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LEADING.

In a letter we published last week a correspondent asked which is the correct way to lead in an even-bell method: to watch carefully for the last rope in the previous change (as his friends maintain), or to rely on hearing (as has always been his own practice)? It is a question which has been asked many times and which is worth a little consideration.

One obvious answer is that 'correctness' has nothing to do with the subject. All that matters is that the ringer should make a good lead, and so long as he does so, how he does it is quite immaterial. But that does not quite meet the point our correspondent wishes to raise. What he really asks is: Which is the best plan to teach a beginner to adopt? There the point is an important one. Some time ago, when we were writing of a similar matter, we stressed the importance of teaching a beginner to use to the fullest, not only his eyes but his ears also. Here we think is the real answer to the present question.

No man can ring changes properly who does not use his eyes. Seeing is the faculty by which we find our way among the other bells, and a man is a competent ringer very largely to the extent he can take all the ropes into his vision. And not only the ropes, but the other ringers' arms and bodies, and can notice by their faces and their attitude and their slight movements what they are doing and what they expect him to do. Ropesight is not merely being able to pick out the particular rope which must be followed, but a general understanding of all the ropes. This does not come as a rule by instruction but by practice, and good teaching is that which provides the right sort of practice.

But seeing by itself will never make a first-class ringer. It may enable a man, and in many instances it does enable a man, to ring easily the most complicated of methods, to conduct peals and touches, and to detect and correct trips and mistakes by other men. But something may be, and often is, still lacking; and unless the man uses his hearing as well he will never be a really first-class ringer, and, for all his splendid list of peals, his reputation among ringers will not be of the highest.

The opinion is widely held (tacitly, if not vocally) that sight is the faculty a ringer must mainly rely on in the practice of his art, and that hearing comes in later to test whether the ringing is well done or not. By sight many men find out which rope they must follow. They use their hearing, so far as they use it at all, to judge whether the blow they have made is a good one or not.

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That is not how a really first-class ringer works. With him sight and hearing are co-ordinated. The two aid each other and produce a sense of rhythm which will enable a man to go on ringing for a long time without consciously considering what either his ears or his eyes are telling him. Ask such a man how he leads in a Major method and he probably will not be able to tell you. Does he take notice of the rope which closed the last change? Of course he does, for he takes notice more or less of all the ropes. Does he use his ears? Of course he does, for otherwise he would not be a first-class ringer. But he most probably never uses either eyes or ears as some people imagine. What happens is that his sense of rhythm tells him that to lead properly his rope must be pulled just in one way and not otherwise. Whether there is a covering tenor or not makes no difference to him.

Beginners should be so taught that they acquire this full comprehension of the sight of the ropes and the sound of the bells, and the best way to do that is to give them the fullest opportunities of practising on the smallest number of bells without any covering tenor. To push them on to the higher numbers before they have learnt to be ringers on the lower is a great mistake.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 3, 1944, *in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*
At 24, Suffolk Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Eric A. Dench 1-2	John Thomas 5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4	Albert J. Wallman 7-8
Charles W. Roberts ... 9-10	

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Thomas.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 4, 1944, *in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*
At 24, Suffolk Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Eric A. Dench 1-2	John Thomas 5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4	*Phillip D. Coward ... 7-8

Composed by I. J. Attwater. Conducted by J. Thomas.
* First peal of Bob Major in hand.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1944, *in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,*
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12.

*Reginald W. Darvill... 1-2	Walter Ayre 5-6
P. Michael Freeman ... 3-4	*Charles F. Sayer 7-8

Composed by Geo. H. Cross. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*
In the Choir Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Harold J. Poole 1-2	*T. Groombridge, jun. ... 5-6
G. Stedman Morris 3-4	Ernest Morris 7-8
Josiah Morris 9-10	

Composed by Maj. J. H. R. Freeborn. Conducted by E. Morris.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells. A 77th birthday compliment to T. Groombridge, sen.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1944, *in Three Hours and One Minute,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harry G. Wayne ...*Treble*	Shirley Burton 5
*Jill Poole 2	William J. Root 6
G. Stedman Morris ... 3	Edward R. Whitehead 7
†Ernest Morris 4	Harold J. Poole ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. † 850th peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 3, 1944, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.

Miss Valhalla Hill ...*Treble*	Ernest Morris 5
Walter F. Judge 2	William Judge 6
Charles J. Gardner ... 3	Maj. J. H. R. Freeborn 7
Rev. C. Elliot Wigg ... 4	William H. Thorne ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 6, 1944, *in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ronald H. Dove ...*Treble*	George S. Lee 5
Jack G. Brothwell ... 2	Walter Allwood 6
*John W. Smithson ... 3	Herbert O. Chaddock... 7
Sergt. N. Chaddock ... 4	John E. Turley ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John E. Turley.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Thomas W. White ...*Treble*	George L. Grover ... 5
*Albert Lambkin 2	Ronald J. C. Hagley ... 6
Alfred H. Pulling ... 3	William T. Beeson ... 7
Clarence H. Dobbie ... 4	Frank C. W. Knight ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
* First peal on eight bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Thomas Butler, sen. ...*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh ... 5
George R. Newton ... 2	Edwin C. Birkett ... 6
Thomas R. Butler ... 3	Percival W. Cave ... 7
*Frederick S. Almond 4	Frank Varty ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.
* First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

John H. Brothwell ...*Treble*	F. Bernard Ditcher ... 5
Milton C. Fowler ... 2	J. Edward Cawser ... 6
Harry Morgan 3	Norman Chaddock ... 7
Arnold Hill 4	John E. Turley ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Ed. Cawser.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	*JOHN PINFOLD	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal of London.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM FERNBY	*Treble*	CECIL AUSTIN	5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
TOM WILDE	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES A. MILNER	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
200th peal as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

REDBOURN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1944, *in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's (Morris'), one 720 C.C. Collection and 24 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. TAYLOR	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
ALBERT HARRIS	2	HORACE W. ANSTEY	5
WILLIAM BEDDARD	3	JOE HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1944, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GUNSON	*Treble*	*TOM WATSON	4
*FRED HAWORTH	2	WILLIAM TAYLOR	5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	E. R. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are aged 14 years and the 4th 15.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on September 30th in the library of Newcastle Cathedral.

In his report, the hon. secretary, Mr. Roland Park, called attention to the long membership of some of the men whose names were on the roll. Dr. Barrow, of Rothbury, had completed 65 years, Mr. W. Story 64 years, Mr. C. L. Routledge and Mr. J. W. Shipp 63 years, Mr. T. H. Surtees and Mr. W. Sheraton 58 years, Mr. R. Welsh 54 years, Mr. G. W. Park and Mr. J. E. R. Keen 52 years, and Mr. F. Sheraton 51 years.

There had been a fairly heavy death roll during the five years which had passed since the last annual meeting. It included Mr. Arthur Payne, a past president, and Mr. William Newton, the last of the original members. Four members had lost their lives on active service, and 18 other members had died. Three members, Chris. Hetherington, Charles Lea and Cyril Mordue, were prisoners of war. Many bands had been depleted by the call-up, some having all their members in the forces and others with but one or two left.

The financial statement, presented by Mr. W. Norman Park, the treasurer, showed a balance in hand of over £126.

Mr. F. Ainsley reported on the activities of the Eastern District and Mr. J. T. Titt on the Southern District. Mr. W. N. Park said that Mr. J. A. Brown had done good work in the Western District.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gateshead.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CLENT.

Eighty-two ringers from twenty-seven towers were present at the annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at Clent on September 23rd. The Dudley Guild were guests.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Gwynfor John, and was fully choral. The lesson was read by Mr. B. C. Ashford.

At the business meeting Mr. Thomas Greenhall, of Halesowen, was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. John Lloyd, who had expressed a wish to resign, as he considered the office should go round more often. Mr. B. C. Ashford and Mr. John Bass were re-elected secretary and Central Committee representative respectively.

Three new members were elected from Cradley, Stourbridge and Selly Oak, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings at Oldswinford or Wollaston on October 21st, and at Kidderminster on November 18th. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for January 20th at Stourbridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

MEETING AT TETTENHALL.

Upwards of 60 members and friends attended a meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held at Tettenhall on September 30th. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Service was conducted by the Rev. J. Bickley, curate-in-charge, who gave an address. It was announced that Mr. A. Madeley, of Burton, near Preston, had given the society nine books on ringing with a request that they should be kept in the library of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, for the use of members generally. Seven members were elected. The next meeting will be at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, in April.

RINGING AT LONDON UNIVERSITY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The formation of the Universities Association has encouraged a band of ringers at London University to form an association of their own and to start recruiting in the university.

During last year tower bell practices were held (with tied clappers) at St. James', Pretan Square, and open at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Several recruits are making progress in Grandsire and some in more advanced methods.

Handbell practices have been held at the Church House of St. Clement Danes', and a peal of Bob Major was rung there for the Universities Association, with Mr. W. L. B. Leese, of Oxford, conducting.

Two members attended the Universities Association ringing tour in Worcestershire.

DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON.
King's College, The Strand, W.1.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the University of Bristol Society was held at the University Union on October 2nd, the first anniversary of the foundation of the society. Forty members and prospective members were present. The Master, Miss Monica J. Richardson, in a report, said that in October, 1943, only two members could handle a tower bell, but for the past five months there had been ringing at St. Michael's, Cotham, for morning and evening services every Sunday during term. Two members had recently scored their first peal in the tower. Regular handbell practices had also been held throughout the year.

The society could never have come into existence had it not been for the help given by the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and the kindness of Mr. D. G. Clift and Lieut. C. Glenn, who had attended nearly all the practices during the year. As far as Bristol was concerned, the Universities Association had also more than justified its existence, giving much encouragement in both moral and practical spheres. Several members had benefited by visits to Oxford and by participation in the ringing tour in Worcestershire. The initial difficulties of establishing a society had now been to a large extent overcome, and more rapid progress might be expected in the future.

Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells by M. Richardson, Jenny Pym, Margaret Carpenter, Eric Taylor and Edward Burge, and the party then adjourned to St. Michael's for some Grandsire Doubles in the tower.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HETHERSETT.

A meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Hethersett on September 30th, at which about 30 members were present from Ranworth, Long Melford, Mulbarton, Bergh Apton, Hethersett, Wymondham, Redenhall, Diss, New Buckenham, Great Yarmouth, Yaxham, Norwich and Wighton. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Minor and Kent Major. The Rector conducted the service. Tea and business meeting were at the King's Head. It was arranged to hold the next meetings at Scottow in November and Horsham St. Faith in December.

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Cheques and remittances should be made payable to 'The Ringing World.'

The peal of Bob Major at Hethersett reported as being rung on September 23rd was really rung on September 16th.

We have received a report of a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Wollaston, Stourbridge, without a date.

THE MONTH'S PEALS

The number of peals rung in September was fifty-nine, two more than in August, but there were five Saturdays. Forty-nine were rung on tower bells and ten on handbells.

The tower bell peals consisted of: Grandsire Doubles 4, Triples 7; Bob Minor 5, Major 2; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Stedman Triples 6, Caters 3, Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Royal 2; Superlative Major 2; Bristol 1; London 2; Three to seven Minor methods 6.

The handbell peals consisted of Grandsire Triples 1, Caters 1; Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Oxford 1; Stedman Caters 2, Cinques 2.

The number of peals in January was 50, in February 34, in March 37, in April 48, in May 41, in June 34, in July 47, and in August 57; making a total for the year (so far) of 407.

DEATH OF MR. J. J. LAMB

The death is announced of Mr. John James Lamb, who passed away on October 7th at the age of 85 years, at the residence of his niece, Miss Elders, 43, Invicta Road, Blackheath.

Mr. Lamb began his ringing in 1883, and his first peal, one of Grandsire Triples on January 29th, 1884, was at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, where for many years he was a service ringer. This was rung by the now extinct Society of Trinity Youths. His last was one of Double Norwich at Eltham on February 26th, 1936, for the Kent County Association. In all he rang 408 peals. They consisted of Grandsire Triples 40, Caters 1; Stedman Triples 90, Caters 67, Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 28, Royal 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Royal 1; Bob Major 7; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 36; Superlative Surprise Major 73, Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 7, Bristol 11, and London 35.

Mr. Lamb was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Middlesex County Association, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the London County Association, the Waterloo Society and the Trinity Youths. The funeral was at Charlton Cemetery yesterday.

DEATH OF MR. E. J. DOBBIE.

The death is announced of Mr. Ernest James Dobbie, of Milton, Kent, which took place on September 29th at the age of 59 years.

Mr. Dobbie, who belonged to a family which has produced several ringers, had rung 177 peals. He joined the Sittingbourne company in 1908 and for many years was steeplekeeper. The funeral was at Milton Parish Church on October 3rd and was attended by several ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on handbells by Miss Betty Spice, Mr. W. Spice, sen., Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. W. Burley. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, the St. Michael's Society and the Tunstall ringers.

RINGING FOR VICTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The recent statement by Mr. Churchill to the effect that fighting in Germany may go on indefinitely prompts the question, what indication will ringers have that victory ringing may start? If, as Mr. Churchill stated, the Nazis go to ground and continue a resistance movement, it is possible that there will be no sudden cessation of hostilities, as was the case in 1918. In this event, one is bound to wonder whether any arrangements for victory ringing will mature. It will be unfortunate should such circumstances arise, and they can only have a detrimental effect on the return to peace-time standards of ringing.

This is due to the attitude of many ringers, also some ringing bodies, who have adopted a policy of no peal ringing during the period of hostilities. There are also many fine peals of bells lying idle on account of the same idea: While such a policy may have been sound three or four years ago, it may be pointed out that we have made much progress in the field of arms since then, and the continuation of such a policy under present circumstances is to my mind prejudicial to progress.

It was pointed out in the pages of this journal some time ago that a ringer's proficiency as a Sunday service ringer depends largely on his ability as a peal ringer, and ringers who come in the above category would do well to reflect now, as to whether decisions taken four years ago are still warranted. The same applies to those incumbents who if they would release their bells could play a big part in the return to peace-time conditions of ringing which only a revival of peal ringing can accomplish.

D. G. CLIFT.

21, Wathen Road, Bristol.

BELLS AND THE FILMS.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—When hostilities cease, victory bells will be rung all over the country. The news reels on the films will probably depict the bells ringing merrily, but what of the ringers?

In a film that I recently witnessed, a peal of eight bells was shown, whilst in the next scene three or four men were giving sharp tugs on their respective 'sallies' (the bells were definitely being rung, not chimed). What a travesty!

Would it not be possible for the Central Council to get in touch with those responsible for filming the news reels?

If the bells are shown ringing in the belfry, why not give the public a view of those at the other end of the ropes?

There may not be a lot of time left: why let the opportunity pass?

T. EVANS.

48, Glebe Street, Penarth, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. W. ROMAINE.

To mark the completion of 21 years' service as secretary of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, a presentation was made on September 30th to Mr. F. W. Romaine of a leather bound copy of H. B. Walter's 'Bells of Wiltshire,' a cheque, and a list of subscribers.

A service in St. Martin's Church, conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, was followed by tea. Mr. E. G. Caple, the branch chairman, presided at the meeting and was supported by Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (past master and vice-president), the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards (general secretary), Mrs. Hibberd (hon. life member), Mr. E. White and Mr. A. T. Weeks (chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Devizes Branch), the local branch officers, and ringers from all the city churches and from Amesbury, Berwick St. John, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Damerham, Downton, Martin, Shrewton, Wilton, Wylye, Wishford, South Newton, Southbroom, Swindon, Warminster and Wimborne.

Mr. F. Ll. Edwards, in making the presentation, spoke of the work Mr. Romaine had done and what the Guild owed him.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Mr. E. White and the Rector of St. Martin's spoke of their long association with Mr. Romaine, and the Rector thanked Mr. Caple for the work he had done in collecting subscriptions.

Acknowledging the gift, Mr. Romaine said that since he took on the office of secretary, he had spent many pleasant hours and made a wide circle of friends. The work had been made a pleasure by the friendly welcome he had always met with, and the co-operation of all the members had helped to make the job very much easier. He learned ringing in 1903 at St. Martin's, under the late Mr. Gifford, and had been connected with St. Martin's since he was six years old. He wished to express very deepest thanks to one and all.

Mr. Caple said that every tower affiliated to the branch had sent a subscription, and donations had come from other branches (particularly Devizes) and from towers outside the diocese.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ALLOA.

Twenty-five ringers from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Paisley and the local belfry were present at a half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association, held at St. John's, Alloa, on August 30th. A service was held in church, and tower bells and handbells were rung

CURIOUS TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

By Ernest Morris.

(Continued from page 417.)

At Quainton, in the same county, the five bell ropes fall in anything but a circle. 5, 4, and 1 are in practically a straight line on one side of the tower, and 2 and 3 on the opposite side, so the rotation is 1, 3, 2, 5 and 4. This church is dedicated to the Holy Cross and St. Mary. In the 15th century the western tower was built and the west window and doorway of the nave were reset in the tower. This tower is 13½ft. by 13ft., and of three stages with embattled parapet, below which is a string course with grotesques at the angles. The south-west stair turret is continued above the parapet and is also embattled. Of the five bells the first four are by Henry Knight I., and the inscriptions seem to be intended as an encouragement to the parishioners not to grudge the expense of recasting :—

1. Thinke no cost to mvch
2. That yov bestow of all
3. To bring to pas
4. So good a thing.

The tenor has much larger cannons than Knight's bells. The inscription band looks as if the original wording had been filed off, and the present one incised in its place. It is by T. Lester, 1745. The left-handed frame is probably much older than the present ring, and was evidently altered on the augmentation to five in 1621, hence causing the very unusual and awkward 'circle' as described above. There is also a Sanctus by Thomas Eldridge, of Wokingham, the first founder of his family, dating between 1565 and 1592. It has a half-wheel.

The Church of St. Giles, Oxford, founded by Aylwin Godegose, is one of the earliest ecclesiastical buildings in Oxford, dating from 1200. Its walls are of rubble with dressings of local stone, and roofs covered with slate and lead. Towards the end of the 12th century the western tower was built and the aisles extended to enclose it on north and south. The top stage was added shortly after. It is 12½ft. square, and contains a ring of eight. The tenor is dated 1692. Three were recast and two added in 1850 by W. Taylor, and in 1927 the octave completed. The approach to the ringing chamber here is first, as one enters the church by north or south doors, pass westward to the tower which is to open on three sides, being built in (and not on) to the church. Ascend a short step ladder to a small platform, then right across the side of the tower on a wooden staircase, rising to the ringing chamber in full view of the congregation, and through a trap door in the floor to the ringing chamber. The ascent to the bells and to the top of the tower is by ladders, there being no spiral or other means of ascent in the tower itself.

The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Oxford, is the principal ornament of the High Street, and is the fourth church to stand on this site. One is mentioned in the Domesday book. The Norman church erected *c.* 1139 was rebuilt in Pointed style. The whole of the existing structure, with the exception of the Decorated tower and spire, is Perpendicular. This tower and spire form one of the most striking objects in every distant view of Oxford, and the immediate view from the Radcliffe square on the north is majestic in the extreme, the massive severity of the tower contrasting finely with the richly decorated groups of pinnacles and other elaborate details clustering round the base of the spire, the height of which from base to vane is 197ft. 9in. The tower was built against the end of a north transept, the roof line of which can be seen on its south face. There are similar indications of a building to the east of the tower, but it is not certain if this was actually erected. The tower is 16½ft. square, and is of two main stages and three storeys. Of the two staircases in the north angle of the tower, that on the east has been completely blocked up, and that on the west blocked to the ringing chamber.

This has caused a somewhat involved ascent to the belfry, thus : One enters a door on the east side of the tower, leaving Adam-le-Brome's Chapel on the left, climbs a wooden staircase leading up to rooms, then through a door on the right and up another wooden staircase; through another door at the top and on to the church roof; turns immediately right and up an iron stairway outside running up the side of the tower some 10 or 12ft., and straight through a glass panelled door, and so into the ringing room. This glass panelled door is the only light to the room. This room is right under bells which naturally have a short draught of rope. Immediately opposite the door on the far side is the clock case with protruding platform for winding, which has to be let down before ringing commences, as the fourth rope drops right against it. Through a door on the left of this clock case one continues up a spiral staircase and comes out on the little balcony above the clock face, from whence a good view of the city can be obtained. There are six bells, tenor 28 cwt. The fourth is the famous 'music bell,' cast of Newcombe, of Leicester, in 1612. The music is in two lines, extending round the bell and divided into four parts.

The Church of St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford, has a 'built in' tower, and the ringers of its six bells perform from the ground floor and are thus exposed on three sides. Holywell is so called from the holy well in the old manor house, now the Balliol College extension, at the north-east boundary of the city. The church was originally a chapel of east to St. Peter-in-the-East. It was built or rebuilt by Robert D'Oily; the chancel arch dating from 1080 appears to be part of his work. It is almost of horseshoe shape of Transitional Saxon and Norman type. The embattled west tower dates from 1240, the upper portion of which was added by Henry Sever, warden of Merton College in 1464.

Hugo de St. Petro, of Oxford, is said to have built part of the church about 1160. The holy well was situated north of the church and was dedicated to St. Winifred and St. Margaret. The tower is 11½ft. square, of two stages, and finished with a modern embattled parapet. On the south face of the south-east pier is one jamb of a former doorway to the blocked tower staircase. The west window is a single lancet with a doorway below. Of the six bells, there are two by Richard Keene, 1677, one each by Henry Knight, 1620, and Ellis Knight, 1641.

(To be continued.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT HARLESTONE.

A meeting of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Harlestone on September 30th. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Ryder-Mitchell, and refreshments were served in the Village Hall. The Rev. M. L. Couchmen presided over the business meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STOURBRIDGE.—On September 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sub-Lieut. D. Watson, R.N. 1, Miss F. L. Wright 2, J. W. Smith (conductor) 3, Robert Lees 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. D. Fellows 6, A. Whatmore 7, A. Reynolds 8.

BRISTOL.—On September 24th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Bennett 1, Mr. Maggs 2, Mrs. Bennett 3, Mrs. Skidmore 4, Mr. Baker 5, Mr. Wiltshire 6, Mr. Ridler (conductor) 7, Mr. Cox 8.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Farmer 1, C. Williams 2, W. E. Court 3, S. C. Archer 4, B. Thompson (conductor) 5, A. Atwell 6.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On September 24th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Upton 1, Jean Rowe (first 720) 2, A. V. Good 3, A. Kendall 4, H. Gates 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6.

SHEPPERTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, September 24th, 360 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Parker 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 4, J. Crocker 5.

WALSALL.—On Sunday, September 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Hughes 1, H. T. Higgins 2, E. T. Smith 3, A. T. Dutton 4, W. R. Hughes 5, A. Botterill 6, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 7, W. A. Walker 8.

TREETON, YORKS.—On September 28th, 720 Kent Minor: R. Birch 1, Mrs. J. E. Turley 2, J. H. Brothwell (conductor) 3, J. G. Brothwell 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, J. E. Turley 6.

BATH.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Baverstock 1, T. F. King 2, Mrs. A. Evans 3, G. Hawkins (conductor) 4, H. Andrews 5, E. King 6, J. Hallett 7, H. Merrett 8.

LLANDUDNO.—On Sunday, September 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Flood 1, N. Rumens 2, F. Brown 3, Gnr. H. Lawrence 4, Gnr. H. Jeanes 5, Miss K. M. Ruffle (first quarter) 6, Gnr. A. Barry (conductor) 7, Sgt. Smith 8.

AMERSHAM.—On Sunday, September 24th, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: C. J. Chalwin 1, E. C. Ayres 2, W. E. Redrup (conductor) 3, L. Haddon 4, W. A. Holmes 5, W. Edwards 6.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor, band as above.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: *Elizabeth Walker 1, †Malcolm Upstone 2, George Mitchel 3, *Robert Howes 4, Frederick Russell (conductor) 5, Rev. E. S. C. Lowman 6. * First quarter-peal. † First inside.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On September 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. R. Williams 1, L. W. Cuss 2, L. A. Smith 3, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 4, E. Cooper 5, W. A. Godwin 6.—On October 1st, 720 Bob Minor: W. A. Godwin 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, L. W. Cuss 3, N. G. Peare 4, E. Cooper 5, V. R. Williams 6.

MACCLESFIELD.—On September 28th at 261, Peter Street, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: A. A. Potts 1-2, J. Worth 3-4, L. Ward 5-6.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.—On Thursday, September 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gardner 1, S. Gardner 2, Derek Dodson 3, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 4, J. S. Iliffe 5, P. J. Staniforth 6, Dennis Dodson 7, Miss Ivy Simpson 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Friday, September 29th, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Jones 1, J. W. Clarke 2, A. E. Richards 3, J. Morgan 4, J. S. Webb 5, W. Hopwood (conductor) 6, H. Thomas 7, E. Price 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, September 30th, 720 Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Warrington (conductor 3, L.A.C. E. Nobles 4, G. L. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sunday, September 30th, 720 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, P. S. Skipworth 3, E. Nobles 4, L. W. Fisher 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, September 30th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, F. W. Romaine 3, A. F. Martin-Stewart 4, E. White 5, L. Harris 6, W. C. Shute (conductor) 7, B. Jewell 8. Rung following presentation to Mr. F. W Romaine.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Doubles, being 360 St. Simon's and 360 Plain Bob: Miss M. Hutley 1, Mrs. E. M. Huxter 2, D. Talbot 3, H. A. Pratt (conductor) 4, S. Bores 5.

BEXLEY.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Denis Shepard 1, Dennis L. Hall 2, Audrey Holden 3, Alan Ball 4, Alan G. Hall 5, N. Chaddock (conductor) 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Mitchell 1, B. Frost 2, H. Holden 3, Dennis L. Hall 4, N. Chaddock 5, A. Ball 6, A. G. Hall (conductor) 7, Denis Shepard 8.

COSGROVE.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Double Court: H. Hopkins 1, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, V. Adams 3, J. May 4, J. Higgins 5, C. Sharp.—Also 720 Plain Bob: H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, F. Lambert 4, J. May 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6.

BILLINGSHURST.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor: P. Wood, T. Adams, T. Newman (first 720), L. Stilwell (conductor), R. Wood, sen., W. Wicks.

DEVIZES.—On Sunday, October 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Hunt 1, S. G. Grant 2, P. P. Hunt 3, W. G. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (conductor) 5, D. J. Lye 6.

LEEK.—On Sunday, October 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wilkinson 1, A. R. Bartlett 2, J. Newall 3, Edgar Sharratt, jun. 4, Edwin Sharratt 5, A. Rider 6, J. Rider (conductor) 7, D. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. Edgar Sharratt, sen., who died a year ago.

BANSTEAD.—On Sunday, October 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *Betty Layton 1, Margaret Pitstow 2, D. N. Layton 3, *Winifred Adams 4, H. J. Smerdon 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 7, E. T. Woodloff 8. * First quarter-peal.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and the SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Service 4.45. Tea at the Duke's Head 5.30.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, Aylesford, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Shepton Beauchamp (8 bells) Saturday, Oct. 14th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—W. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Fakenham, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tea at 5.30.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Meeting at Wardington (6 bells), Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Cropredy tower during evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone (6 bells) on Oct. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Meeting Appleby Magna, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Christleton, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Light tea provided: notify Mr. W. Griffiths, Christleton, Chester.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m., Whitechapel Bell Foundry, E.1. Ringing All Saints', Poplar 4.30, Sunday, Oct. 15th; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 9.30 a.m. 307th anniversary luncheon, November 11th, Slater's Restaurant, Basinghall Street, E.C., 1.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, Oct. 21st, 6 to 8.30 p.m.—E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION (North Bucks Branch).—Meeting at Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Miss D. E. Lidbetter, 13, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, by Oct. 18th. — D. E. Lidbetter and R. H. Howson, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Oct. 21st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Oct. 18th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Meeting at Leamington Spa, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells of Parish Church 3 p.m. Tea at Pattison's Cafeteria 4.15. Service 5.30. Meeting to follow in G.F.S. House.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport, Bowden and Macclesfield Branches.—Meeting at Macclesfield on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Christ Church (8) 3 to 4 p.m. Service in Christ Church 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Christ Church Day Schools. Parish Church (12) after meeting. Names for tea to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield (phone 3904) before Oct. 18th.—T. Wilde and T. Taylor, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Saturday, Oct. 21st, at St. John's, Leytonstone, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, 143, Norman Road, Leytonstone, E.11, by Oct. 17th.—J. H. Crampion and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Market Weighton, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) from 2 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, E. Yorks, by Oct. 19th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 45, Green Lane, Selby.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting at Dinder, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify early for tea.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Bexley, Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. Holden, Church Institute, Bexley, by Oct. 18th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Backwell, Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Practice at North Stoneham, Saturday, October 21st, 2.30 to 6 p.m. No tea.—G. Pullinger.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoney Stanton, Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea at the Rectory.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at West Hallam (8 bells), Oct. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Staverton (6), Saturday, Oct. 21st. Usual arrangements. Send names for tea.—W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Eastham (6 bells) Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Meeting at Bozeat, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service 4.30. Names by Oct. 17th.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Wollaston, 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21st. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Bring tea.—H. Denman, 9, Rockley, Retford, Notts.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Godstone, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Curds Tea Rooms.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Names by Oct. 18th.—J. E. Brough, 2, Chapel Row, Nantwich.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Hersham, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 17th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Puriton, Saturday, Oct. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice Meeting, Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No business. Send names for tea.—L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Merstham, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. at the Golden Wheel, by invitation of Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, to those who accept by Oct. 25th, to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m.—O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ASPLEY GUISE.

Ringers from Bedford, Biddenham, Bromham, Dunstable, Maulden, Newport Pagnell, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Northampton, Tempsford, Silsoe, Weston Underwood and Woburn attended a meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Aspley Guise on September 23rd. The methods included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge and York Surprise Minor and rounds. After tea there was ringing on the eight bells at Woburn.

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