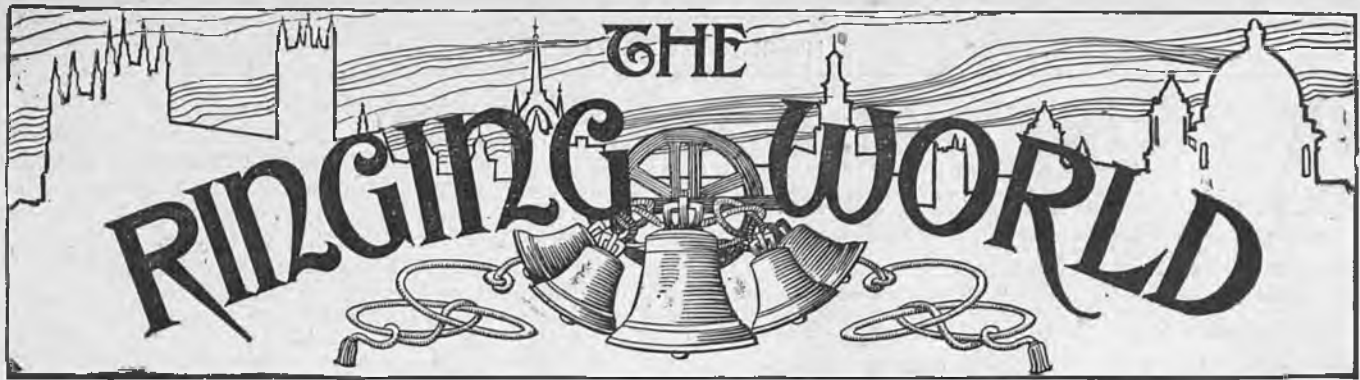




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BEARINGS—AND RINGERS.

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, to whom we owe much of our present knowledge of the strains and stresses on bell towers, has recently tackled another problem which has considerable interest to ringers, no less a question, in fact, than the resistance to be overcome by the ringer when ringing a bell hung on plain bearings—as all bells were until comparatively recent years. Ball-bearings have now become quite common; indeed it is rare that the old type is used in these days if bearings have to be renewed. There are many ringers, however, who having had experience of both types, say they still prefer plain to ball bearings. 'Theoretically,' of course, there ought to be no question as to which make for the easier ringing, and advocates of ball bearings will tell us that 'practically,' also, there is only one answer; but, despite this, the liking for plain bearings remains with many ringers. The reason, presumably, is that they find that bells which are hung in ball bearings, are 'on their hands' more than those on the plain type. In order to ensure command of the bell they are inclined to over-pull it, and that means there is more 'holding' to be done between each stroke, and more effort required to get the bell back. That, of course, the ball-bearing advocate will say is not the fault of the bearing; it is the fault of the ringer, who should learn so to adjust his pull that his ringing should be practically effortless, because friction, which is the only thing the ringer ought to have to overcome, is negligible in ball bearings.

Friction, however, is a force to be reckoned with on a plain bearing, and Mr. Lewis, in the article in another column, shows to what extent it affects the ringer, who has to apply the power to overcome it. A medium sized bell, effectively lubricated, requires no great physical effort to ring it—all ringers know that from experience—but actually what energy they have to exert to overcome the frictional resistance they will probably now learn for the first time. For a 12 cwt. bell with a 1½ in. gudgeon it is something less than one lb. applied through a distance of two feet, or, say, a couple of tons spread over a peal. This, of course, is not all the energy a ringer will expend, even on the perfectly lubricated bell; there are other factors which will add to the output required from the man at the rope end and which in practice differ between one ringer and another. The competent ringer is he who can get the best command of the bell with the least expenditure of strength, and it is those who can carry this skill into their work on heavy bells who make the really great 'back-end' men, given that other essential gift, a keen

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ear. Brute strength alone has never made a good heavy bell ringer, but, when the mechanical efficiency of the bell begins to be impaired, strength must enter into the calculations—how much additional energy is required as the bearings dry out, Mr. Lewis shows—and the good strong ringer will beat the good weak one. It is, however, the proper application of the adequate, but only just adequate amount of energy, that stamps the truly great ringer.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... ..	Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	FREDERICK DENCH	8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HARRY R. ROPER... ..	4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... ..	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
JOHN W. WARD	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 100th peal on these bells. A birthday compliment to Lewis W. Wiffen.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT	Treble	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	7
FRANK E. DARBY	2	*ROYDON DAVIES... ..	8
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	9
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER	4	TONY PRICE	10
*EDWARD G. TALBOT	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	11
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... ..	6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	Tenor

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

* First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus by the association and by all the band, except ringers of treble, 4th and 9th.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JOSEPH BROADLEY	Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ..	6
JOHN HOLMAN	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	7
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	3	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
*WILFRED HALLIWELL	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	9
EDWARD JENKINS	5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal and rung at the first attempt. First peal on ten bells as conductor, also first attempt. Rung in honour of the royal visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Yorkshire for the opening ceremony of the Leeds Civic Hall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LUTTERWORTH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. CARTER	Treble	*DENNIS H. DALBY	5
ERNEST W. TIPLER	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
WALTER WILLIAMS	3	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	7
CECIL E. CARR	4	FRED PERRY	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung on the occasion of the local feast celebrations.

MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HAMER Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 2	HARRY MELLOR 6
VERNON SYKES 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
HERBERT BARLOW 4	SYDNEY W. DUNNE Tenor

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
*JOHN W. UNWIN 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS M. V. GODDERIDGE ... Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON 3	CHARLES E. RAYSON 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	*HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Gibbons, one of the local band.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES A. BINES Treble	JOHN J. LAMB 5
*FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... 2	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 3	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	JIM HURRELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Winifred Fyson, elder daughter of Councillor J. B. and Mrs. Fyson, of Eltham, to Mr. Frank Burnham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	*ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*REGINALD CHANCE 6
JOHN BASS 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 6
NORMAN H. SMITH 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
HERBERT T. PIPER 4	ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN H. SMITH.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norman H. Smith, and his first 'inside' and first as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by E. LEONARD TAYLOR.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE B. COLLINS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT GOAKES Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 3	†PERCY AMOS 7
*SIDNEY HARRISON 4	†CHARLES LOWE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. The ringers hail from Peterborough, Anstey, Syston, Leicester (All Saints'), Leicester (St. Saviour's), Leicester (St. Margaret's), Wellingborough and Thrusington respectively.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bertoline,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT CRAWLEY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
*BRYAN FERNYHOUGH 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
*DOUGLAS N. WHALLEY 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JACK D. BELL Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT 2	CYRIL WILSON 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 3	GEORGE W. JEFFS 7
*BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by Wm. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. 25th peal by ringer of 4th.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER D. TAYLOR 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
JAMES TOPP 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY NEWTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	REV. C. E. WIGG 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*JESSE HARRISON 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	CHARLES GOODBURN 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
EDWARD ALLEN 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S TRANSPOSITION OF PRITCHARD'S.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
FRED J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	*FRED J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 6
ALAN V. BROMLEY 3	EDWIN BROMLEY 7
REG. E. LAMBERT 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* 200th peal. A 'family' peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who was on a visit to his native place.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. CLIFT Treble	*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
JACK BAILEY 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
HENRY HARRISON 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

HARRY HARRINGTON ... Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5
E. LEONARD TAYLOR 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

*ARTHUR CRANE Treble	JOSEPH MARKS 5
*EDWARD WHITLOCK 2	WALTER SEAR 6
*RICHARD V. FULLER 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
HARRY SEAR 4	ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. W. Sear, son of the ringer of the 6th. Arranged for G. F. Hoad and R. V. Fuller, of Reigate.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUBERT LEE Treble	THOMAS FIELD 5
PERCY HANDLEY 2	JOHN BASS 6
VICTOR HUBBLE 3	CHARLES W. COOPER 7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 4	JOSEPH F. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Elizabeth Jones, of Oldbury, and Mr. Frederick G. Handley, a much esteemed member of the choir, and conductor of the local ringers, who were married at this church just previous to the peal. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Neadsden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, and Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

STANLEY ARDERN Treble	*ERIC ELLISON 4
JOHN WORTH 2	JAMES A. MILNER 5
*JOHN N. SMITH 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Ashmore, mother of Mr. R. Ashmore, who is a ringer at Fairfield Church, Buxton.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
*ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	BARNARD PAYMORE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK BOYCE Treble	CHARLES GRIFFIN 4
*ERIC STEVENSON 2	HERBERT READ 5
VICTOR ORMEROD 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal. First peal by the local band.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise.

W. NORMAN PARK Treble	ROBERT T. SIMPSON 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	GEORGE W. PARK 5
ROBERT JEFF 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

WILLIAM BEAVER Treble	ALBERT E. JONES 4
DENNIS J. SHARPLES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
EDMUND MORRIS 3	*FREDERICK J. WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung on the festival of St. Bartholomew. The conductor's 100th peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Hereford Guild.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 21 different 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4
HUBERT JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
FORREST T. MASSEY 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents, each with different calling.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
*GEORGE GREEN 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. It is 37 years since the ringers of treble, 3 and 5 rang their first peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Croftals) and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, of Brunswick House, who kindly entertained the band after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. E. WILSON, 98, EVESHAM ROAD

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire—Mr. William Willson.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. J. POOLE, 326, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9-10
*PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6	†H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness—Mrs. H. J. Poole.

* First of Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal of Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

In ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON 5-5
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	*GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WM. BARTON

* First peal in the method on handbells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT

The conductor's first peal 'in hand.'

DEVON GUILD PRESIDENT'S IMPENDING DEPARTURE.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. POWELL.

A quarterly meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Colaton Raleigh on Saturday, when about 50 ringers were present. A service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch and an address given by the president of the Guild. The Rev. E. S. Powell based his remarks on the text, 'I am among you as he that serveth,' and at the close of his address spoke of how for 20 years it had been his privilege to serve the Guild, first as secretary and then as president, sometimes he knew with failure, sometimes through difficulties, but always with a great sense of gratitude for the unfailing support and encouragement given him by the members themselves. In wishing them 'God-speed' in the future, the President spoke of the forward movement among church bellringers in Devon, which he felt to be imminent, and asked that the loyal support that he had received himself might be given to his successor.

An excellent tea was prepared in the Schoolroom by Mr. G. Elliott, of Colaton Raleigh, and a band of willing helpers, and ample justice done to it.

The business meeting followed and was presided over by the Rev. E. A. Jullian, chairman. The branch was especially honoured by the presence of Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Guild, and an ex-president of the Central Council.

The President, in offering a welcome to the Canon, pointed out that he was the senior member of the Devon Guild to-day, having joined it in 1874.

An apology for absence was received from the Rural Dean, who was prevented by indisposition from attending.

Topsham was suggested as the venue for the annual district meeting, and the date fixed for December 2nd.

The Chairman having asked for nominations for the secretaryship, Mr. Skinner proposed the election of Mr. R. Brook, of Topsham. This was seconded by Mr. Matthews and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Jullian then, on behalf of the branch, presented a beautiful salad bowl and biscuit barrel to Mrs. Powell, the retiring secretary, and spoke very kindly of the work she had been able to do for the branch.—Mrs. Powell, in reply, expressed her most grateful thanks.

Votes of thanks were then accorded to the Vicar, the organist and blower, and to the local ladies and gentlemen who had made such excellent arrangements for the comfort of the branch, and the meeting was brought to an hilarious close by stories told in his inimitable fashion by Canon Coleridge, whose presence added very much to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Rev. E. S. Powell is shortly leaving Clyst St. George for a living near Daventry.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'HIGH-BROW' MEETING AT RUISLIP.

Ruislip possesses the largest band of ringers affiliated to the Middlesex Association, and it was, therefore, appropriate that the largest and most successful gathering (so far!) of the South and West District this year should take place there on Saturday, August 19th. Favoured by good weather, assured of a hearty welcome and looking forward to some good ringing (evidently), some 44 members and friends put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. The ringing, which was pretty good for a meeting, consisted mostly of the more intricate methods. Cambridge, Bristol and Spliced (in four methods) Surprise Major were rung. A rather unique feature was the fact that no one requested a touch of Grandsire! Very encouraging signs.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rev. F. Dyson, in the absence of the Vicar of Ruislip, who was on holiday. The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) read the lesson. Tea followed in Fabb's Restaurant, at the conclusion of which a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

With the vice-president in the chair, the business meeting consisted of routine matters. The Vicar of Ruislip (the Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones) and one of the churchwardens (Mr. E. Dixon Smith) were elected honorary members.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) announced that the next meeting would be at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 9th. He said that as a presentation to Mr. John Phillips on the occasion of his 75th birthday was to be made at this meeting, he hoped there would be a good attendance. Mr. Phillips was a member of St. Peter's band and had been connected with ringing for 60 years. A joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild would be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, October 14th, and it was hoped to arrange a meeting at Acton in November.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all those responsible for making the necessary arrangements, etc., and especially to Mr. Tom Collins, of the local tower. After further handbell ringing, a return to the tower was made, except for members of the committee, who remained to discuss the second annual supper arrangements. It was pleasant to see so many 'better halves' at this meeting, as well as old friends, whose absence in the past has been a matter of regret to many. Perhaps at Staines, Hillingdon, etc., they and others will be seen again. Who knows?

CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In further reference to the notes which have appeared in your pages recently, the following may interest your readers:—

Amongst the valuable records belonging to the 'College Youths' is this footnote to a peal rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on March 26th, 1808, recorded as 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, i.e.: 'These bells were originally a noble peal of 8, the tenor of 44 cwt. in the key of C sharp, and were the gift of . . . Wheatley, Esq., a wealthy inhabitant of the Parish, about the year 1735. They were augmented to Ten Bells in 1792 and finally augmented to Twelve in or about 1804, and were catechised by all Ringers to be the finest and most musically tuned peal of Twelve in London. They were destroyed by Fire on Ash Wednesday, 1837, at which time the office of Steeple-keeper was vacant, and through the neglect of the Parochial Authorities in appointing an efficient person to the care of the Bells a parcel of Boys had the run of the place, got smoking on the Steeple and set the place on Fire. The Church had a very narrow escape and cost the Parish £10,000 to repair the damage done. The present peal of eight bells are by no means to be compared to the original Bells given by Mr. Wheatley.'

The above footnote is signed, 'S. Austin, College Society, 20th August, 1957,' i.e., 21 years after the fire, which occurred in 1836, as stated by Mr. Trollope; the Ash Wednesday, however, is probably correct. It is gratifying to hear that the fire was caused by members of a boys' club and not by ringers, despite rumours to the contrary current some years ago.

Despite Mr. Austin's comparison, I seem to remember the present eight as a deep sonorous 'ring'—but it is 40 years ago.

It is interesting to note that the tower is considered to vie with St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Bride's amongst English Renaissance steeples, and it is by Hawksmoor, Wren's gifted pupil.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

ANOTHER VERSION.

With reference to the origin of the fire at Christ Church, Spitalfields, mentioned in Mr. Trollope's letter in our last issue, Mr. Edwin Gibbs says that this was due to a party of ringers who were ringing there on a very cold day, and who had a charcoal fire in the belfry for the purpose of heating up some refreshments.

While this was in progress, someone in authority was heard coming up into the belfry, and the brazier was hurriedly hidden away under the tenor box and left.

This version was given to Mr. Gibbs by the late John Cox, and it was also confirmed by the late Mr. Matthew Wood, who saw the fire as a boy.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, OVERHAULED.

On Sunday, August 20th, the bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham, the 'mother' church of this district of the Kent County Association, were reopened with ringing for divine service by the local band, after a brief respite of some six or seven weeks, during which period they have been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the famous bellfounders, of Loughborough.

Before ringing commenced the band was photographed in the belfry by a representative of 'The Kent Mercury.'

Forty years ago (1893) these bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and from then to the present (with the exception of the short overhauling period above mentioned) have been in constant use for Sunday services, practice and occasional peals, so that nothing could have been more natural than to call in the same firm. The chief culprits for this long absence of the bellhanger are Messrs. Dick Lane and Harry Warnett, sen.; the former was from Taylor's firm and in charge of the 1893 overhaul, the latter has been a ringer at St. Mary's for 43 years and the respected towerkeeper and leader of the local band for 37 years. It is due to his tactful arrangement of the louvres, regulating the sound, that during this long period only one complaint as to the ringing at this tower has been received, although Lewisham Hospital almost adjoins the churchyard, the one complaint coming from elsewhere.

On Thursday evening, August 24th (without permission from 'Enlightened' or 'A Ringer's Wife'), a peal of Bob Major was attempted by a band mainly local, but, unfortunately, came to grief in the first course of the second half, the ringers being H. Warnett, sen., 1, J. Daffers 2, R. H. Dove (Taylor and Co.) 3, A. J. House 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, E. Mounter 6, C. Davis 7, J. Bennett (conductor) 8. The ringers would like to express their appreciation to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the way in which the work has been carried out. The 'go' of the bells, which are still in plain bearings, leaves nothing to be desired. St. Mary's tenor is 22½ cwt. J. B.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wells 1, J. Jagger 2, S. Danby 3, M. Turner 4, J. Prickett 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, H. Howl 7, E. Lees 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Screen.

RINGERS' WIVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—'Ringer's Wife' is either to be pitied or blamed. Like all the rest of mankind, ringers can be placed in three categories—good, bad, indifferent. Ringers' wives can also be thus placed.

Perhaps 'Ringer's Wife' is one of those who would like their 'other half' (I won't say 'better half') tied to their apron strings every moment of their little leisure time, dragging them hither and thither on all sorts of domestic jobs they themselves could (and should) do—or like 'Mary's little lamb,' meekly following them about where-so'er they go.

On the other hand, 'Ringer's Wife' might be one of those very unfortunate ones who are tied to a mean, selfish man who thinks of nothing else but his hobby, and neglects wife, home and even work to carry out some insane ambition to ring peals at whatever cost. Fortunately these are few and far between.

I have had great experience of the 'conjugal rites,' both personally and impersonally. In the former element it might be added that there are few Midlands ringers who have devoted more time to bells and ringing (either within or without the belfry)—yet I still find time to devote to wife, home and duty as well as putting in a good deal of church work. (Won't Mrs. M. say something to this when she reads it!) And we both 'hit it off' very well indeed—if you doubt it, just ask 'P. H. or H.P.' (the 'saucy ones') what Mrs. M. says!!!

On the latter point, I have assisted many hundreds to 'tie the knot that cannot be broken,' and am still doing so every week. I have noted the characters of the various parties concerned, and one can almost tell beforehand whether the 'union' will be a success or not. It is (or should be) a case of fifty-fifty, and it is up to BOTH sides to 'ring true' and SHARE EQUALLY the hopes and ambitions as well as the disappointments and failures. Never forget it takes two to make a bargain.

As I stated at the outset, 'Ringer's Wife' is either to be blamed or pitied. If the former it is in her own hands to rectify (amicably, I trust) the faults—if the latter, then there is no one who sympathises with her more than

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

N.B.—May I point out to 'Enlightened' that it is far from being enlightened to either open or enter a subject of controversial nature hiding under a nom-de-plume. It points either to someone who is afraid to openly voice his own convictions, or not to be taken seriously.

A MAN SHOULD HAVE A HOBBY.

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask 'A Ringer's Wife' how she would like to be deprived of any pleasure she may have to be given more work to do? I have been a ringer's wife more than 40 years and have, I think, as much experience as most as a ringer's wife. In the first place, a man should have a hobby, and bellringing is a clean hobby as well as a very healthy exercise, as I can prove. As for torturing others, I fail to see how that can be if bells are rung properly.

We have lived very near to a church, and unless the louvres are too open it is impossible to call it torture, and as for men being more useful at home, surely when a man has worked all the week some recreation is necessary for health's sake.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) M. E. GROOMBRIDGE.

Chislehurst.

CHILVERS COTON RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, August 19th, the wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, of Mr. John Gibbons and Miss Mary Moreton, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, Vicar and president of the Warwickshire Guild, officiating.

As the couple left the church, the bells pealed forth in rounds and 'queens,' interspersed with 'firing,' following which two well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, the following taking part: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. Moreton, J. Draycott, E. Stone, P. Stone, H. Harris, Mrs. Billington, W. Barratt and M. Melville.

The bridegroom has been a member of the local band since 1927. He was presented with a case of stainless cutlery by his fellow-members.

A peal of Bob Major in honour of the event was rung two days later.

REVIVAL OF OSWESTRY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 26th, members of the Oswestry Society staged what proved an excellent revival of the annual outing. Accompanied by several ladies and favoured with beautiful weather, a start was made at 10 a.m. At Welshpool the party were welcomed by the local captain, Mr. W. J. Maddox, and the eight bells were fully employed for the time available. The remaining towers on the programme—Montgomery, Leighton, Westbury and Pontesbury—all contained peals of six bells, and good use was made of them. Oswestry was reached at 9 p.m., and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking the respective clergy and local ringers for their several kindnesses.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild's memorial to their first hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.) is to be dedicated on Friday, September 22nd, at 7.45 p.m. It consists of a recast 6th bell at Woking Parish Church and forms part of a general memorial to the Admiral, which includes the retuning of the other seven bells and a bronze tablet to be erected in the church. A special ringers' service is to be held on the following day. The work in connection with the bells has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Wrotham, Kent, on Saturday, conducted by the president of the Central Council. It was his first peal as conductor since 1914!

In the footnote to the peal rung at Barley, Herts, on August 12th, the date of Mr. William Howard's death should have been August 8th and not December 8th. But this was not our fault.

The peal rung at St. Magnus' Church, London, on August 19th, was Cambridge Surprise Royal.

BELLS IN JERSEY.

RING OF SIX DISPLACED FOR CLOCK BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in 'The Ringing World' of August 25th as to Sunday service ringing in Jersey, I am very sorry to say that there is no change ringing done in the Island. The Church of St. Mark, in St. Helier, contained a peal of six bells hung for ringing, and is the only church here which has bells hung on these lines. They were hung in 1844 by Mears; the tenor weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. and is in G.

Some years ago a clock was put into this tower and a large bell of 2 ton 18 cwt. was placed on the frame containing the six bells, with the result that some of the other bells were placed together in a corner of the frame. The clock works fill the belfry and there seems little hope, therefore, of ever seeing any ringing done in this tower.

I have been told that about 50 years ago there used to be a band of ringers who practised change ringing, and when I was in the tower just over two years ago I found a card with a course of Grandsire Doubles pricked out on it.

If at any time there are two or three handbell ringers coming to Jersey, I would very much like to attempt a handbell peal. I would like to know if there has ever been a peal rung on this island.

C. E. LOVETT.

The Gardens, Samares Manor, Jersey.

NO SERVICE RINGING.

Sir,—Perhaps I may be useful to your correspondent who seeks information re Sunday service ringing in Jersey.

A few years ago I spent rather a long holiday on the 'Isles,' and habitually visited what I might term its principal churches. If my memory serves me rightly, 'there is no Sunday service ringing' in Jersey. My vainest research was at St. Mark's, to discover a peal, I believe, of eight, deprived of 'ringing order' apparently for common chiming purposes.

L. F. COX.

Perkstone.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED MEETING AT WOODFORD.

A fine afternoon drew quite a number to the meeting on August 19th at St. Mary's, Woodford, of the Northern District of the London County Association. Woodford is on the extreme edge of the association's boundary, but the choice was obviously a popular one. A variety of methods was rung until 5.30, when a short and very bright service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Albery, M.A., Rector of Woodford.

The address was very much out of the rut, being more in the nature of a friendly talk than a sermon.

Tea was served in the Parish Church Memorial Hall, and the things provided were more than enough, despite the valiant attempts of the Master and secretary to clear the tables. When these two gentlemen had sufficiently recovered from their exertions, the usual business meeting was held, at which Mr. Albery presided.

One new member was elected, and St. Mary's, Stratford-by-Bow ('Bow in the Road'), was chosen for the October meeting, with St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, as an alternative.

The District Master (Mr. J. A. Waugh) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Albery for his welcome and to Mr. Moss for the ringing arrangements; to the organist and to the lady who prepared and served the tea. The secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior), in supporting the motion, said how very much they who were visitors to Woodford appreciated the welcome which they had received.—The vote was carried by acclamation.

In replying, Mr. Albery said that he was really very pleased to welcome the association, and the members were assured of a welcome whenever they were inclined to visit Woodford again.

Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. then took place, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major being rung, to conclude a very enjoyable meeting in very pleasant surroundings.

BELLS IN PLAIN BEARINGS. CALCULATION OF FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE.

By E. H. LEWIS.

The question of the advantage or disadvantage of ball-bearings has recently been raised in several quarters. I thought it desirable to ascertain, if possible, the amount of work required to overcome friction in the case of a bell mounted on good plain bearings.

From the calculations of the reaction at the gudgeons which I made 20 years ago, it is possible to arrive at an approximate value of the frictional resistance for any particular bell. In the case of the bell of about 12 cwt., of which details are given in Sir A. P. Heywood's "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging," I found that the total work to be done to overcome friction for each revolution

$$= \pi d \mu \times 2692 \text{ foot pounds}$$

where π is 3.14 approx.; d is the diameter of the gudgeon (expressed as a fraction of a foot), and μ is the coefficient of friction.

The value of μ varies according to the condition of the bearing. It should not exceed .0025 in the case of a well-lubricated bearing and would be as much as .15 in the case of a completely dry bearing.

Taking the lower value, and assuming a gudgeon diameter of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., $\pi d \mu \times 2692 = 1.982$ foot pounds.

In other words, if the rope can be pulled through a distance of two feet, a pull of less than one pound is required to overcome friction of the bearings. If, however, the bearing is completely dry, a pull of nearly 60 pounds would be required to keep the bell up.

From this it is obvious that there is far less difference between a ball-bearing (with a negligible loss due to friction) and a well-lubricated plain bearing than there is between a well-lubricated and an ill-lubricated plain bearing.

It has been argued that the slight 'drag' due to friction at the end of the revolution of a bell in plain bearings is of assistance in ringing, particularly in the case of a tower or frame that moves. Taking the same bell and the same gudgeon diameter and assuming a wheel of six feet diameter, the 'drag' at the end of the revolution in the case of a well-lubricated plain bearing would be equivalent to a pull on the rope of 1.036 of an ounce. I wonder how many ringers can judge the weight of their hands to 1.036 of an ounce. Would it be better in such a tower to deliberately keep the bearings of the smaller bells rather dry? Could a steeplekeeper adjust μ to the exact value required between .0025 and .15?

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The August meeting took place at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, August 19th. There was a good muster of members and friends from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Handsworth (Birmingham), Nuneaton, Shilton and Stoke, with the local band. The Vicar being away, his two sons, Mr. Malcolm Melville and Mr. Gordon Melville, both ringers, welcomed the visitors. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon until a halt was called for tea, served in the Village Hall by local ladies. There was handbell ringing after tea, and then further ringing on the tower bells in the better known Doubles and Minor methods.

OLD YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

One of the oldest ringers in Yorkshire has passed away in the person of Mr. Henry Thorley, of Thorne. He first rang on the old peal of five at this church 60 years ago.

As a last mark of respect to his memory, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung on August 23rd with the bells half-muffled: E. Thorley 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, T. H. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, J. Thorley 7, C. Thorley (conductor) 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING AT RADCLIFFE AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

The August quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held jointly with the Rossendale Branch at St. Bartholomew's Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, August 26th.

In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by the Rev. W. Grimwood, who, in his address, spoke very encouragingly of bellringers and of the uses of bells.

After service tea was served in the Institute followed by the business meeting of the Manchester Branch. The chair was taken by the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier), and the meeting was attended by members from Ashton, Bury, Bacup, Bolton, Elmsworth and Manchester. The visitors included Mrs. R. F. Deal and Master Deal and Mr. J. P. Fidler.

An invitation from the Rector of St. Matthew's, Stretford, inviting ringers to the dedication of the new ring of eight bells at that church on September 14th, and also to the Manchester Branch to hold its next meeting there on September 23rd, was gladly accepted.—The meetings for October and November are to be held at Miles Platting and Pendleton respectively.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Grimwood for conducting the service, to Mr. Woodhead for his services at the organ and to the ladies and local ringers for supplying and serving tea were heartily given.

The business completed, some of the members returned to the tower, whilst others played the gallant part of entertaining the ladies. George (at the time a grass-widower) seated himself in front of the harmonium, and with Bill, who, by the way, should have been looking after George, ably assisting with a tenor voice which really does deserve recognition, made more singers than ringers.

Inquiries are now afoot in Radcliffe, writes our correspondent, to find out who ate the lump sugar, and if a certain member (another grass-widower) enjoyed his supper there more than if he had cut his own at home. Information is also sought respecting six persons alleged to have been guilty of keeping a fellow-creature at work after 'washing-up' time. Descriptions—unknown, but believed to belong to the 'Green Dahlia Gang.'

BOLTON BRANCH AT NEWCHURCH.

A successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday last. The church is situated in a beautiful country district, and the tower contains what is considered to be one of the best light peals in the north. The ringing chamber floor is covered with lino and a good tapestry carpet. Its walls are panelled in oak and memorial tablets of copper with engraved and enamelled lettering.

There was a good attendance of members, with visitors from Cheshire and Wigan Branch, some of whom got their first touch in higher methods. The striking was good throughout the meeting, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise in the Major methods.

At the business meeting Mr. John Potter was elected to represent the branch on the committee for the next two years. Mr. Peter Crook was re-elected as secretary.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their preparation. He congratulated them on their beautiful ringing chamber.

Mr. John Worth, one of the band who recently rang in the record peal of 38 Minor methods, gave an interesting discourse of the ringing of these multi-method peals, and the secretary gave a rough outline of the arrangements for the forthcoming annual dinner. He said the dinner would be held in the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, October 21st, and the tickets 3s. 6d. each. It was hoped to have distinguished patronage. All that was now needed was a good rally and success would be assured.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The August meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Paul's Church, Shipley, on Saturday. The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Guiseley, Ilkley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Horbury, Bradford Cathedral, Northowram, Batley and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) being in the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. C. Renton, of Armley, and W. Ainley, of Elland.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements.—Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded and Mr. E. Simpson acknowledged the motion on behalf of the Shipley ringers.

THE EGREMONT PEAL

To the Editor.

Sir,—I must apologise to the Egremont band for the footnote to the peal rung there on August 10th. I was not aware Cambridge Minor had been rung. It should have read 'The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.'

F. BENNETT.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

(Continued from page 539.)

BY W. H. F.

A beautiful summer morning greeted us on rising on Saturday, and favoured our long drive by car over the mountains into Yorkshire. Distant views of the fells and pikes showed the elevated nature of the country which the Midland Railway engineers had to deal with in laying their line to the North. The Pennine Chain showed up grandly, and one ridge of tableland which ended in a sharp point resembled the Black Mountains as seen from the Golden Valley.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. Reed, M.A.) received us at the church, and Mr. E. Burnett (foreman) had everything in order. Here the ringing room is at the west end on a level with the nave floor, and was cool and comfortable for peal ringing, whilst outside the temperature was more suitable for the bellfounder. The church is an early English building erected about 1230 on the site of the original Norman church, which had a central tower that collapsed. The columns, dividing the nave from the aisles, are built upon the bases of the huge piers of the old Norman arcade built about 1170.

There appears to be no dedication known to this church. The name of the parish is supposed to be derived from Kirk by Eden, as that river flows close by. In my opinion, the first church was rebuilt in the period of King Stephen, grandson of William the Conqueror, and hence the name of the parish, and I have since discovered that Canon James Simpson, LL.D., an early Vicar, 1863, caused the old tenor to be inscribed 'Sancte Stephane.' It is regretted that our Simpson did not ring it instead of the other 'Jimmy.'

Warner and Sons, of London, cast the octave in 1877. They were hung by Mr. Mallaby, of Masham, who discovered an old bell frame (for one bell)—stowed away in the top plate of the tower—which he thought must have been in use when there was only one bell. County historians say there was one bell in the old tower inscribed 'S Hugo Ora pro nobis.' In 1875 there were four bells dating from 1631 to 1749—yet Bishop Nicholson in his visitation on March 7th, 1704, mentions there were five, in the Carlisle Diocesan Accounts. Two of these were cast into the bell, which is now the tenor, in 1745, after Culloden. Two old customs lingered here, the 'Kale bell' after morning service, and the 'laggybell' for the curfew every night at 8 o'clock. The Kirkby Bell Restoration Committee consisted entirely of ladies of the parish, with the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Mason, LL.D.) as treasurer. A brass plate in the nave records that: 'The peal of bells was completed by four new bells, pulpit, clock and other gifts added, to a total cost of £1,700.' It is said that Kirkby Stephen is indebted to Whittington, Lord Mayor of London, for its bells. Whittington died in 1434, at which time the present church tower was not built and the original central tower had been taken down. I have come across indications that point to Whittington being a Herefordshire man, and would refer my readers to the valuable work by Mr. Gordon Selfridge—the donor of Bow bells—entitled 'The Romance of Commerce,' which tells us more about Dick Whittington than has hitherto been published.

EARLY BELL FOUNDERS.

There is an excellent preserved list of the subscribers to the early recasting of the old bells in 1658, and early bell founders are remembered, viz., E. Selber, of York, T. Langshaw, of Carlisle, and T. Stafford, of Penrith.

The town is situated on the main motor road, Newcastle-Blackpool-Morecambe. There is much traffic, and, in leaving the church, we found dozens of charabancs pulled up with hundreds of holiday people loyally crowding the King's Arms. The local men came to congratulate us on the peal and sent us on our journey rejoicing at 1 o'clock.

After lunch at the Waverley at Sedbergh, we went on to St. Andrew's Church, where the bells were rung muffled in Peal No. 3 to the respectful memory of an old tradesman buried that day. The antiquarians claim no Saxon or Early Norman pedigree for this cosy building, but evidences of 12th century work are traced throughout the various periods down to the last restoration under Scott. A carved poor box, 1633, and part of the Jacobean pulpit are preserved. Austin and Paley, of Lancaster, were the architects for the restoration of 1866 at a cost of over £4,000 to the memory of Canon Platt, 42 years Vicar.

The 13th century tower contained three bells until 1897, when Mrs. R. H. Quick added five new ones in memory of her husband, Vicar 1883-7, so our Stedman, as the first on the bells, was very appropriate. The inscriptions on the bells are recorded on a brass tablet on one of the pillars. The registers date from 1595, and a silver chalice and paten 1732. The three old bells, cast in the 15th century, have their Latin inscriptions repeated on the new. A cutting mounted in the belfry, 'Little Boy Blue,' and a marble tablet mentions the death of one of the local hands in the belfry on Sunday, May 7th, 1911, after 14 years' service, John E. Senogles, aged 36 years.

Sedbergh company has a full team for service change ringing, and members have scored a peal of Major unaided. We appreciated a heavy curtain hung over the west window, to keep out sunshine during our ringing, and the presence of Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, who came over to hear the peal.

ANOTHER RINGING MACHINE.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, a Cambridge chum of Mr. Banks James, who very kindly took us to his house and exhibited his very intricate ringing machine. The inventor has never seen Carler's masterpiece, and has worked out the difficult problem in quite another manner, and we had a course of Treble Eight performed on a set of small handbells with great accuracy. Our thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Walker, M.A.) and the local men for their welcome. They told us there was seldom an accident in the narrow streets of the town with their narrow side-walks, but coach drivers in this district must be cautious; with steep roads and a heavy stone wall on each side, there is no room for 'dodging.' Leaving Sedbergh at 8 o'clock, we went to our Kendal beds early, dog tired and warm as toast.

'Those chimes shall peal through distant morrows,
When we no more near praise or blame,
Sooth many a mourner when he sorrows,
Or fan devotion's sacred flame.'

THE LAY OF THE BELL.

A HOMELIKE SUNDAY.

Sunday was quite homelike—practically the same as the ringers' usual day of 'rest,' a quiet, late breakfast—to which they came down in twos and threes—some good touches for morning service at Kendal Parish Church filled up the morning. An afternoon drive over fell and dale to All Saints', Orton, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. King), now absent on holiday, had kindly placed the bells at our disposal. The churchwarden and a few local hands gave us a good reception after we had enjoyed a 'real lunch' at the George Inn. Orton is a quaint, straggling, stone-built old town of great trading importance before roads and rails were in vogue—an ancient bridge for the pack-horse is still to be seen. The church consists of chancel, nave and tower in line. The cool belfry is on the ground floor level. Like most buildings in the place, the fabric is weather-worn externally, being exposed to the winter storms at an elevation of 1,000ft. above sea level. A brass tells us that John Simpson was parish clerk for 49 years, and a stone that John Gibson founded and endowed the free school. Willing hands had raised the bells for us, but we had to fall them and raise the sallies a foot or two before 'Go' and 'That's all' were called.

A valuable group of three interesting old bells are preserved in the north aisle with old stocks—dead—and parts of the original frame. Our Shepherd had one of his easiest tasks to take measurements of their apertures of metal.

The 'Orton Chronicle' says the old quartette of bells at this tower cast 1529 probably came from Nottingham. Bishop Nicholson's visit 1703 records that 'they have four good bells and a block at the tower.' It is probable that soon after the Bishop's visit the tenor was recast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1711. Bells Nos. 1 and 3 are dated 1637, but the second is a much older casting, as it bears the same shield as at Grasby, Lincolnshire, dated 1500.

In pre-Reformation times it was the custom to dedicate the tenor to the patron saint of the church, so possibly No. 2 was the tenor of the set of four 1529 bells, as it bears the same title as the church. Most of the population were abroad during our peal listening to it, and our team members were objects of personal interest as we went back to the George, where Miss E. M. Hunter saw to our comfort. Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, supplied the present bells in 1917 with new frame and fittings complete, and they are an excellent peal. It is hoped our first performance on them will urge the home team—as they have promised—to take up method ringing this winter.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

Departure from our programme was now proposed and led to the bus load (14) going six miles further on to the Parish Church of Shap. Here an enjoyable evening with a good small choir was shared in, and the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Sinker) interviewed afterwards. Permission to ring his small peal of six bells led to a unique experience for the visitors. We raised the bells in peal, rang Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Rob Minor, the first half-pull ever on these bells, which were supplied by Taylor and Co. in 1864, tenor 8 cwt. Measuring its diameter put our Shepherd in happy mood for the rest of the week. The belfry is very small, the ceiling low; loose stocks and wheels produced a 'wobbly' feeling all the time the bells were swinging, and our hands went up into cup-holes in the ceiling at backstroke. Leaving St. Michael the Archangel, Shap, at 8 p.m., we failed to call at Shap Abbey, now in ruins, its bells at the Reformation being sent anywhere. One of them is supposed to have been taken to Kendal Church, and another to Orton, the second bell there. Kendal history tells of the five bells in the steeple, the three largest formed the earliest ring, of which one at least came from Shap Abbey, bearing date 1631 and weighing 35 cwt. The great bell was recast by Abraham Rudhall, of York, in 1711, having for several years been broken, and in 1717 it was again recast. It again burst in 1774, and, being so unwieldy in size, taking two men to ring it, and not being in tune with the rest, it was broken up and remodelled with other metal in three smaller bells, making a total of eight.

A beautiful drive back to Kendal along the main Carlisle-Lancaster road by Wastdale Beck and High Barrow bridge, about 1,500ft. above sea level, with a run of several miles downhill, and so to bed at 10.30 p.m.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH AT HISTORIC MILTON.

Milton Abbey, with its great historic associations, is always a favourite spot with members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. They flocked thither in large numbers on Saturday week, when a meeting was held, and were joined by many visitors. The meeting was one of the most successful held by the branch, and the large attendance included visitors from France, London, Ireland, Yeovil, Poole, Weston-super-Mare, Essex and Moreton Pinkney. Branch members attended from Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Buckland Newton, Charminster, Dorchester, Puddletown, Sydling, Upwey and Wyke Regis, and Guild members from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Hazelbury Bryan, Kington Magna, Lytchett Minster, Wareham and other places. Motor-coaches left Weymouth and Bournemouth and picked up ringers en route. The Weymouth party stopped at Puddletown, where they were met by Mr. W. Hewitt, captain of the local band of ringers, and other stops were made at Athelhampton Hall and Bere Regis. The bells of Milton Abbey were rung from 2.30 p.m., and a large congregation attended the Guild service in the Abbey, conducted by the Rev. D. F. Slameck, R.D. (Vicar of Charminster). The Abbey organist, Mr. S. Sweetapple, presided at the organ, and Guild hymns were sung.

In the course of a deeply interesting address mainly on the church history of old Milton, one of the treasured shrines of the county, the Rector of Upwey (the Rev. A. S. Bryant) dwelt upon the wonderful setting of the old Abbey in nature's most beautiful surroundings. He delved into Saxon history to recount the story of King Athelstan and the vision that came to him, when he slept at Milton, of the victory he would win over Scots and Danes, and how after the battle in 938 he founded the Abbey as an act of thanksgiving. The chapel stands on the spot within the earthworks where the vision came to the King—this and the one at Abbotsbury being dedicated to St. Catherine, who (tradition said) was buried by angels on Mount Sinai. Nothing remains to-day of any buildings of this date. Of the Abbey, Mr. Bryant spoke of the earlier building, which was destroyed by lightning (1309), and then he took up the story of the Abbey as it is known to-day and those who built it and added to it—Abbot William Middleton and Abbot John Bradley (who surrendered the house and estates on the Dissolution), and then John Tregonwell, a King's Proctor—Chief Judge of Admiralty, and one of the Commissioners to receive the surrender of religious houses. Thus did he become possessed (for £1,000) of Milton Abbey and the estate.

The Abbey was preserved intact and used as the Parish Church until 1786, when Lord Dorchester built a new church. In 1752 Milton had been sold to Joseph Damer, who was created Lord Milton in 1753 and Earl Dorchester (1792). In 1852 the estates passed into the hands of the Hambro family. Mr. Bryant told the interesting history of such features of the Abbey as the pulpit (now in Winterborne Whitechurch), the font (now in Milton Abbas Church) and the Twelve Apostles (Hilton Church), but the Gothic canopy now in the south transept, which was originally over the high altar, he pointed out as unique in the whole kingdom. It was a deeply interesting and instructive address, and those who heard it realised that they were standing on historic ground and on the site of a much greater Milton than exists to-day.

After the service, tea was served at the Hambro Arms. Among the visitors present were the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth, the Rev. E. V. Roe (Vicar of Caundle Marsh), the Rev. D. F. Slameck and Miss M. Slameck (Charminster), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch), Mrs. Heginbotham, Mr. T. J. Setter (Yeovil), Mr. and Mrs. W. Fletcher, Miss D. R. Fletcher, Miss K. E. Fletcher and Miss E. M. Fletcher (Beaconsfield, Bucks), etc.

In the absence of the chairman of the Dorchester Branch (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant), the Rev. A. Bryant presided at a short informal business meeting, at which cordial thanks were expressed to all those who had assisted in connection with the arrangements of the meeting. Thanks were voiced to the Rev. C. J. Ellwood (Vicar of Milton Abbey), who was away on holiday, for placing the Abbey and bells at the disposal of the branch; Canon A. L. Helps (Vicar of Puddletown), the Vicar of Bere Regis and the Rev. H. A. Caryl (Vicar of Hilton) for allowing the use of their bells; the Abbey organist; and Mr. J. North (captain of the local ringers) for the successful arrangements he had made. Thanks were also accorded the Rev. A. S. Bryant for his address, and the Rev. D. F. Slameck for conducting the service.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) referred to the accident which befell Mr. G. R. Runyard (captain of the Bradford Peverell ringers), who is now in the County Hospital, and mentioned that Mr. Williams, of the West Lulworth band, was still in hospital. The secretary hoped they would soon be restored to normal health.

Thanking the secretary for his work, the Rev. A. S. Bryant remarked that he had 'borne the heat and burden of the day.'

The party afterwards returned to the Abbey, where they were conducted round the gardens and grounds by the head gardener and Mr. North, who were both thanked.

Many of the party afterwards went on to Hilton, where ringing was continued until 9.30 p.m.

A FOUR-HANDED PARTY.

JOINT MEETING AT ENFIELD.

An innovation, in the form of a joint meeting of four associations, was arranged to be held at St. Andrew's, Enfield, during the afternoon of Wednesday, August 23rd, and although the attendance of some 35 ringers and friends did not quite reach the number hoped for, there was still cause for satisfaction. The 'hosts' were the Middlesex Association, the 'guests' the Ladies' Guild and the Essex and Herts Associations.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and at 5 a shortened evensong was held, at which the Rev. J. Frost officiated. A very nice tea was served at the 'A.B.C.' and was much enjoyed, after which Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, welcomed the visitors. Acknowledgment was made by Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Herts Association), Mr. E. J. Butler (Essex Association) and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

Mr. W. Pickworth (Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Daisley) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. Frost for taking the service. The latter, in replying, expressed pleasure at being present, and regret that the Vicar had been unable to attend.

Mr. Butler thanked Mrs. Fletcher and the Enfield ringers for arranging the meeting, which Mrs. Fletcher hoped would be repeated next year. Welcome visitors to the meeting included Messrs. G. Dent, J. Parker, G. W. Fletcher, G. B. Lucas, G. R. Pye, etc.

After tea a great deal of use was made of the bells, Mr. A. W. Coles taking charge of the ringing, and seeing, in his usual unassuming way, that everybody present had an opportunity of a pull. Several touches of rounds were included for the beginners, whilst Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and London were popular items. The meeting was brought to a successful close with the ringing of a very good touch of 288 Spliced Surprise in four methods.

FARNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, had their twelfth annual outing on Saturday, August 19th. With their wives and friends, including Mr. H. Alexander, of Farnborough tower, and Mr. R. J. Hasted, of Hayling Island, they proceeded by motor bus via Godalming, Dorking and Reigate to Godstone, where they arrived at 9.30 a.m., and were met by Mr. Hoare, of the local band. A pleasant hour was spent by the ringers on this nice light peal of eight, whilst an inspection of the beautiful interior of the church was made by the rest of the party.

The journey was then continued by way of Westerham and Riverhead to Sevenoaks. Here the party dispersed to meet again later for lunch, whilst the ringers made their way to St. Nicholas' Church, where there is a grand peal of eight (tenor 21½ cwt.). They were welcomed by Dr. E. L. Taylor and Mr. Ford, of the local band, and the bells were kept going to different methods, in which the local men took part, for about three-quarters of an hour.

A move was then made to the Sennocke Hotel, where lunch had been provided, and to which a party of 36 sat down, including the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) and Mrs. Girling, who had motored from Farnham (52 miles) for this purpose, and Dr. Taylor, who about 20 years ago was in Farnham for several months acting as locum tenens, and used to ring with the then local band, three of whom were present on this occasion.

After justice had been done to the splendid lunch provided, a short time was spent in social intercourse. The journey was then resumed through Farnborough and West Wickham to St. Peter's Church, Croydon, which was reached at 3.15 p.m., the party being welcomed by the veteran Mr. D. Wright and several others of the local band. Here on the splendid ring some of the younger members had their first touch on ten, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. On leaving Croydon, the bus was headed via Epsom and Ashted for Leatherhead, and tea was taken at the Institute, after which a visit was paid to the Parish Church, where Mr. G. Marriner was waiting to welcome the party, and an enjoyable hour was spent in ringing on this fine peal of ten (tenor 19 cwt.), some of the local ringers taking a rope to help the younger members in Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal.

On leaving Leatherhead, a start was made for home via Guildford, where a brief stop was made, Farnham being safely reached at 9.45 p.m. The weather was ideal, the scenery through which the company passed on the 110 mile tour was grand, and every one of the party voted it a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The Farnham ringers wish through these columns to thank the incumbents of the different churches for giving them permission to use the bells, and all those who met them and helped to make the outing a successful one. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

THANET.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Sunday, July 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes): L. A. Porritt 1, Mrs. E. H. Spice 2, F. Weller 3, C. Brett 4, S. Gee 5, E. H. Spice 6, E. Trendle 7, F. G. Brett (composer and conductor) 8, A. E. Jarman 9, J. Jarman 10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday evening, August 27th, at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Egan 1, G. R. Newton 2, E. F. Bennett 3, J. Martin 4, J. Brown 5, L. L. Gray 6, E. Counce 7, T. Riley 8. Longest length in any method by the ringer of treble and tenor.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—On Sunday morning, August 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain Bob, 300 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, L. Poulson 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, August 27th, at the Parish Church, 720 Westminster Surprise at the first attempt by all: E. Bromley 1, F. Bromley 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, F. J. Lambert, sen., 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): *B. Copping 1, G. Dent 2, L. A. Cordell 3, W. Morris 4, I. Cavill 5, *E. Rochester 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday evening, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Higham 1, H. Impey 2, W. Watson 3, J. Simon 4, T. Impey 5, W. Tandy 6, A. P. Cannon (Forest Hill, conductor) 7, W. Aston 8. A quarter-peal was also rung at Adderbury, Oxon, in the afternoon. These were very kindly arranged for the conductor, who wishes to thank all those who helped to make the Sunday such a success.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at the Parish Church: R. Dixon 1, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 2, F. W. Bunce 3, J. Nobes 4, E. F. Hanks 5, T. F. Hanks 6. Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the conductor's wedding. He was married at the above church and bails from High Wycombe.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Harris 1, A. E. Bacon 2, F. Matthews, sen., 3, J. Buckenham 4, A. Mason 5, W. Buckenham (conductor) 6.

TIVERTON.—On Sunday, August 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pearce 1, A. L. Bennett 2, C. J. Stephens 3, F. Viney 4, C. P. Walker (conductor) 5, S. H. A. Ward 6, F. Newcomb 7, B. Cooper 8.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, August 6th, for afternoon service, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. Fisher 1, E. Yates 2, T. Taylor 3, Horace Lomax 4, J. Mawdsley 5, A. Waite (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Attwell 1, A. J. Bartlett 2, G. Luff 3, Miss E. D. Blencowe 4, M. Smithor 5, R. Hagley 6, R. A. Post (conductor) 7, R. Carpenter 8. Specially arranged for the ringers of 4 and 7, who were on a visit from Reading and Oxford respectively.

PRESENTATION AT HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS.

After evensong, at St. Margaret's Church of the Hemingfords, an interesting presentation took place on the Rectory lawn on Sunday, August 20th. Mr. G. Ransome, a local ringer and late captain, is taking up an appointment at Wisbech, and to mark the occasion he was the recipient of a clock striking the hour and quarters. The Rector, in a few well-chosen remarks, said what a joy it was to ask his wife to make the presentation, but they were also experiencing regret, for they were losing a good churchworker. He (the Rector) wished Mr. Ransome 'good luck' in his new sphere of life.

Among those present were Mr. J. Perkins and Mr. H. Sanders, local ringers, the former approaching 70 years, the latter over 70, also Mr. C. Robinson, with Mr. F. Warrington (district secretary, Central Branch, E.D.A.). A 720 of Plain Bob was rung prior to evensong by: G. L. Perkins 1, C. Robinson 2, H. Sanders 3, G. Ransome 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

SHIPLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

At the Church of St. Paul, Shipley, Yorks, on Thursday, August 17th, in 54 minutes, a quarter-peal (1,382 changes) of Bob Major: G. Titterton 1, J. Briggs 2, T. B. Kendall 3, E. Jenkins 4, T. A. King 5, F. Seager 6, W. Feather 7, H. Stott 8.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Herbert Haigh, who died on Sunday, August 13th, in Bradford Royal Infirmary, aged 53 years. He had been a member of the local company for 16 years and a member of the Yorkshire Association for 32 years.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — Annual meeting at Hawkshead on Sept. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Bells (6) available at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Practice meeting at Long Crendon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Invitation tea by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams. Good bells and a warm welcome to all.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. (please note new address), 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair). Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, 5.15, and business meeting. Election of officers and other business. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury, near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, September 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Antelope. The bells of the following towers are also available: Netheravon (2.30 p.m.), Pittleton and Enford, in the above order. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Metheringham (eight bells), on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Crawley on September 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court, Tichborne Park, at 4.30. Please, I don't know who is coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several outstanding subscriptions. Will those in arrears kindly make an effort and pay up and be sports? Tea can be arranged close to church.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Courteenhall on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, September 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Will tower secretaries please send me a full list of members of their tower who are members of the L.A.C.R.? Full names, please.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec. 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—September Notices. All at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Sunday, September 3rd, at 10 a.m.: Service ringing. Practices: Mondays, 4th and 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on September 5th, St. Magnus on the 7th and 21st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Satur-

day, September 9th. Bells from 3. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by September 6th. All members and friends welcomed. Next meeting at Willesden on October 7th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from two o'clock. Tea will be provided free. Please notify Mr. Joseph Dunn, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, by September 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Talaton (six bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, September 9th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Amended Notice.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30, service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? All are welcome.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m. in Kepier Schools for ringers who drop p.c. to Mr. C. A. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by Sept. 7th. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cam on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service and tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, Sept. 9th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m., and in the evening. All ringers welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid. Tea can be arranged from one shilling per head at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, for those who will send their names to me not later than Friday, Sept. 8th. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet, given by E. Denison Taylor, Esq. (president) to commemorate the jubilee of the M.C.A., will be dedicated at 3.30 p.m., and it is hoped that as many ringers as possible, especially those who rang in the peal, will endeavour to be present.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stanstead, near Long Melford, on Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at White Hart at 5 o'clock. Meeting follows.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Spaldwick on Sept. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Eight bell tower available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea.—A. Jones, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall. St. Mary's bells (8) available from 8 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Douglas Parish Church, Parbold, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Will members of 6-bell towers please make an effort to attend this meeting?—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 1, Church Field Avenue, by Thursday, 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Sept. 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head on application to Mr. W. Crawshaw, 11, Wharfe View Road, Ilkley, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know not later than Sept. 7th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Annual district meeting at Fulbourne, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Six Bells Inn, by kind invitation of the Rector. Election of district officers and committee.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Will those requiring tea please reply by Sept. 5th?—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, by Wednesday next, Sept. 6th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sherriffhales, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 5th.—R. R. Pole, Assistant Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—We request the pleasure of your company at our quarterly meeting at Fontmell Magna (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Shroton bells (6) also available.—E. V. Roe, Hon. Sec., Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (gd.) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Business to include consideration of suggested alteration of rules. Please attend in good numbers.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 6th. Reports available for those who have not yet received same.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

STRETFORD, MANCHESTER.—At 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14th, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate the peal which has been restored and augmented to eight bells by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting and thanksgiving service will be held at Sutton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 3 p.m. or 7 p.m., most probable 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, Ely, Cambs, for tea. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs (my only address).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ansdell, near Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church (8 bells). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kenn on Sept. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by Sept. 9th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rowley Regis Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. H. Card (Vicar). Tea will follow, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to have tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 13th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Howden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, Neptune House, Pinfold Street, Howden, by Sept.

9th. General meeting afterwards. Buses leave Selby for Howden at half-past every even hour, and the last bus to Selby leaves Howden at 8.30 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Sherfield on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Mr. F. Pearman, Sherfield Hall Gardens, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.—Saturday, Oct. 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Dinner 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Further particulars later.—V. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The special practices of the branch will, in future, be held at Miles Platting on the second Tuesday in each month.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

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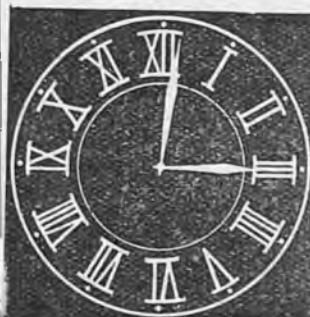
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