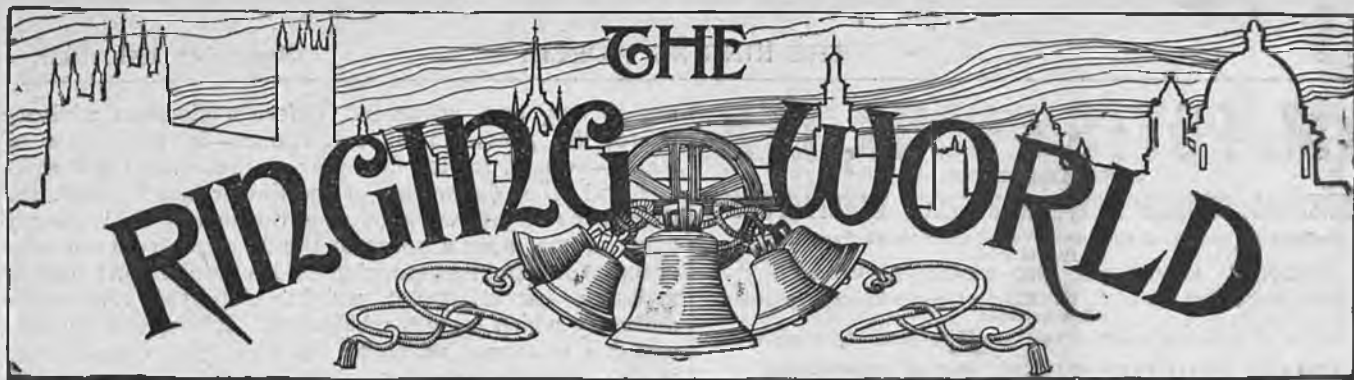




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The notion that old and tuneless bells and aged and decrepit frames, that have outlived their usefulness, are to be preferred because they were made two hundred or more years ago, ignores the purpose for which bells are placed in church towers. They were put there originally to be rung, and the purpose of their existence is, or should be, more important than the existence itself, because the bells would not have come into being but for the purpose behind their creation. If the purpose of the bells is that they should be rung to call the people to worship, it follows that they should be kept in the best possible condition to fulfil that object. When they have passed that stage they should be superseded. Preserve them as antiquarian relics by all means, if it is so desired, but not in the bell chamber. Do not let them remain in service in the church, where, we are so often told, nothing but the best is worthy to find a place. The same thing applies to bell frames—only more so. While some bells lacking in harmony may be tolerated while they are sound, there is, in our opinion, no ground for retaining a ramshackle frame which is beyond effective repair; and yet there are some people who would rather the bells remain practically silent than scrap a timber frame which had come to us down the ages. It is not even as if such a relic of the past could become an object of permanent interest, calling for frequent inspection, with suitable veneration, by antiquarians. No one but the sexton, and he only at rapidly widening intervals, would ever see it under such circumstances.

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not so long ago, advocated, before a diocesan advisory board, the provision of oak frames—in preference to metal—even if, for the first year or two, until the shrinkage and other distortions of the timber had finished, the ringers had hard work to ring the bells! It is simply amazing that such a proposal should come from one who occupies an eminent position in his profession; but it doubtless carried great weight with the responsible authority which he was addressing. It was not the only amazing statement which he made on that occasion; but it illustrates the prejudice which has still to be overcome in certain high places when the question of bell restoration is under consideration.

TEN BELL PEAL.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE HORWOOD Treble	*FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 6
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 2	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
NORMAN G. LEECH 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
† WILLIAM COLLETT 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Dudley, and was made a member of the Guild previous to the start. It is interesting to note that he cycled from Dudley and returned after the peal, being 80 miles each way.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	ANDREW L. WHALLING ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
The above was rung as a birthday peal for Mr. R. T. Woodley, who was 74 on August 29th.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR ALFORD Treble	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	EDWIN H. FOSTER 6
W. GLYN SHAW 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. POSTON.
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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD W. HAYWARD ... Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... 5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 2	†A. HENRY HAYWARD... 6
S. GEORGE COLES ... 3	PERCY MERSON ... 7
WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 4	*WILLIAM T. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART, No. 81.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	WALTER WALLACE ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	JAMES GEORGE ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER... 3	ALFRED J. H. HOUSE ... 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

THERAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

B. JACK STUBBS ... Treble	FRANCES BALL ... 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 2	AMOS SMART ... 6
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Willson.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
ALLISON PURDON ... 2	SIDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... 6
JOHN LYDDIARD ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ISAAC EMERY ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung on the anniversary of the golden wedding of the Rev. Augustine Briggs, who is 83 years of age.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	CYRIL CROWE ... 5
ALBERT E. BRACEY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... 7
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by the ringer of the third at the first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. R. Pink with Miss E. Cleveo, who have the good wishes of the band for their future happiness.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... 5
THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
FREDERICK HARWOOD ... 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 146). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

First peal in the method on the bells.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

MISS M. E. REYNOLDS ... Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 5
MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6
ERNEST PEARSON ... 3	RICHARD A. POST... 7
FRANCIS E. MAY ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCILL ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*WALTER SMITH ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Dr. Spencer Phillips, of Great Baddow.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
*ROBERT G. CROSS ... 2	EDWARD PUGH ... 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT... 7
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4	ERNEST TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal with a bob bell.

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On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY LIMBERT... .. 1 reble	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. 5
*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	ALBERT TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE 3	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 7
HORACE DOWELL 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

* 50th peal for this association. Rung by an entire local band. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Detheridge, also in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor and Mrs. G. H. Detheridge, jun.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT HIGHAM Treble	RICHARD POST 5
*WILLIAM WATSON 2	F. E. PERVIN 6
ERNEST PEARSON 3	HERBERT IMPEY 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4	THOMAS IMPEY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT IMPEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The peal was rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Banbury (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) on the anniversary of his induction, the band meeting short for Carters as previously arranged.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HARDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten six-scores Grandsire and 32 St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	JOHN F. BALLINGER 4
FREDERICK BLOWING 1	SAMUEL SELWYN 5
THOMAS BAILEY 3	WILLIAM MILLS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY... .. Treble	GEORGE BROWN 4
BERT CHILVERS 2	GARNHAM BLAXCELL 5
ALPHAUS BERRY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Monday, August 28th, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher were 'spliced.' To celebrate the 40th anniversary of this event, a peal of Minor in seven methods was attempted at Fulmer. The peal, however, 'went up' at the end of the second 720, so a 720 of Double Oxford was afterwards rung by the following: L. Stilwell 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, G. Gutteridge 3, W. Henley 4, Miss D. Fletcher 5, H. Wingrove (conductor) 6.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... 1-2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	JOHN P. PELLOE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

PEALS OF A LINCOLNSHIRE 'WEEK-END.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 in E.

*ALBERT A. BOSLEY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON 7-8

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WALTER AYRE Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	*ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	†JOHN J. L. GILBERT 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	JACK BRAY 9
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WALTER AYRE 11
JAMES BENNETT 6	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	WALTER AYRE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

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ANOTHER SURFLEET WEEK-END.

THE FIRST SURPRISE PEAL AT BOSTON STUMP.

The well-known Lincolnshire 'Rest Home for Ringers' was far from being a place of rest during a recent week-end, when 'Rupert the Great' invited a few ringing friends from London to spend a short holiday (?) there. Some travelled by road and some by rail, and all were punctual so as to have time to do justice to the good fare provided by Mrs. Rupert before a rush was made for Boston, to climb the Stump. That climb was enough to 'enlighten' even the most enthusiastic ringer, and to cause another glut of anonymous letters to 'The Ringing World' with all sorts of reasons (except the real one) why peal ringing should be abolished.

Boston bells are now a glorious ring of ten, with a tenor of 21 cwt., and listening to them one soon forgot the 185 steps that had to be negotiated before the belfry was reached. In a little over 3½ hours the first Surprise peal on the bells was completed, and the Master of the Lincoln Guild received many congratulations on having got back to peal ringing again, after an illness that might easily have meant him giving it up altogether. The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Dewey and Clarke, of the Boston band, for having everything ready for this peal.



Boston Stump, which is more than 270 feet high.

The tower was built in the perpendicular period, the two turrets, which had formerly flanked the west front, being retained as stair turrets, and the west window altered to form an arch opening into the new tower. In the same period the chancel was lengthened by the addition of two bays, and finally the whole structure was crowned by the erection of the beautiful octagonal lantern on the top of the square tower, about the year 1450, so that the whole edifice, which was begun in 1309, took about 150 years to build. The tower rises in stately grandeur to a height of 272½ feet, and stands in the front rank of examples of gothic art. It is divided into four storeys, the bells hanging in the third, with the ringing chamber immediately beneath and over the groined ceiling, which is 156 feet above the floor. The interior of the church gives a remarkable sense of vastness, with its exceptionally wide aisles and the twelve slender and widely-spaced pillars which support the roof. In the chancel are 64 ancient stalls, which, with the miserere seats, carved with many quaint designs, date from about 1390, and form the second largest and one of the most interesting collections in the kingdom.

Sunday was a 'quiet' day, ringing at Surfleet morning and evening, handbells in the afternoon, and the rest of the time spent in dodging the movie camera fiend. Woe betide the unsuspecting indi-

vidual visiting Surfleet who makes himself too comfortable in a deck chair. His afternoon slumbers quickly become an object for the amusement of the wakeful ones, who crowd round to see the fun. And on the next visit he sees himself on the screen, as others saw him in real life! One member of the party, after seeing himself having a quiet siesta, vowed that he would never go to sleep in a Surfleet deck chair again. One can only be thankful that Rupert has not invested in a 'talkie.'

Monday morning was chosen for an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Surfleet. Improvements in the acoustics of the bell chamber since the opening day have greatly helped, and the little bells are now heard almost perfectly. A composition with 19 courses each way was successfully brought round, little Johnny Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, who rang the eighth, receiving congratulations for the able manner in which he rang his bell to his first peal of Cinques. He is only 15 years of age.

The real hard work was left for Monday afternoon, when a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Hulbeach. Here the ringing is done from the ground floor, with a very long length of rope, making ringing far from easy. The band was, however, congratulated on ringing a very good peal, and the ringers were quite satisfied at having done their best. It was a matter for deep regret that the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who was to have been in these peals, was prevented from being with the party owing to a recent illness. One member of the band was particularly disappointed, he having made up his mind to renew the discussions on Spliced Doubles and Minor, in relation to recent editorial pronouncements in that paper. The disappointed one made two or three attempts to start a discussion with other members of the party, but nobody was interested.

Before departing for London on Monday night, the sincerest thanks of the party were given to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, especially to the latter, whose unsparing efforts to make her guests comfortable was much appreciated.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Waltham on Saturday, September 9th. The glorious weather brought members from the extreme ends of the district. Towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Burlton-on-Stather, Grimsby St. James', Louth, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Elsham, Killingholme, Thornton Curtis, Marsh-chapel, unattached members and the local band, also the Rev. G. H. Legge, of Killingholme, and Mr. F. Dexter, of Leicester. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, ranging from rounds to London. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Holme). Mr. G. W. Moody presided at the organ.

After service members adjourned to the Church Hall for tea. The president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rector. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Brown proposed the election of G. B. Croft, of Waltham, seconded by Mr. Willows and carried. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 11s. Owing to the date of the Caistor meeting being unsuitable, it was decided to hold it on Saturday, September 23rd, instead of the 30th as previously arranged.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting and for the use of the bells and for the welcome which he always extended to them; and also congratulated him on the celebration of his jubilee in the ministry, saying that 50 years was a long time to look back on. He wished him good health in the years to come and hoped we should meet him at Waltham for many years to come. There is evidence of his active work stacked up in the form of concrete blocks for the foundation of a new church at New Waltham, which is part of the growing parish. He has already made twelve hundred of them with very little help. The resolution was seconded and carried with applause. The Rector suitably responded. Mr. M. Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the caterer and organist and those who had helped with the arrangements. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, after which handbells were brought out and others returned to the tower again.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW SECRETARY FOR ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 2nd. The tower was opened at 2.30, and service was later by the Rev. Hugh Lance, the association form being used, and a short address and welcome extended to the ringers. Nearly 50 were present at tea in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting which followed. Stone-in-Oxney was selected for the next meeting, the first week in October.

The secretary then read a short report and tendered his resignation. The representatives on the committee, Messrs. C. Tribe and E. Ruck, were re-elected, and Mr. F. Conley was appointed district secretary.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for 1934 as follow: February, Hythe; May, New Romney; July, Tenterden; September, Ashford (annual meeting).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the Rev. H. Lance for the bells and service and to the organist for his assistance were passed.

Visiting members were present from Canterbury, Dover, Rainham and Guldoford, and were given a hearty welcome.

The collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £1 0s. 6d. Further ringing closed a very successful meeting about 8.30 p.m.

ACLE BELLS AND TOWER RESTORED.

REDEDICATION CEREMONY.

There was a large gathering of parishioners and ringers at Acle, Norfolk, on Wednesday, September 6th, when once again the bells of Acle, which have been silent for some seven years past, are ringing and summoning people to church. Originally they numbered five, but now there are six, the Rector of Acle (the Rev. James E. H. Williams) and his wife having presented the new treble bell. The improved tone of the restored ring of bells with the addition of a new treble bell was much remarked upon.

The Right Rev. Bishop O'Rorke, D.D., Rector of Blakeney, Norfolk, rededicated the restored tower (which is a circular embattled western tower, with octagonal belfry stage) and the bells, and also dedicated the sacring bell and the new clock on the face of the tower. The clock was given to Acle Church some years ago by the late Canon Sutton, who made similar gifts to other churches. The tower at that time, however, was so structurally unsound that the bells had to stop ringing, nor could the clock be affixed until the tower had been restored. The old wooden frames for the bells were eaten by the death-watch beetle to such an extent that they were not safe. Consequently the bells were taken down and sent to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders, Croydon, to be cleaned, sand-blasted and carefully tuned. Iron headstocks have been fixed and the gudgeons now work in ball bearings. The bells have been hung in tiers in the new steel frame, which in its turn is suspended from a steel tower which has been erected inside the walls of the old tower by Boulton and Paul, Ltd., Norwich. It is believed to be the only instance in England where a steel tower has been erected in such circumstances. It is about 35ft. high and 10ft. square and braced completely.

The weights of the bells and the inscriptions on them are as follow:

Treble.—E. A.M.D.G. Jacobus. E. H. Williams, Rector. Et Brenda Ejus Uxor. D.D. MCMXXXIII. Agnes Dei, Tua Pace Nos Dona. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
2nd.—D. Anno Domini. 1623. 4 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
3rd.—C. Anno Domini. 1623. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
4th.—B. Anno Domini. 1623. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
5th.—A. John Brend made. 1664. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
Tenor.—G. Omnis Sonus Laudet Dominum. 1623. W. Whetsacer. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Translation on treble bell.—Presented to the greater glory of God by James E. H. Williams, Rector, and Brenda, his wife, 1933. 'O, Lamb of God, grant us Thy peace.'

Translation on tenor bell.—Let everything that hath sound praise the Lord.

At 7.30 in the morning there was celebration of Holy Eucharist. At 2.30 p.m. presentation purses from parishioners and friends were received in the church porch by the Hon. Lady Austruther-Gough-Calthorpe, who is Lady of the Manor of Acle and patroness of the living. Upwards of 200 purses were presented. The restoration of the tower cost £600 and the expenditure in respect of the bells (exclusive of the gift of the treble bell by the Rector and his wife) and clock amounted to £420. A large proportion of the money had previously been raised.

The dedication service began at 3 o'clock. 'All people that on earth do dwell' was sung as a processional hymn. Among the clergy were the Right Rev. Bishop O'Rorke, D.D., the Rector of Acle, the Rev. A. Shillito (Rector of Blofield and Rural Dean) and the Rev. A. Hewitt (Rector of Reedham). Following the procession came the 1st Acle Company of Girl Guides with a number of Brownies in charge of Miss Daniels. The first lesson was read by the Rev. A. Hewitt and the second lesson by the Rev. A. Shillito. During the singing of the hymn, 'Lift up your hearts,' the Bishop, clergy, choir and congregation walked to the south side of the tower. The Rector's warden (Mr. G. N. Knights), with whom was Capt. Hardinge (deputy warden), then requested the Bishop to rededicate the tower and clock 'to the glory of God and the use of this church.' The Bishop having done so and sprinkled water on a metal cross affixed to the tower, the procession then went by the north door to the entrance to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the bells in these words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, we solemnly set apart and dedicate this sacring bell for special use in the service of God's most holy mysteries, and these bells to the glory of God and the use of this church, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' Then, delivering the ropes to the Rector, the Bishop charged him 'as a sacred trust committed unto him,' to 'take heed that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory.'

After prayers had been said by the Bishop, for a short period rounds were rung by the following ringers: Messrs. W. B. Williams (the Rector's son), ringing the new treble bell given by his parents, George Howchin, Fredk. J. Howchin, William L. Duffield, Fredk. W. Middleton and Edwin R. Goate. During the singing of the hymn, 'O thanks to Thee, our gracious Lord,' the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit, the clergy to the chancel and the congregation to their seats.

In the course of his sermon, Bishop O'Rorke said he thought it would be the wish of the Bishop of Norwich 'that I should tender to you congratulations, as well as on my own behalf, to the Rector of this parish, to the churchwardens, the Parochial Church Council, all workers and worshippers in this church and all faithful parishioners

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN ARKSEY RINGER.

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mr. Henry Trout, a very well-known member of the All Saints' company, passed away after a long illness.

He was a member of both choir and belfry for upwards of 60 years, having rung on the old five which hung in the tower till the late nineties. His was an example which could be well followed, courteous and obliging to a degree, ever ready to take a rope to help the rawest of learners, never a grumbler if things weren't going exactly right, and always punctual both for service and practice. He was a churchwarden for a number of years and on the Parochial Church Council up to the time of his death, at the age of 75.

The funeral, which took place on Thursday, September 7th, was attended by the vice-president, the Ringing Master and several members of the Doncaster and District Society. The service was attended by full choir and organ, and the lesson was read by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Clark). The Vicar of Arksey (the Rev. J. Pierce Price) officiated at the service and the interment.

Immediately after the funeral the bells were rung to an exceedingly well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the clappers half-muffled, by: F. Garner (Arksey) 1, G. Clark (Arksey) 2, P. Clark (Arksey) 3, G. Halksworth (Doncaster) 4, H. Arrand (Arksey) 5, J. Thorley (Thorne) 6, C. Thorley (Thorne) 7, E. C. Stacey (Sprotborough) 8. Conducted by C. Thorley. The bells of St. George's, Doncaster, were also rung muffled in the evening.

On Sunday the bells were again rung muffled, and for evensong was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, A. Harrison (Nottingham) 3, E. Clark 4, H. Arrand 5, E. Cooper 6, T. Revill 7, B. Burditt 8. Conducted by A. Harrison. Thus do we record the passing of another of the old stalwarts whose places we find it increasingly difficult to fill.

He was one of nature's gentlemen and will be sadly missed by all who knew him either in the belfry or in any other branch of church work or in connection with his business as joiner and wheelwright. May he rest in peace.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Oxford and District Branch was held at Long Crendon on Saturday, September 2nd, when 55 ringers and friends attended from the following towers: Oxford (All Saints', St. Giles', St. Ebbe's and St. Thomas'), Wolvercote and visitors from Bicester, Reading, Beeton, Twyford, Abingdon, Cuddesdon, High Wycombe, Cookham, Stoke Poges, Ellesborough, Deddington and Thame. The local ringers, who have just recently joined the Guild, were well represented, ten members being present.

Tea was provided by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. A. Williams), and was greatly appreciated by all. Before returning to the tower, 'the bright young people' entertained the party with handbells.

Thame bells were available at 7 p.m. and an hour's good ringing was enjoyed on them. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London, not forgetting rounds for the beginners.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A visit to North Crawley by the above branch was made on Saturday, September 2nd, and was very well attended. The following towers were represented: Blechley, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Hanslope, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, with several ringing visitors. It had been some years since a meeting had been held at North Crawley, but it proved very successful and good practice was given to the younger ringers during the afternoon. A short service with address was held, conducted by the Rev. Chalmers Bell, Vicar of North Crawley. After tea a short meeting was held, the secretary (Mr. W. Sear) apologising for the absence of the chairman (the Rev. A. Byard), who was away on holiday. After the meeting further ring took place, methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Minor.

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upon having accomplished the work that we have together dedicated to-day.' The church was, said the Bishop, rich in historic associations and memories and in the accessories to worship. During the singing of the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the steeple,' a collection was taken. The Bishop gave the Blessing and the Doxology was sung. The Rev. J. W. Jacobs, Rector of Cantley, presided at the organ.

After the service the congregation listened with pleasure to various touches of Minor rung by the ringers present, Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. R. J. Goate, Mr. R. W. Barber and others taking part in some of the touches rung. Mr. H. H. Turner, representing Messrs. Boulton and Paul, was also present.

Subsequently at a parochial gathering tea was served on the Rectory lawn. Speeches were made by Mr. S. Capon, Mr. A. E. Smithdale (chairman of Acle Parish Council) and the Rev. A. Shillito (Rural Dean). After tea the ringers adjourned to the belfry and joined by fellow-members who were unable to be present in the afternoon. The festivities of the day ended with a dance on the Rectory lawn.

DEVON GUILD BRANCH MEETING.

The East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a district meeting at Talaton on Saturday, with an attendance of about 30 members, several coming out from Exeter. The Rev. J. H. Bradford (Rector) conducted the service, for which the new form just issued by the Guild was used for the first time. In his address, the Rector urged his hearers to do their best both by practice and precept to carry on their work with religious motives.

Tea was provided in the assembly room of the Talaton Inn, the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) presiding, supported by the Rector and churchwardens of the parish, the general secretary and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who carried out the recent restoration of the bells. Good wishes were extended to the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell in their new sphere of activity, with gratitude for their help to the branch in the past, and a hearty welcome to the Rev. E. V. Cox to his first meeting as president.—Mr. Cox, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be present at this branch meeting, as it was at Ottery St. Mary, nearly 30 years ago, that he conducted his first peal, cycling 13 miles each way for the effort.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Feniton on January 13th next. A suggestion for holding practices for evening bellringing during the winter months was discussed, and it was eventually decided to leave it to the branch secretary and Mr. Woodley to arrange. A vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the meeting, and members then returned to the tower to ring touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, September 2nd, at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Jack Kay to Miss Nellie Helme, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ernest Pike 1, Charles H. Pike 2, Robert Holden 3, Charles Brownlow 4, Albert Heywood 5, Herbert Johnson 6, John E. Markland (conductor) 7, Norman Critchley 8.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 2nd, the wedding took place of Mr. H. Brown and Miss Annie Sheraton, daughter of Mr. F. Sheraton, Guild Master of the belfry. As the bride arrived at the church the bells pealed forth, and as the happy couple left the church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') was rung by J. A. Brown 1, F. Ainsley 2, G. S. Taylor 3, T. Stephenson 4, H. B. Ditchburn 5, J. W. Parker (conductor) 6, W. Sheraton 7, R. Patterson 8. All the above belong to Sunderland, except the ringers of 1 and 7, who are local.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the home of the bride's parents, and drank to 'the health of the bride and bridegroom.'

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER.**LEADER OF WORCESTER ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BAND.**

The many friends of Mr. William Page will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at Worcester on August 30th, at the age of 72 years. He was buried on September 4th at St. John's, Worcester, where he had been master of affairs in the belfry as well as an ardent churchgoer, a sidesman and one of the church feoffees. The funeral was a quiet affair, the ringers being represented by W. Lewis and J. J. Jeffries (St. John's), A. Hill and J. Hill (Worcester Cathedral), W. Ranford (Suckley) and G. Hinton, sen. (a former Cathedral ringer). Wreaths were sent from the St. John's band, W. Ranford and E. P. Thomas (Fernhill Heath). Muffled ringing took place at St. John's the same evening, a 504 of Stedman Triples being rung by old members or those best acquainted with him, viz.: S. T. Holt 1, W. Lewis 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. R. Powell 4, J. J. Jeffries 5, W. Ranford 6, G. W. Checketts (conductor) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Other touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, in which F. Barnett, E. Crump, P. Blissett and I. Eaton (Bournemouth) took part.

Mr. Page was born at Ripple, Worcestershire, where he first learnt to handle a bell, and also ring Grandsire Doubles. He moved to Worcester in 1882, where he joined the old Cathedral band, and was one of the original members of the Cathedral Guild when it was formed in 1893. He joined the Worcestershire Association soon after it was founded in 1882, and although his membership had lapsed for one or more periods, he was a member at the time of his death. He was Master of the association for three years, 1921-22-23. He was elected instructor to the Hallow band, which was formed when the bells were installed there in 1900, and conducted their first peal—Grandsire Triples in 1902. When the Kidderminster band were at the height of their fame, he used to cycle there and back from Worcester for Surprise practice, and it was he who first introduced Surprise ringing in Worcester. He conducted the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob (Worcester Variation) ever rung, and also conducted the first peal of Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal by the Western Branch of the association. Mr. Page rang in all 193 peals, of which he conducted about 80, his first peal being rung at All Saints', Worcester, on May 30th, 1887. The method was Grandsire Caters. He had been a ringer at St. John's for a good number of years, where he conducted the first 14-method peal of Minor for the association, and it was through his influence that St. John's bells were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1929-30.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, are to be recast from a peal of eight to a ring of ten, with, we understand, the same total amount of metal. At present they are a poor peal, and for some time have been badly in need of rehangings.

Members of the British Association, meeting at Leicester, visited Loughborough Bell Foundry on Friday, and also listened to a special recital on the famous Loughborough carillon by Mr. Eric Jordan.

Another ringing tour begins to-morrow. Mr. William Pye and a party will be busy among Hampshire towers.

In the report in our issue of August 25th of the peal of Minor rung at Dallington, Sussex, on August 5th, it was stated inadvertently that the conductor was Mr. W. Gorrings. This peal was under the conductorship of Mr. James G. Powell, to whom we tender our apologies.

Mr. R. T. Woodley, who rang in the peal at Lowestoft, recorded in our peal columns, was a well-known London ringer some 50 years ago. He succeeded the late Mr. James Muskett as secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, relinquishing this office on his leaving London for Leeds, when he in turn was succeeded by Mr. Cockerill. Since 1911 he has resided at Lowestoft, and when the bells were installed there he formed a band and became their leader.

ANOTHER BELLRINGER'S WIFE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am also a ringer's wife, and proud of it, too, for I think that bellringing is the finest hobby a man can have, as it calls for mental ability as well as physical fitness.

I always encourage my husband to go ringing whenever possible, as (1) it provides just that relaxation so necessary to body and mind these hectic days; (2) it gives him a chance of meeting old friends and making new ones; and (3) it gives me the opportunity to do any odd job in the house, or to entertain my friends if I wish.

Occasionally I have been privileged to go with my husband when he has been taking part in a special peal on 10 or 12 bells, and, far from being a 'torture to the public,' as another ringer's wife suggests, or 'Futile,' as 'Anti-Surprise Major' would have us believe, I think the music beautiful and must be a source of inspiration to many.

I wonder how many of your readers spent their honeymoon as we did. We were in London, and on the second evening we were at a practice meeting at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, whilst the following Sunday evening my husband joined in the ringing for the service at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.—Yours faithfully, (Mrs.) J. F. MILNER.

SUNDAY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not suppose the letter of 'Observer' appearing in your issue of August 25th has made much impression on your readers. Men may state their views, but an anonymous letter which finds fault with others is not calculated to command respect. My reason for addressing you is that the letter really casts a censure on a section of the parochial clergy—a proceeding which the Exercise cannot approve. It is hardly likely that any of your clerical readers will condescend to be 'drawn' in this manner; perhaps, therefore, a few remarks by a layman may not be improper.

The Church lays down no special rules for the employment of our leisure time on Sunday. Things not wrong in themselves do not become so by being done on Sunday. Men may make such rules as they see fit for their own conduct on that day; but whatever may be our individual view and practice on particular points we should not lose sight of the freedom which the Church gives. If we do so, we come into danger of mistakes, unfairness to others and even absurdities.

There is nothing wrong in a ringer starting for a peal on Sunday unless it breaks a rule he has conscientiously thought right to make for himself. But whether he starts or not depends, not on himself, but on the incumbent of the church where he proposes to ring. An incumbent, when applied to for leave for a Sunday peal, has the right and the duty of deciding whether to refuse or to accord his consent. If he refuses, his decision is to be unquestionably accepted as right. If he grants permission he is also right. He has been trained in theology and parochial work; he knows the conditions, local and otherwise, of his church and parish; his permission will involve no breach of any rule of the Church; and if he sees his way to allow a Sunday peal he is not to be referred to in terms which suggest that he is accessory to something which is in itself wrong.

Peals have been rung on Sunday ever since they have been rung at all. Their continuance on that day must depend on opinions and circumstances; but in themselves Sunday peals are things indifferent.

R. A. DANIELL.

BIG BEN AND THE B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is surprising to hear the announcer of the B.B.C. making an erroneous statement so very frequently on the wireless.

Almost every evening one hears something like the following: 'In two minutes you will hear Big Ben strike half-past six.'

This sounds very ridiculous to those who know that Big Ben only strikes the hours.—Yours truly, GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

A COMMEMORATIVE TABLET AT DERBY.

It was in the schoolroom attached to St. Andrew's Church, Derby, that the Midland Counties Association was formed in the year 1882; it was there that the jubilee meeting of the association was held last year, and in the lofty tower a commemorative peal was rung in October by a representative band of the association.

On Saturday there was another gathering of members at St. Andrew's Church, when a beautifully carved slate tablet, recording the peal, was unveiled and dedicated. It is the gift of the president of the association (Mr. E. Denison Taylor), and has been placed in one of the window recesses. It was made by Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, near Leicester, a ringer who specialises in this type of tablet.

The occasion of the gathering was a quarterly meeting of the Derby District of the Association, and members attended from Derby, Leicester, Burton-on-Trent, Nottingham, Loughborough, Duffield, Ilkeston, Cotgrave, Hearnor, Beeston, Spondon, Stoney Stanton, Broughton Ashby, Bolsover and Botherham, among the veterans of the association present being Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. C. Draper and Mr. W. C. White. Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president of the district), Mr. G. Freebrey (district hon. secretary) and Mr. E. Morris (general hon. secretary of the association) also supported the president, when the Vicar (the Rev. V. T. S. Jagg) visited the belfry for the dedication.

The President first congratulated the ten members of the association who rang the peal—which, he understood, was a very good peal indeed—to commemorate the jubilee of the association. He was very pleased to see eight of the band present that day. The jubilee meeting on Easter Monday last year was a notable landmark in the history of the association, and they had pleasant memories of a most enjoyable day. Mr. Freebrey's idea to further commemorate the jubilee with a peal was a very good one, and St. Andrew's tower was very suitable for the purpose, because, as most of them knew, the society was founded in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. He was very pleased that the peal was successful, and it gave him great pleasure to offer a peal board to record it and to stand as a permanent memorial of the jubilee. In asking the Vicar to unveil the tablet, Mr. Taylor thanked him, on behalf of the association, for allowing it to be put into St. Andrew's belfry.

The Vicar, on behalf of the church and parish, accepted Mr. Taylor's kind gift to the belfry, and congratulated all concerned upon the performance and upon the event which the board actually commemorated. They at St. Andrew's, he said, were very proud of their ringers and their belfry.

The Vicar then unveiled the tablet and dedicated it with suitable prayers. The inscription, engraved in silver lettering, is as follows:—

St. Andrew's Church, Derby.

The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers, 1882-1932.

To commemorate the jubilee of the association, a peal of 5,050 changes of Stedman Caters was rung on these bells in 3 hours and 11 minutes on 29th October, 1932, by John H. Swinfield treble, Colin Harrison 2, Alfred Ballard 3, Albert H. Ward 4, Charles Draper 5, Edward C. Goby 6, Jack Bailey 7, Percival Price 8, Ernest Morris 9, Arthur Brains tenor. Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by Ernest Morris.

Presidents of the association: Rev. J. H. Fish, 1882-1883. Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., 1883-1916. John W. Taylor, 1916-1919. Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., 1919-1929. E. Denison Taylor, 1930, who presented this tablet.

Mr. E. Morris, in his dual capacity as hon. secretary of the association and conductor of the peal, thanked Mr. Taylor for his generous gift. It was, he said, a magnificent addition to the tower. The members of the association were very proud of their president, and they were indebted to him for the great interest he took in all they did. That gift was just another indication of his interest in their activities. Mr. Morris went on to assure all those who did not hear the peal that it was one worthy to be recorded, not only for the occasion for which it was rung, but also for the ringing itself. When Mr. Freebrey put forward the suggestion for the peal he (Mr. Morris) felt they ought to make it worthy of the occasion, and he looked for a composition by their former president, Sir Arthur Heywood, who did so much for the association. He came across one with 5,050 changes, which he thought fitted in particularly well with the jubilee. They made the band as representative as possible and the peal was well rung. On behalf of the association, he thanked Mr. Taylor for his generosity in giving that very fine tablet (hear, hear).

Mr. J. H. Swinfield, as probably the oldest member of the association present, supported Mr. Morris' remarks, and Mr. Taylor suitably replied, remarking anent some of the younger members present that he hoped they would be spared to see the celebration of the centenary of the association.

The eight members of the band who were present then rang a touch of Stedman Triples.

Later the quarterly meeting of the district was held, Mr. H. Fletcher presiding. The Rev. N. J. Poole, of St. Chad's, Derby, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. Flower was appointed Ringing Master for the next meeting, which is to be held at Duffield.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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THIS 'FUTILE' BUSINESS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Socrates or Shakespeare or one of those writer fellows once said 'Some folks are born great, others have greatness thrust on them.' I certainly cannot aspire to the first, but beginning to think I might yet attain to the latter! And this, all because I am a ringer whose activities have been written about by some of those non-de-script (I beg your pardon—I meant 'non-de-plume') gentlemen, who will rush in where angels fear to tread.

The centre of Leicester is marked by an elegant clock tower, around which the city gyrates, and on this are pedestals and niches containing statues of some of our leading 'great ones.' Already one of these niches has been chosen for me, and on a recent occasion I was shown the site by our sergeant-major, who very kindly (as all S.M.s do) asked me which position I liked best, W.M.H. or N.S.E.W. Now after reading 'Anti-Surprise's' letter (how I hate these non-de-plumes), I am to be given another even greater and higher position, where the population can gyrate around. I feel giddy already at the thought of such elevation! No wonder I am suffering from 'Craniumitis'—I made that up myself, 'itis' for swelled, and 'cranium' for 'head.' For some months now I've not worn a hat, and there are some unkind ones who say it's not because of the heat wave! To add to my woes, the other day as I sat in silent meditation at my desk, wondering if my next peal would be Plain Doubles or London Maximus, I got such a smack in the ear—nearly toppled me off my seat, and a 'still small voice' said, 'Who's this ringer's WIFE you are writing to?' Wouldn't I like to meet her—we would have a real heart to heart talk. Oh! what a futile world it is. We make agreements between nations and then call them 'scraps of paper.' We send gentlemen to Parliament to fight for our better welfare, and then hear no more of them. We have our local Council spending the money we work so hard for to pay our rates and taxes. If we save a bit for a rainy day it is taxed beyond recognition. In our private family lives we have these FUTILE little arguments, and now even in our 'Ringing World' these FUTILE suggestions crop up. Life itself seems futile to those who look at it so—even Mrs. M. made my little eulogy of praise to her seem futile by boxing my ears—yet, like Gracie, let's look on the 'bright side,' and clear all these FUTILE thoughts away.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

EXPERTS READY TO HELP LEARNERS.

Dear Sir,—Your reader's letter, entitled 'Futile Peals,' in this week's 'Ringing World,' certainly hits the nail on the head with regard to many Surprise peal ringers. May I, without, I hope, taking up too much space, quote you some of my opinions. As a young (aged 20) and perfectly independent member of the Exercise, who has rung in over 500 towers, I think I can claim to know something about ringers' attitudes and teaching ability.

First I have noticed that there is a marked tendency amongst many young ringers who, having suddenly sprung from the simplicities (?) of standard methods to Surprise methods, immediately lose interest in ringing those simpler methods for the benefit of learners. To quote from a recent conversation I had with a promising young ringer (aged 16): 'Do you go over to practice at — now?' 'No, they can only ring Plain Bob.'

The youth in question could only ring Grandsire Triples about two months ago. He has now rung his first course of Superlative. Admittedly good progress, but a bad attitude in one so young towards those who can only ring simple methods.

So it is not always the experts who cease taking interest in the simple methods; the progressive youngsters themselves suddenly follow their example! I can mention the names of some really splendid men, men who can call a peal of London one week and still call a peal of Grandsire Doubles the next week (a far greater effort to call it truthfully). Messrs. J. T. Dyke and E. Morris are fine examples. On the other hand, there are a far greater percentage of ringers who, although able to ring Surprise, are totally incapable of putting anyone right in Grandsire Triples or to call a bob in any method. In fact, they stand chatting when, at a meeting, simple methods are being rung with learners standing in.

As regards Surprise 'peal snatchers,' I do not think one need worry about them, providing they help the learner in their spare time. Many brilliant conductors do this, and all credit to them. Their work is appreciated. If some of those so-called 'experts' heard the way in which their name was 'taken in vain' by the lesser lights, they might wake up. The majority would give up in disgust! I don't care either way! I enjoy myself as I go along, thanks to the kindnesses of the many people whose towers I visit. I can number amongst my friends many Surprise conductors and ringers who help the learner all they can and are very popular. It is the people who ring peal after peal of Surprise, generally at the same two or three towers, and care not a jot for anyone who can't ring at least Double Norwich. I could name many of these, but they mightn't like it! Forest Hill.

A. P. CANNON.

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The back eight bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, were dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on December 31st, 1881, and the first peal (Grandsire Triples) rung on them on January 3rd, 1882. They were made into ten in 1923, the two trebles being given by two of the local ringers, Messrs. C. E. Hart and A. H. Ward.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

By W. H. F.

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A HAVEN OF REST.

On Wednesday the two towers, Arlecdon and St. Bees, were worked from Whitehaven as a centre for three days. We had very nice quarters, near bus and train depots, at the Waverley Hotel. A civil porter saw to baggage and a noisy dog nearly wagged his 'sally' off in welcome.

St. Michael's Church, Arlecdon, is a modern pretty little church of warm coloured red sandstone, consisting of nave and chancel, and rather isolated from the scattered houses of the parish, some of which are dated 1626 and 1755 or thereabouts, and show the rural ancient character of the place before steam and oil propulsion. You will see rows of small cottages near to coal and mineral mining shafts, which have not been so busy of late years as one could wish. The old font in the church is dated 1578 and is preserved in a special baptistry. The porch, west window and a lych gate are good features, and to us the pretty little ring of eight bells, cast by Taylor and Co. in 1904, particularly so. We were here welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. H. A. Wilson, M.A., and a smart body of his ringers, who look capable of doing good work in the near future. They gave us a touch of rounds, with the steeplekeeper, Mr. Marston, at helm.

After our peal of Superlative, luncheon was kindly provided in the Village Hall by the Church Council, and several ladies attended to the wants of the company, which included local men as well as visitors. Handbells were rung, and the Rector gave us reminiscences of his years spent in Canada. He praised the ringing, was glad to welcome us and wished our tour every success. Mr. G. R. Newton thanked him on behalf of all present, also the ladies who had given up their afternoon to attend to our needs, and mentioned the honour of achieving the 'first peal' on Arlecdon bells. This 'plum' should have fallen to the pocket of Mr. Keeble eight years ago, when, unfortunately, the treble became 'unringable' owing to the metal pin on the stay top not working in the slots, although a man, who had handled all the big bells of Manchester to peals, tried his best with 'the little beggar.'

There is so much of interest to ringers on these outings I hardly know what to omit. For the sake of brevity perhaps I had better quote to myself a well-known instruction to the Police Guild when there's a crowd, 'Pass along, please.'

Every change ringer has a bee in his bonnet; some are after counties, some the towers, others the tenor and some the method, but I often times wonder if, after adding 'one more' to the list, we all feel thankful for the health and strength we enjoy to enable us to do so much. Leaving Arlecdon at 2.45, we returned to the Haven and trained to St. Bees' Church, and were favoured by a rare privilege, permission to ring a peal on the Priory bells. The church is an interesting building of long Cumberland history, dedicated to St. Bega, consisting of nave, north and south aisles, north and south transepts, central tower of quaint appearance with conical roof. There is no window in the ringing room, but a small door looks down into the nave. The stairs, built on the north-east corner of the tower, ascends direct from the churchyard to the bells; there is no light to be used as a rule in case of fire. We were in trepidation about the electricity being switched off during our peal, and expected urgent messages to come from the well-known St. Bees' Clerical College adjoining the Priory. Everything went smoothly, however, and the band looked carefully inside their bonnets on leaving the tower, but found no 'sting.' The ringing room is 22ft. square, the circle of ropes and draught good, 'going' not too good, but the way our tenor man buzzed afterwards it must have been a bumble bee he discovered. The bells were installed in 1853, they were cast at Whitechapel and form one of Mears and Stainbank's good octaves of that period.

A double honour in ten hours is not often the lot of a team of change ringers, so our thanks to Messrs. Temby and Brown—more stalwarts—not forgetting the steeplekeeper, who disappeared with the keys of the stair and could not be found when asked for. Priory, railway station and hotel, all adjoining the latter, named 'the Albert'—whether it was after Albert the Good I know not, but the ale was—and our 9.33 left some time after 10 p.m. for Whitehaven and—with apology to Mr. H. Mason—a good rest.

Cleator Moor and Egremont were the two towers for Thursday, and an easy bus, a good road, a fine morning and 'punctuality' helped to give the tourists another 'double.' We were out at 8.40 a.m. by bus for the first attempt at Cleator. Dedicated to St. John, well designed and built in 1861 with the valuable local red sandstone, this church possesses a handsome interior, relieved with stone and coloured brickwork, making a warm and comfortable impression as one enters from a rather bleak desolate country moorland. A few yards from the tower stands the tall chimney stack of one of the numerous iron mines of the district, most of which are now disused. Smoke from the shaft, accumulating in the church, was caused by the pumping to keep water from the workings until the 'happy day' should come to restart.

Originally there were six bells here, all recast by Taylor and Co. in 1909, the tenor 22 cwt., reputed to be the heaviest in the county? They are hung in new iron frame and fittings, and a real 'good job'

from the ringers' point of view. We put our 'octogenarian' on the tenor, and rang the first peal on the bells in easy and comfortable fashion. The Vicar received the company on arrival and kindly visited the belfry afterwards with Mr. Temby—another Cumberland stalwart—to offer congratulations to the hand and our 'Ancient.' It was a very noisy ringing room at one time, but Mr. Temby had made an improvement by putting in another floor with sawdust packing. There is a good light, circle and draught of ropan, but all the windows are fixtures to prevent the ringers from being 'smoked out' when the shaft is going full steam ahead. During the peal our Simpson climbed one of the neighbouring hills, over 1,600ft. up, with the contradictory name of 'The Dent'—he found us at the Ironworks Inn, indication of the trade of this part of England, and here we heard the depressing news that one of the Whitehaven collieries had closed down that day and the local district had 90 per cent. of its working population unemployed, two-thirds of whom were males.

Egremont was reached at 2.30 and lunch at the Douglas Dining Rooms really enjoyed with all present. We were met at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. J. E. McKinley (Rector) and Mr. John Spedding (verger) and made welcome. Like most of the churches in this part, Egremont is built of the usual red sandstone, its bells are by Taylor and Co., 1902, tenor 14 cwt., in excellent ringing order, which serves to show they are well looked after. Old Sol could not dazzle our eyes as the four large windows are high up, the circle and draught of rope with sally guides comfortable, the room fairly cool, as a pair of large trap doors in the floor were opened and air freely circulated whilst we made our peal No. 11. Local bands came round to see us and kindly let bells down, to join in the 70th birthday greetings to Mr. Churchwarden Douglas. Let me now tell you of a 'plot' that was hatched with only one man 'Rugby' not in the scheme.

When we stripped to ring it was found 'someone' had taken the tenor and adjusted the rope to his own satisfaction. Preliminary rounds and then stand followed as usual. The band were then shuffled, and 'Jimmy' found the treble vacant, much to his astonishment.

Here the local company have made good work by ringing Bob Major and Surprise Minor (a peal in 1929), also Kent Major, conducted by W. T. Holmes, in 1921.

Walking to the railway station to get the 7.40 train to Whitehaven, we were joined by the three umpires, Messrs. Newton, Dennis and Shepherd, with favourable remarks. The town appears to be a prosperous one with a long broad High Street and market place. At one time the moorlands were preserved for deer and game, but since the Squire of Dent died, have been allowed to deteriorate. One old gamekeeper of 92 years remembers the good old days when he earned 28s. a week, but now draws a dole of 30s. weekly for himself, wife and family. He was noted for his keeper cleverness on the principle of setting a poacher to catch a poacher. There were so many 'firsts' in our bag of peals during the tour—with two doubles in the last four days—I fear the Cumberland ringers will think we have 'poached' some of theirs.

STILL JOGGING ALONG.

An early move was made on Friday morning for Hensingham Church, a few miles out of 'Haven. The local bands had raised the bells, installed by Taylors in 1914 with new iron frame, in readiness, and the Rev. D. Freeman, a practical change ringer, kindly welcomed the party to his tower. Days when he was a neighbour of the late Rev. H. Law James at Surfleet were recalled, and in the Vicarage adjoining he was able to enjoy our Superlative to his heart's content, to say nothing of our own jubilation, in which he shared, when 'That's all' sounded. A neat, well-kept belfry, good bells and fittings, it was such another belfry as Egremont, but rather noisy, like four of our previous towers. We found the local company were making progress in the method and that Mr. Holmes has rung his usual Treble Bob Major here. A nice modern church, built with the ever ready local red sandstone, in beautiful order, with a well-timbered churchyard that adds graceful surroundings to the garden of rest. Bus to the railway station and good-bye to Whitehaven, followed by the '1.40 p.m.' to Maryport, but it did not leave till 2 o'clock, and, indeed, most of our railway service was unpunctual.

Maryport is a fine town with harbour on the sea coast of the Solway Firth and the resort of fashionable people during the summer. It has decayed of late years, due to the neighbouring idle coal and mineral mines, dead shipyards and loss of shipping, and has 75 per cent. of its workers unemployed. Here was built the first American battleship, the 'Ironside,' for the U.S. Navy. There are remains of a Roman station near, the early occupants of which discovered the value of its ores. The church tower possesses a set of good hemispherical bells, which, to my knowledge, are much to be preferred to those metal 'drain pipes' called tubular bells, which a few years back were frequently substituted for the 'real' thing. Our lunch was enjoyed at the 'Granville' before enjoying another stretch of sea coast—by bus this time—to Silloth, via Allonby, with the Scottish hills 10 miles across the water. For about 12 miles the road passes close by the sea-shore, a strip of 'no man's land,' which enables hikers, tourists and visitors to camp, picnic and bathe as and when they wish. We saw a great deal, from the upper deck of our bus, that would have greatly distressed 'Mrs. Grundy' of Victorian

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the North and East District at St. Mark's Church, Dalston, on Saturday last, was held in very pleasant weather, and attracted a good number of ringers. Ringing commenced punctually with a good touch of Stedman Triples. This was followed by Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. Vince), with one of the local ringers (Mr. C. A. Randall) at the organ, and the choirboys in full attendance. A bright service and a generous welcome were much appreciated. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held, with Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) in the chair. The hon. secretary apologised for the absence of the District Master, who was away holiday making. As a mark of respect to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, who died on June 30th, and to the late Mr. J. Wicks, of Hadley, who died on July 26th, all present stood in silence for a few moments. Mr. Beeston had been a member of the association for upwards of 20 years, and Mr. Wicks was a foundation member.

Two new members were elected, and Willesden chosen for the next meeting on October 7th.

The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, of Finchley, on their golden wedding, which was celebrated early in August. Mr. Webb was a member of the Finchley band and had been a ringer there for 57 years. The hon. secretary, in seconding, remarked that Mr. Webb was evidently one of those fortunate persons who found it quite possible to attend to his duties and pleasures as a ringer and to be happy in his married life at the same time.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his welcome to the association; to the local ringers, the organist, the choir, and to the caretaker for arranging tea. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, who made special mention of the help given him by Mr. Crouch, the local secretary. The Rev. J. O. Vince replied in his usual wholehearted way with a sincere welcome to the members present.

Some handbell ringing followed, a touch of Grandsire Triples being rung by Miss L. Wheeler, G. B. Collins, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, who also, with the help of Messrs. W. Pye and C. T. Coles, rang a course of Grandsire Cinques.

Later the tower was again visited for more Stedman, Double Norwich and Surprise, including a very good course of London to enable a youngster or two to reach another rung of the ladder.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, on Thursday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled in 54 mins. as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Trout, of Arksey: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, A. Pye 2, G. B. Lucas, sen., 3, W. A. Pye 4, E. Stacy 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, R. Thompson 7, H. Baldwin 8.

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days. However, I may add none of our men alighted. The order was, 'Pass along, please.'

SILLOTH.

He is not a lazy man—or a slothful ringer who handles this tenor twice on Sunday. We had heard unfavourable remarks about the 'go' of these bells and proved them true. The octave at Christ Church was installed by Taylor and Co. about 50 years ago; they are hung on one level with plain bearings in a timber frame (tenor 24 cwt.). The Vicar and churchwarden kindly came to greet us in the belfry, and it was explained that pains had been taken to make them go easily by a local 'engineer.' We prepared for Stedman Triples and knotted the ropes below sally to get the Yorkshire tail end to suit the back-stroke. The tenors go up false clappered, it was easier when these were turned right, but after 18 minutes' ringing Mr. George reluctantly set up, and Mr. Pye agreed at his 'common sense' in doing so.

A straggling old-fashioned town is Silloth, where most of the houses are rendered for warmth and dryness in the winter owing to its exposed position to the north.

The church, a modern Gothic building, with nave, north and south aisles, transept, vestry, the base of the tower forming the porch—its buttresses built in diaper work with a lofty stone spire. The ringing room is small, ceiling low, and not enough ventilation. We came here according to programme, and left a nice little ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank at Aspatria, east in 1896, and only a few miles away. The nearest point to re-use our 'summer' tickets was Wigton, a station on the Carlisle line, and we arrived in the city at 7.30 p.m. to put up at Ridley's Temperance Hotel. Talking of tenors in this county, we have Carlisle, Cleator, Penrith and Silloth between 20 and 24 cwt., but it is not generally known that Highmoor, near Wigton, possesses nine bells by Taylors, the heaviest weighing 8 tons 16 cwt. My readers will understand why I never told Mr. George or Mr. Shepherd of this as we were passing by. I am afraid one of these days they will between them devour one of these sweet tenors.

'If you ring me, pull me gently,

Do not throw your strength away,

Just rehang me—oil in plenty—

And have a go another day.'

Silloth Tenor.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last at Gorseinon, when about 20 members attended from various towers, and there was also a good muster of the local men. The bells (8) were raised in peal about 3 p.m. and kept going until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Thomas). Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of in the Parish Hall. A band of ladies saw that everyone was well provided with all the good things, and, needless to state, the cup of tea was very much enjoyed.

The Vicar having to leave early, the chair at the meeting was taken by Mr. D. J. Lewis. Swansea was selected for the December meeting.

A long discussion took place on Rule 18, and a vote of confidence was passed in the district secretary, all present being satisfied that the balance sheet had been made out according to rule.

It was agreed to give the annual report to each member and pay for them out of the funds.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman, to the Rev. W. J. Thomas and to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

Rounds were rung for the learners, and the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY ANNUAL MEETING.**

An enjoyable meeting was held at Fulbourn on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Clare, Fen Ditton, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newmarket, Newton, Over, Royston, Sawston, Thrapston and Trumpington. Ringing ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy), who gave an inspiring address and afterwards entertained the company to tea.

At the business meeting Mr. C. W. Cook was re-elected District Ringing Master, and Miss K. Willers district secretary. The committee was elected as follows: Messrs. T. R. Dennis, H. J. Hazel, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, S. Twitchett and P. Webb.

Mr. F. Warrington, whose company was much appreciated, kindly invited the Ely Archdeaconry to a joint meeting with the Central Branch at Longstanton on October 21st. It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Chippenham on September 23rd if permission can be obtained.

The instruction of beginners was discussed, and Mr. Dennis said he hoped good progress in this direction would be made at the Church of St. Mary the Great in Cambridge during the coming winter, using the Seage apparatus.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, taking the service and for his generous hospitality.

Although numbers were not large, a note of real encouragement was struck, and it was cheering, too, to see three schoolboys from the Trumpington band attending an association meeting for the first time.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

In connection with the September monthly meeting, the above branch made a tour of part of the Avon valley on Saturday, September 2nd. A party numbering over 40 assembled at Netheravon at 3 o'clock. Short touches were the order of the day to enable all who wished to have a pull. After a short time the advance party went on to Fittleton, raising the bells and doing the 'donkey work' generally for the 'main body' to come in and take possession. The same procedure was gone through at Enford and Upavon. At Upavon the Vicar welcomed the members and conducted the Guild service, the congregation numbering 49. Tea was served in The Antelope.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. In his opening remarks (which were somewhat humorous) he welcomed all who had made the journey, mentioning by name those who resided outside the branch area—W. B. Kynaston and J. Berry (Swindon), F. W. Romaine (Salisbury), D. Field (Buckland Newton) and W. Bolwell (Ealing). Two new members were elected, and notice was given of the next meeting, which will be a quarterly at Bradford-on-Avon. The usual votes of thanks being passed, the meeting closed and the members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30. The touches of Grandsire on handbells at the branch meeting were quite a feature. Later in the evening some 'stalwarts' journeyed to Urchfont and were rewarded with an excellent touch of Stedman Triples. At the six-bell towers most methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise, the striking being quite good. The following towers were represented: Devizes St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Warminster, Westbury, Chilton, Urchfont, Rowde, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Seend, Longbridge Deverill and Melksham.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After a holiday by the sea (where, unfortunately, my 'Ringing World' did not follow), one feels sufficiently invigorated to wield a pen and advise the Exercise at large to take no notice of the illogical outbursts of the 'Museum' Methodists or Bluechapel Frothblowers.

Our other correspondent's letter from this town, as reported on page 525, cannot be dealt with by me seriatim, as his final paragraph affects the writer personally.

The church. In a previous letter I made a statement respecting our church's name of 'All Saints,' and with regard to same Mr. Briggs says amongst other things 'that we must presume at some time it was called "St. Ann's." Mr. F. E. Dawe was advised to be sure of his facts, and the same applies to his "backer-up" from Rotherham.

The following is culled from a brief history of our church by the greatest living authority in this town, viz., J. H. Cockburn, Esq., O.R.E., F.R.Hist.S., etc.:—

'There is not any evidence or any reasonable probability that Rotherham Parish Church was dedicated in the name of St. Anne, or even that any chapel or chantry was called by the name of that saint.

'From time immemorial it has been called "All Saints," and is so inscribed in ecclesiastical records kept in York.

'All Saints' was pre-eminently a dedication in use before the Norman Conquest.'

Rotherham bells speak for themselves, and all sensible campanists are in full agreement.

With regard to their alleged imperfections, one can safely say that an odd struck bell wherever it exists presents no great difficulty to an average ringer, but a far more insidious thing is an odd struck ringer.

Wheel slipping, whenever it has happened at Rotherham, has almost always been due to one or the other of the following causes: Wet and stiff ropes or the ill-choosing of a site for a short splice. (The writer accepts responsibility for the latter part.)

Your correspondent says a few peals have broken down through the latter cause. Now, being unable to define 'a few' and wishing to be strictly truthful, I can say this, that in not one case (which is, I think, less than a few) on our present peal has a 'wheel-slipper' caused a successful peal to be otherwise.

To strike a more serious vein, what importance can the Exercise attach to the remark as to 'the task being too great to get the tenor into the speed required by the other nine.' Just think of that for a moment, please. Is that not first-class bunkum? and that from a man who dares to suggest to bellfounders with centuries (some of them) of experience behind them how to distribute the metal in a ring of bells.

I would like you to know, Mr. Editor, that in quite a number of respects we are fortunate in Rotherham. Firstly, we have a magnificent peal at our Parish Church, and, secondly, we are just as fortunate in having men for the back end who enjoy ringing a big bell. Also our grumbling friend is fortunate inasmuch that he has the chance of quite a few lighter peals in this district where he, no doubt, will be able to ring in comfort either at the front or back.

COLIN RYDER.

A NOBLE TEN.

BY IRENEUS.

In spite of the illogical criticisms put forth by Mr. Briggs on page 525 of 'The Ringing World,' one has the effrontery to say, Rotherham bells are—'The round, the 'ring' and 'top of sovereignty'; a 'noble ten' and they grace not only a magnificent church, but a 'stately pile'!

Will Mr. Briggs please tell us who could have done the job in its entirety with greater efficiency and have given greater satisfaction, and why?

As to my challenge to Mr. Dawe, I made it to ascertain whether or no Mr. Dawe had made notes on the old ten at Rotherham, but, as he prefers to remain silent, one perforce comes to the conclusion that he made no notes. Nevertheless, I did—two decades before the 'old eighth' was recast, and those notes are extant. Living testimony is also forthcoming to substantiate what I am about to write. Bells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were all inscribed, 'T. Mears of London, fecit 1821,' and they were all 'maidens' (nine maiden bells do not make a maiden peal of ten!) The old eighth was not a maiden, and the only inscription she ever bore was, 'Thomas Hilton of Wath made me.' That's plain English! and not 'Bunkum'! Will the gentlemen whose attention I drew to that fact please verify it through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

In my former letter I set out to compare real antiquity with 1821 antiquity. And my comments on Thrybergh are simply held over. A retrospect is all that is essential before they are put into writing. Mr. Briggs asks me what is required to make Thrybergh bells into a good peal. My answer is, 'A competent founder who can turn five homogeneities and a like number of amalgams into one! and leave

in Thrybergh tower five bells of equal temperament!' But 'Ireneus' would never be party to such procedure. Thrybergh bells are five intact chapters of parochial and bellfounding history, which Mr. Briggs cannot transcribe!

Further, we are asked by Mr. Briggs to picture Rotherham's old bells 'cleaned' and hung on modern hangings, and with a sob he asks us to stretch our imaginations and visualise 'what a peal it would have been'! My rejoinder to that delusion is, 'If the ten bells cast in 1819—now hanging in the "Crooked Spire"—were "cleaned" and popped in the modern hangings at Rotherham, Mr. Briggs would certainly not have such a "musical three blind mice"! but would have something on a par with Rotherham's old ten which "barked."'

'Cleaning' 'Big Ben' would never make 'Big Ben' 'Little John'! With the aid of a 'cow-beel' one might teach (?) the advocate of 'cleaning' more about the nature of metals than he thinks he knows!

Let me see—er—oh! ah! I remember 'receiving instructions' from the Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Rotherham, and I sent in a written report of my findings to the aforesaid Council. Does Mr. Briggs think I was 'asked' by the local sanitary inspector? And 'why' one 'received instructions' obviously arose from the fact—that in spite of our friend being a 'qualified ringer,' he had not the ability to advise. He proves his inability by advocating 'sacrilege' where the fabric would withstand the additional thrusts and strain of a further pair of trebles!

'Ireneus' will never perpetrate sacrilege to meet the requirements of dwarfed physique! Incidentally, we—who 'received instructions'—rang something like half a dozen peals with Mr. Briggs on light eights in the neighbourhood of Rotherham. On every occasion 'Ireneus' rang the sixth—for the same reason as he rang the ninth Sunday by Sunday on the twelve at Sheffield Cathedral—and Mr. Briggs was never on the heavier side! Further, we three rang together in a peal of Caters on the old ten which 'barked'—incidentally this was 'the last' the writer rang anywhere! 'Ireneus' was on the seventh, but Mr. Briggs didn't care so much for the heavier end; he rang the sixth! and he was again in front of the writer in a touch on the day the more 'musical three blind mice' were dedicated. True, one has not rung much on this new peal—haven't got over the shock of ringing on the 'old nus.' The remainder of the comments pertaining to the future, which Mr. Briggs makes, is treated with the contempt such 'untasty' remarks deserve.

However, one of these days 'Ireneus' may pop into All Saints' ringing room again for a pull, and if our friend will submit to blind-folding, 'Ireneus' will guarantee to be 'on the box'! That sounds like 'swank,' but it is the one sure way of finding out whether ringers (placed on equal footing) are equally 'qualified ringers.'

But all flippancy aside, the writer was ever ambitious to leave 'marble' where he found 'brick'! 'Twas ever his aim—as he gazed into the convex mirror of the past and saw something 'great'!—to leave something 'nobler'! for eyes to look upon when the hand that pens these lines is 'still,' and a 'holiness of beauty' rolls in deep diapason over Rotherham, 'Gloria-Patri-et-Filio-et-Spiritui-Sancto,' from a noble ten! in a 'stately pile.'

EARL SHILTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to report the death of Arthur Waters, of Earl Shilton, at the early age of 32 years. Arthur was one of the original band when the peal of eight was installed in 1921, and rang in the first peal on the bells, which was by the local band on October 28th, 1922. He was not a great peal ringer, only having rung nine peals—Grandsire Doubles 2, Grandsire Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1. He took part in the first peal for the Midland Counties Association rung by members of the C.E.M.S. The funeral took place on Saturday last, a muffled quarter-peal being rung by his close friends after the interment in Earl Shilton Churchyard.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st, *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.

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.—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).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, September 16th. Bells from 3.30 to 5.30. Tea and meeting Manor Arms. Further ringing, and probably Immanuel, till 8 p.m.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at five, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, September 16th, a meeting will be held at Offley. Bells ready 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Green Man Inn. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every twenty minutes.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

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.—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.—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. 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.—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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36 Turner Road, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, September 16th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hingham on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 9d. per head. Business meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Please notify Mr. A. Hill, 41, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by the 20th. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless word is sent. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at 3 p.m. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, 20th. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) 4.45 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea, you are specially requested to notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, September 20th. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.—L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Honey Cafe (1/3 each). All members intending being present please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Tower 1 mile north from Emsworth Station.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. I should be glad to receive annual subscriptions. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A joint meeting with the West Norfolk branch of the Norwich Association will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcomed.—E. Barker and W. Eldred, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to the general secretary by Tuesday, September 19th.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. S. Tonkinson). A bus will leave Portland Street at 2.30. Will all those requiring tea please notify by the 18th? P.S.—Bishop's Cleeve bells will be dedicated on the 30th inst. at 7 p.m. by the Venerable Archdeacon of Gloucester.—Walter Yeend, Mellford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec., not later than Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11 Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers of those requiring tea to me by Wednesday, September 20th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Noranton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 23rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 20th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than September 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Guisborough on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6, tenor 9 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Wear's Cafe, Church Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be present please notify the hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, September 20th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Caistor on Saturday, September 23rd, not September 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Important.—Numbers for tea to be sent to the Rev. A. J. Arch, Vicarage, Caistor, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Spaxton on Saturday, September 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bunbury (eight bells) on September 23rd. Ringing from three o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 20th?—R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note that the joint meeting with the W.G. at Claybrook is unavoidably postponed. Instead a meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, September 23rd, to which Warwickshire Guild members are cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge for those who notify Rev. R. P. Farrow, Stoney Stanton Rectory, Leicester.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27th.—A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be at tea notify me certain by Monday, September 25th, or arrangement will be difficult?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d., non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea. Please notify Mr. J. Butler, Marriners, Bradfield, for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, September 30th. Full particulars next week.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Committee meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head) only to those who advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place Cafe, Ripley, Derby, before September 28th. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitefield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., 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.

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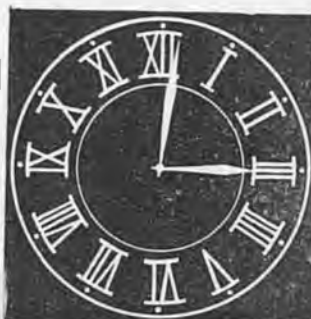
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