. Bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who apply before Tuesday, Sept. 6th, to Mr. A. Robinson, 56, Shill Bank Lane, Mirfield.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Enstone on Saturday, Sept. 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting. Please turn up in crowds.—E. H. Bagworth, Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A combined meeting with Lancashire Association (Liverpool Branch) will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower will be open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock. Will intending visitors please let me know if they require tea. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bughrooke, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Angel Inn, 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 7th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m., Rev. Canon Aubrey Atkins presiding. All visitors welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting, on invitation of the Vicar, at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea in Mission Room at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. Peverall, 23, Main Street, Bishop Auckland, before Sept. 7th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A 'meeting-cum-outing' will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont (6), 3.15-4.30 p.m.; Stanwell (5), 4.45-5.15 and 6.15-7 p.m.; Harmondsworth (6), 7.30-8.45 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.15 p.m. Assistance of motor transport welcomed, but buses (116 and 506) connect. Route 116 leave Hounslow at 2.53 and Bedfont 3.15 and then hourly. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Institute, at 5 o'clock. Election of district officers. Please apply for diagram of Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 8, Manor Road, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Thursday, Sept. 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all. Kindly advise me by Sept. 5th.—Oliver E. Hill, Hon. Sec., 5, Elm Terrace, Lightpill, near Stroud, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marsh Gibbon, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wirral Branches will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. H. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.—Claude I. Davies, H. Brocklebank, Branch Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Redditch on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Vicar (Rev. L. Bradley). Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House for those who give notice to Mr. A. Evers, 6, Chipping Hill, Witham, not later than Thursday, September 15th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head to all who make application to the Rev. J. L. Ogle, The Vicarage, Knaresborough, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid without delay.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravensfield Common, near Rotherham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Sept. 14th without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Service at 4 p.m., with address by the Vicar of Exmouth. Tea 4.45. Please send numbers by Sept. 12th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere and Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Kingsclere Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Kingsclere Schools. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Cowley on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify me by the 13th inst. those who intend being present.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 (9d. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A summer outing meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (10) at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, at Harvest Home. Ringing and social hour after. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, by the 15th. Cheap returns from London termini. All ringers and friends welcomed.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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