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TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY.

A question not without interest and importance is raised by a correspondent, who appeals for more tolerance in the belfry among competent ringers when dealing with novices or strangers. He complains that some ringers have no patience with beginners or with others who, finding themselves in difficulties when handling a strange bell, do not perform as well as they were expected to. Most members of the Exercise have come across the type of intolerant person referred to at some time or other, and there can be no doubt that the attitude they take up is, to say the least, discouraging to those less accomplished than themselves.

Happily they are of a kind not very numerous among ringers, but their influence, as our correspondent points out, is the reverse of beneficial. It may be that their temperament is not suited to the exercise of patience, but more often their action, in refusing to take further part in ringing when things do not please them, is due to selfishness. They forget that they themselves had to learn, and that probably other ringers had to exercise for them the tolerance which they refuse other people. With all their good points, they are not such useful men to a company as the man who is at pains to instruct beginners, to encourage with a word of advice or cheer the ringer who finds it difficult to acquire the practical side of ringing, and who, when things go wrong, is the first to suggest another attempt. Nothing encourages a novice so much as success, and success can only be achieved by persistent effort. This effort must be made primarily, of course, by the beginner himself, but it must also be shared by those with whom he practises. It may be trying, sometimes, to the accomplished ringer to have to put up with the indifferent progress of a novice, but it should be borne in mind that there are some who do not learn as quickly as others, and that all have not the same capacity. Patience and forbearance in the belfry is, therefore, essential.

What we need to do is to stimulate, and not quench, early enthusiasm, and a man who shows no tolerance for those less competent than himself is doing the Exercise a great disservice. On the other hand, it is a kindness to a man sometimes to hint to him in a friendly manner that he is attempting something beyond his capabilities. At the same time, it is unfair to beginners, and it is extremely discourteous to strangers, not to bear with the difficulties they encounter. If a teacher in a school put on his hat and left the class because one of the pupils failed to come up to some standard which the teacher had set, what would become of education? Similarly, every man who is intolerant in the belfry is doing his best to wreck the fabric of the Exercise.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5129 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD	Treble	HARRY SMITH	6
WILLIAM HALE	2	ALFRED WAITE	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	ARTHUR WAITE	8
ALBERT WRIGHT	4	FRANK COLE	9
HUBERT SCRIVENS	5	JAMES SINGLETON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON	Treble	HENRY STALHAM	5
JOHN A. GODFREY	2	CLEMENT J. MOORE	6
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
ARTHUR W. LEEDER	4	JOHN SOUTER	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Stalham was elected a member in the tower, previous to starting for the peal. The ringers of 1 and 2 are from Fakenham, 3, 4 and 8 belong to the local company, 5 to Shoreham, 6 to Palgrave, and 7 to Eye.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM	Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY	5
WILLIAM IRELAND	2	LEONARD E. LAST	6
WILLIAM E. BASON	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	7
WILLIAM SOUTER	4	JOHN SOUTER	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN A. GODFREY	Treble	WILLIAM C. WISKINS	5
GEORGE ARCHER	2	HENRY STALHAM	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	WILLIAM E. BASON	7
JOHN SOUTER	4	CLEMENT J. MOORE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by CLEMENT J. MOORE.

* First peal in the method. This composition contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, with the tenors at 'W'.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.			
FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5		
CHARLES MILLS 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6		
THOMAS FORD 3	HARRY CATTERMOLLE 7		
CLEMENT J. MOORE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor		

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a welcome to Mr. F. S. Wilson (late of Tewkesbury) into the County of Norfolk. This was his 38th peal, but the first in a Major method. He was previously elected a member of this Association.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.			
RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 5		
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ROBERT MCCANN 6		
ALFRED R. ELKINS 3	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 7		
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4	RICHARD POWELL Tenor		

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal by all resident members of the newly-formed Hereford District and first on the bells for 20 years.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	* DANIEL JONES 5
WILLIAM A. COOPER 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
BERT HORTON 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Harvest Festival, which took place on the 25th and 28th September.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.			
ARTHUR ALLMAN Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5		
RICHARD LANGFORD 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON 6		
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7		
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 4	* ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor		

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal by J. Brassington and J. H. Riding since they were demobilised.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.			
GILBERT HARDING Treble	WALTER FARLEY 5		
FREDERICK C. RICH 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS 6		
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7		
* CHARLES ANDREWS 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor		

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

* First peal on eight bells and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. The quickest peal on the bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
HARRY ARGYLE Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 5		
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 6		
WALTER J. HORTON 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7		
THOMAS J. CHAPMAN 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor		

Composed by the late C. H. MATTERSLEY.

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

Peal No. 168, C.C. Collection, Section 3.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.			
WILLIAM J. PRESSCOTT ... Treble	CHARLES J. DOEL 5		
GILBERT H. HARDING 2	WALTER FARLEY 6		
WALTER BISHOP 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7		
THOMAS F. KING 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESSCOTT.

The ring of the 5th was elected a member of the Guild before starting. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt.			
* MRS. J. THOMAS Treble	WILBY J. HAZELL 5		
JOHN THOMAS 2	WILLIAM SABAN 6		
EDWARD H. KING 3	GEORGE RADLEY 7		
* FREDERICK SABAN 4	THOMAS MILES Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE RADLEY.

* First peal. First in method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Walker (Vicar), who is leaving the parish.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.			
WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	WILLIAM J. HOWSON 5		
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 6		
JOHN A. GODFREY 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7		
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor		

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung to oblige Francis W. Naunton and Norman R. Bailey, who hail from Wrentham and Leiston, Suffolk, respectively.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.			
LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5		
* ALFRED KERBLE 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6		
JAMES G. RUMSEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7		
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor		

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble	JOHN BASS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN WITHERS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR HAGUE Treble	WILLIAM WARBURTON 5
MISS W. M. HAGUE 2	ALFRED T. BAKER 6
COLIN RYDER 3	FRED WATKINSON 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	EDGAR GARRISON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of 30 soldiers from the village who have given their lives for their country in the Great War 1914-1918.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, October 5, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	
ARTHUR PARSONS Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
SIDNEY HICKS 3	FRANK COLE 7
WILLIAM IRELAND 4	ROBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

SIX BELL PEAL.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIELSET 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	*CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8

*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal 'in hand' by these ringers for 5 years. * Ex-Service men.

DEANE, BOLTON.—On Saturday, Sept. 20th, in 21 mins., at the Church of St. Mary Deane, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Lucy Griffiths 1, G. Pownall 2, J. Orme 3, J. Leatherbarrow 4, Titus Barlow 5, Miss Bessie Thompson 6. First 720 for treble and tenor. Conducted by Joseph Leatherbarrow. All the band, except Titus Barlow, hail from Newchurch, near Warrington.

ST. MAURICE'S BELLS, WINCHESTER.

DEDICATION OF RESTORED PEAL AND WAR MEMORIAL.

On October 2nd, the Archdeacon of Winchester dedicated a new treble bell at St. Maurice's Church to the glory of God and in memory of Douglas Alexander, the eldest son of Mr. R. Alexander, churchwarden, who was killed in Egypt. During the service, an oak mural memorial to the men of the parish, who died during the war, was also dedicated. It consists of three panels suitably framed, with a carved canopied top, and is made of oak, taken out of the old bell frame, and carved by Messrs. Thomas, of Winchester.

For many years past the old peal of five had been in an unringable condition, while the old treble cast in 1639 was much too light. This has now been recast, and the old lettering has been most accurately reproduced. The four back bells have had the cannons removed, and all have been rehung in a steel frame, with new fittings. The other dates are: 3rd, 1380; 4th, 1605; 5th, 1420; tenor, 1610. The weights of the peal are:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble ...	2	3	27
2	3	1	0
3	3	1	14
4	4	2	21
5	6	1	20
Tenor ...	7	3	0

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be warmly congratulated on the result of their admirable restoration, the 'go' and the splice are both excellent, and the Cathedral city is hereby enriched by this addition of a most handy and musical light ring of six.

The church was filled, members of the Corporation attending in their robes. The Rector, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, who is hon. treasurer of the Winchester Guild, conducted the service, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Diocesan Guild, read the proper lesson. At the conclusion of the service, various touches were rung, including the first 720 Plain Bob Minor on the bells, which was conducted by the Rector in 27½ minutes, from the 5th, the others standing as follows: E. Lampard 1, W. Lampard 2, Cyril Johnston (Croydon) 3, W. Andrews (captain of the Cathedral band) 4, C. Russell (captain of the tower) 6. This was the first 720 ever conducted by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, and we wonder whether he has thus created a record; i.e., an incumbent calling the first longest extent on six bells for the first time on the day of their dedication?

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAVELEY.

For the first time since the commencement of the war the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society met at Staveley on the 4th inst., and in spite of the railway trouble was entirely successful, the fine and typical autumn afternoon making the few miles' walk a pleasure, the return 'half' being equally agreeable, owing to 'Bright Phoebe's' silvery light. Although this meeting was arranged months ago it would be difficult to find a more suitable place at which to hold a meeting without the trains, Staveley being well placed in the centre of a number of towers where all the ringers are loyal members of the society. About fifty attended from Bawbastro, Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Eekington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Norton, North Wingfield, Rawmarsh, Staveley, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield All Saints' and Worksop.

The bells, which are one of Taylor's modern rings, were rung for an hour before the members attended service, a shortened form of evensong being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Molyneux), who addressed the ringers from the words: 'I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord,' Ps. cxlii. 1. Tea was laid in the Rectory barn, where the ringers were augmented by a number of ladies. The sight of the tables was pleasant after the walking or cycling earlier on. What would have happened if rationing had not been imposed during the week can only be conjectured. The Staveley men had been afraid they would not get enough for their visitors to eat, and it was evident that 'Palmer had been on the prowl,' and had had some hefty assistants.

A short meeting followed in an adjoining room, Canon Molyneux presiding. In spite of his 75 years he is full of life, and he is well stored with anecdotes.

Three new members were elected, and a useful discussion upon a suggestion to add two new trebles, which would make the bells into a handy ring of ten, was held. More ringing followed, including Double Norwich, Superlative, Norfolk, London and Cambridge Surprise, as well as the more familiar methods, the whole time at the disposal of the ringers being usefully occupied, and making it a real live meeting.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SALOP.—On Tuesday, Sept. 30th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. P. Trevor and Miss Leach, 840 Plain Bob Doubles, in 35 mins.: A. White 1, W. Clay 2, W. Lycaut 3, A. Shotton 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6. This was the longest touch for all the band, with the exception of the conductor. It was also the longest touch on the bells by a local band.

ERDINGTON TOWERKEEPER'S DEATH.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Bicknell, towerkeeper, of Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, and a member of St. Martin's Guild, whose death took place on Sunday, October 5th, at his home, 43, New Street, Erdington, after a long and patiently borne illness, at the early age of 31 years.

The funeral took place at Erdington Parish Church on October 8th the remains being interred in the family grave. The Rev. S. R. Gibson, curate, officiated, and as the procession entered the church the organist (Mr. H. E. Platt) played 'O Rest in the Lord,' and at the close of the first portion of the service played a funeral march. The portion of the service at the graveside was very impressive, when four of the deceased's oldest comrades, Messrs. G. F. Garrison, G. F. Swann, W. J. Meers and J. Preston, rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave. The ringers of Erdington and Boldmere Parish Churches acted as bearers, and the wreaths were numerous and beautiful from various relatives and friends, including a magnificent bell from the ringers with the following inscription: 'In loving memory of Thomas H. Bicknell, bell ringer and towerkeeper of this church, from the ringers of the Erdington Parish Church Society. Our last gift.' As the cortege left the church, the 'whole pull and stand' recording the age of the deceased, was rung, followed by 168 Grandsire Triples. After a short wait a full peal of Grandsire Triples, recorded elsewhere, was rung.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The autumn meeting was held at Wombourn on Saturday week, and, being favoured with beautiful weather, a good number of members and friends attended. A short service was held in church. After giving his hearers a warm welcome, the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A.) delivered a helpful address. Tea was served in the Church Institute.

The next meeting, which will be held at Wood Green, is fixed to take place on January 10th. The monthly practices are at Willenhall, November 1st, and Wednesday, December 6th.

On account of the high cost of printing, it was agreed to wait until the next meeting to decide whether the annual report should be printed or not.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the church, bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly help, and to the ladies who catered for the tea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT PETWORTH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Petworth on Saturday last. Although being a long way from most ringing towers a good number attended from Brighton, Shoreham, Lyminster, Heene, Pulborough, Slinfold, Chiddingfold and Billingshurst, members of the local band, and Mr. R. Whittington, of Croydon. Some very good touches (considering the state of the bells) were brought round, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being rung. A company of 18 sat down to a tea catered for by Mr. Knight, a member of the local band.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Whittington was voted to the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. J. Bartlett, of Chiddingfold, as a life member, and Mr. Foest, Billingshurst.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Chichester, if convenient.

Mr. Whittington invited any member or members who cared to do so to visit Croydon, when Mr. Johnston would give them a hearty welcome and show them over the bell foundry. He was sure they would see much to interest them, and they would always find a good peal of bells at St. Peter's to ring on.

Mr. Doick, on behalf of the members, thanked Mr. Lanaway, captain of the local band, for getting the bells ready and for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting, and asked that gentleman to convey the thanks of the members to the Rector for granting the use of the bells.—Mr. Lanaway, in responding, said the Rector had been looking forward to the meeting, but he was sorry to say he had been taken ill at the last moment. On behalf of the Rector and the local band he welcomed the Association to Petworth.—The belfry was again visited in the evening, and after several more touches, the bells were lowered in peal.

GOOD PERFORMANCE AT CHERTSEY.

On Sunday evening last a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church in 48 mins.: Miss N. Stevens 1, A. Bush 2, J. Crocker 3, Miss L. Stevens 4, H. R. Stevens 5, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 6, A. E. Gray 7, A. Hutt 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 8, the first attempt by Miss N. Stevens; also by Miss L. Stevens on an inside bell. All are members of the local band, and are Sunday service ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The London County Association resumed its fortnightly Monday practice at St. Clement Danes on Monday, October 6th last, after a lapse of nearly eight years. The 'go' and tone of the bells were much appreciated by the large number of ringers who attended. The L.C.A., then the St. James' Society, first went to St. Clement's in 1839, having been established 15 years before at St. James', Clerkenwell.

After a lapse of several years, it is interesting to note that another 'family' peal has been rung by the famous brothers Bailey, of Leiston. Five of them have just accomplished a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand,' three of their number having recently been demobilised.

In the Cheshire tour, the 4th in the peal at Eccleston was rung by William J. Sevard, and the 5th by Arthur G. Mason, instead of the ringers mentioned in the report.

The four old bells at Seaton Church, Devon, have been taken down by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford. They are to have two trebles added, and to be rebung as a peal of six. One of the old bells was found to be cracked, and this is to be recast.

The College Youths annual dinner is to be revived this year, and will take place on November 22nd.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich, on Thursday, was extremely successful. The new Dean of Norwich was elected President of the Association, and the new title of the Association will be 'The Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association of Change Ringers.' A full report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

A PLEA FOR TOLERATION.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In some of your leading articles of recent dates you have been dealing very efficiently indeed with the question of propaganda, combined practices and exchange of belfries, etc., with a view to attracting and encouraging recruits, also to stimulate interest, and to encourage ringers to fraternise more freely, to their mutual advantage both for progress and for fellowship. I am sure every reader will agree that the suggestions put forward in those articles have been excellent, and if acted upon, could not fail to bring about very beneficial results, but I would like to point out and emphasise very strongly that there is a real danger of these results being lost through lack of patience and toleration on the part of older and experienced ringers towards novices, and sometimes towards strangers who, being on strange ropes, are perhaps not at their best. I am speaking after 24 years' ringing experience in several parts of the country, under four different Associations, and to my mind there is not a more sorry spectacle, or one more calculated to damp the keenness of a novice, or so completely spoil the whole atmosphere of a ringing chamber, than to see an experienced ringer so lose his patience as to set his bell, put on his coat and refuse to ring further, and in some cases walk out of the tower. It does incalculable mischief, and I have instances in mind where young and promising ringers have thrown it up, and even proficient ringers have given up because of the lack of harmony and good feeling which means so much, and which every ringer ought to set himself to cultivate.

You rightly say in the current issue that 'Ringing is getting back to something approaching its former stride,' and it will do so if your splendid suggestions are acted upon, and the danger I have pointed out be averted.—Yours faithfully,

Newton House, Gloucester.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

**THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.
STRIKE CAUSES POSTPONEMENT.**

On Saturday week the railway strike prevented the presentation at Birmingham of the testimonial to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.' The presentation was to have taken place at a smoking concert, but the strike prevented Mr. J. S. Goldsmith getting to the Midland way. It was too late, however, to postpone the gathering, and a party of about 75 spent a most enjoyable evening at St. Martin's Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. A. Padden Smith had arranged a very delightful programme, and except for the disappointment felt at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Goldsmith, the proceedings passed off most happily. Speeches were made by the chairman and Mr. James George (who has so ably organised the testimonial), and it was unanimously resolved to postpone the actual presentation to a later date.

The musical programme was contributed to by St. Martin's Quartette, whose glees and part-songs were rendered in perfect style; Mr. P. Barr, whose songs were warmly applauded, and Mr. Harry Withers, without whom and whose dulcimer, no Birmingham ringers' gathering would be complete. In addition to his inimitable selection, he tapped courses of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich. A perfect course of Stedman Cinques was rung in hand by Messrs. J. E. Groves, P. Laffin, A. Walker, T. Russam, G. F. Swann and J. George. The evening was a great success.

ST. NEOTS' WAR MEMORIAL. DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just completed the restoration of the peal of eight bells at St. Neots, Hunts, by recasting the whole ring with added metal and rehanging them in the latest type of fittings. The work has been carried out as a local war memorial, and the bells, with a new clock, and four memorial tablets were dedicated a few days ago by the Bishop of Ely. The service was a most impressive one, and the singing was led by the choir, augmented for the occasion by members of the Wesleyan and Congregational choirs. The formal dedication of the bells was followed by muffled ringing, for which the local company manned the ropes, and the Bishop preached a thoughtful sermon from Hebrews xi. 13: 'These all died in faith.'

A handsomely carved tablet records the fact that 'the bells of this church were recast and relung to the Glory of God and in grateful remembrance of the St. Neots' men who laid down their lives for God and country in the Great War, 1914-1919.' The names of 73 officers and men who made the great sacrifice follow. Another tablet records that one bell was restored in memory of Richard C. Meade, Priest, D.D., R.D., Vicar of St. Neots, 1875-1902; another is erected by the 1st Highland Brigade Royal Field Artillery, 225th Brigade, R.F.A., 51st (Highland) Division, in memory of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the regiment who fell in France and Flanders in the Great War, 1915-16-17-18, and who worshipped in the church from August, 1914, to April, 1915. The remaining tablet records that the clock was given by William Wheadon Seward, in memory of his wife, and of their only son, Norman William Seward, Royal Air Force, who laid down his life for his country at Salonika, 10th August, 1918.

The ring of eight bells was cast originally by Joseph Eayre, at St. Neots in 1753, at a foundry situated in the Priory. The bells were of poor quality, and much out of tune, and through course of time the fittings and frame had become much dilapidated. As stated above they have now been restored as a war memorial, the iron frame being supported on strong steel girders. Tuned upon the latest principles, the bells are now a magnificent ring, while in other respects they also worthily uphold the reputation of the Loughborough foundry. The weights and notes are as follow:—

	ft. in.	cwt. qr. lb.	
Treble ..	2 54	5 1 1	Du
2 ..	2 54	5 1 19	C
3 ..	2 59	7 0 18	Bb
4 ..	3 16	9 2 20	Ab
5 ..	3 54	13 1 12	Gb
6 ..	3 84	15 2 33	F
7 ..	4 1	21 0 5	Eb
Tenor ..	4 7	29 2 13	Db
Total weight ..		107 0 17	

Old peal tenor 4ft. 6in. diameter, weight 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.: total weight of old eight 102 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

The inscriptions with the translations are as under:—

Treble. GRATA SIT ARGUTA RESONANS CAMPANULA VOCE.
(Pleasing be the bell that sounds with treble note).

2nd. WAS WROTE ON THE OLD SECOND JOHANNES EST NOMEN MEUM.
(Was wrote on the old second John is my name).

3rd. I.H.S. NAZARENUS REX JUDEARUM FILI DEI MISERERE MEI.
(Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, having mercy upon me).

4th. OUM EGO VOCEN, MORTALES MENTEM ATTOLANT DEO.
(When I my voice shall raise, let mortals lift their mind to God).

5th. UT NOS SIC HOMINES INTER SE CONUENIENT.
(As we so may men be at harmony among themselves).

'Recast 1919, Taylor, Loughborough,' appears on each of the above.

6th. OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI.
(Let all things be done to the glory of God).

Thomas Hodgson, Vicar and Archdeacon of Huntingdon. Alfred Jordan, Fred H. Fisher, Churchwardens. Bells No. 1 to No. 7 were cast by J. Eayre 1753, and recast by John and Denison Taylor 1919.

7th. STEPHEN SCARBROW, CHURCHWARDEN.
In memory of Richard Corker Meade, D.D., Vicar of this Parish 1875-1902. Jesu, Mercy. Recast 1919.

Tenor. WILLIAM DAY and WILLIAM PEPPERCORN, CHURCHWARDENS.

WILLIAM DOBSON, FOUNDER, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK 1832.

Pacem mortuis lento,
Laetius praesuriis pacem solus sono,
Pacem universis omnes sonamus.
In piam memoriam Emily Anne Day.

Haeo campana restaurata est A.S. MCMXIX, Sumptibus.
Frank Day.

Recast by John and Denison Taylor, Loughborough, 1919.

(When I slowly toll, peace to the dead I say,

When more joyfully peace to those about to die,

And when with my companions peace to all the world.

In loving memory of Emily Anne Day this Bell was restored in the year of our Saviour 1919, at the expense of Frank Day).

It is interesting to note that Messrs. Taylor and Co. are the direct successors of Joseph Eayre, the original founder of the bells, for Edward Arnold succeeded him immediately and to this latter was apprenticed Robert Taylor, who appears to have taken over the St. Neots Bell Foundry into his own hands about 1784. Robert Taylor is the great-grandfather of Denison Taylor, the present head of the firm.

It is also interesting to add that extensions of the Brewery in the Priory, according to records, appear to have 'crowded out' the Bell Foundry from that quarter, and this was removed to Cambridge Street, but destroyed by fire in 1821, whereupon Robert Taylor left St. Neots, with his family to settle in Oxford and to pass the last years of his life there.

He was Constable of St. Neots April, 1790, and Headborough, March 1812.

When the bells were cast by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, in 1753, there seems to have been considerable opposition. To pay for them £200 was raised by voluntary subscription, and £33 by a churchwardens' rate. The metal of the old bells was used, with the addition of 26 cwt. of new bell metal. Eayre agreed 'that the said eight bells should be as tuneable and true, and as good in all respects as any bells in England of the same weight.' He was to keep them in order for one year without charge. Then trouble seems to have arisen afterwards because a Captain Montague did not pay his subscription. The great bell—the tenor—was recast by William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, in 1832, at a cost of £39. A set of chimes existed here as early as 1688. In course of time they became very poor and so much out of order that a subscription was entered into by the inhabitants, and an order given to Mr. Robert Taylor for a new set. After, apparently, rather long delay, the chimes were completed and fixed; but by deaths, removals and other causes the amounts promised as subscriptions could not be raised, and after being used some time, Taylor took them down; upon this, the old chimes were replaced, and remained until 1847-8, when the church was restored; after this, the chime barrel was lying on the floor of the tower.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS.

A meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at Pershore on Saturday week, and was well attended, ringers being present from Evesham, Bengeworth, Ecton, Tordington, Hampton, Fladbury, Eckington, Hinton, Bredon, etc. The fine peal of eight in the Abbey tower were available. The bells are rung from the 'ringing cage,' which is strung up in the nave of the Abbey between 70 and 80ft. high. Several intricate passages have to be traversed before reaching it, and more than one visitor at the meeting had to be piloted up to it. The bells were raised in peal, and everyone present, in turn, took a rope, including Miss E. M. Johnson, Miss A. Lampitt and Miss O. Lane. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, Miss Johnson taking part, and the striking was good.

Service was held in the Abbey, and the Vicar, the Rev. Stuart Robinson, gave an excellent address. Tea was provided by the churchwardens, and was partaken of in the Mission Room.

At the subsequent business meeting the Vicar presided. Several new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Tordington subject to the approval of the Rev. W. A. Warner.

As this was the meeting for the election of officers, the Secretary, Mr. J. Hemming, intimated to the meeting that he wished to relinquish office as secretary and treasurer, and said in the discussion which followed that no one was indispensable. Eventually, after some pressure by the chairmen and members, he again consented to take the office.

Mr. F. J. Johnson was elected Ringing Master, Mr. H. Middleton wishing to retire, and Mr. Johnson was congratulated upon his election. Mr. G. Ashby was elected upon the Central Committee, in the place of Mr. G. Dolphin (retiring).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens were carried with loud applause.—The Rev. Canon Stuart Robinson and Mr. Goddard (churchwarden) responded.

St. Andrew's bells were available after the meeting, and some good touches brought round, including Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

THE PEAL AT RANMOOR.

In the report of the peal at Ranmoor, published last week, the 'first peal' was by the ringer of the 5th and not the 6th. The name of the ringer of the 2nd is J. Osguthorpe, and of 7th William Biggin.

GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by
Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at
St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the
7th of June, 1919.

CROYDON, SURREY.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT MILTON ABBEY.**

In glorious weather, the autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Milton Abbey on Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Milton is always a favourite and charming place for these meetings. The Abbey is a structure of great architectural beauty, and worthily entitled to rank among the noblest ecclesiastical buildings in the country. Its isolated situation should not prevent ringing visitors to Dorset making a pilgrimage here. The original Minster was built by King Athelstan in the year 938, and was a noble building. In 1309 it was struck by lightning and was almost burnt down. Thirteen years later, however, the present Abbey was commenced on the same site, but on a much grander and larger scale, and building operations went on from time to time up to within a few years of the dissolution in 1539.

The village is a model, with a fine situation in a deep valley, with well wooded hills around, and sylvan scenery of a very beautiful type abounding.

The large party of Salisbury Guild members made up at Dorchester enjoyed the drive to the meeting, passing through Kingston Park, Yelham Wood (one of the finest in the county) and Puddletown, the Westbury of Thomas Hardy's 'Far from the Madding Crowd.' Members attended from Beaminster, Dorchester, Fordington, Hilton, Swanage, West Lulworth, and Wyke Regis, and there was a full muster on the local band. Altogether there were 40 present, which was highly satisfactory (considering that the railway strike was at its height). The bells were available from 2 p.m., and were kept going till 4, when the Guild service was held in the Abbey, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Griswell), and an excellent address was given by the Rev. B. H. Mellings, who had lately learnt the rudiments of change ringing.

Tea was provided at the Hambro Arms, and the members were well looked after by three lady ringers from Dorchester. The business meeting followed, the Chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) presiding, supported by the Rev. E. H. Mellings, Mr. C. Best (organist at the Abbey), Messrs. White and Bengier, and the hon. secretary. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Martin Stewart, the Revs. C. A. Phillips and W. G. Barclay and Mr. Northover for the Charminster band.

The design for the memorial tablet was approved, and the secretary was instructed to give the order at once, the Chairman congratulating the secretary on accomplishing the task he set out to do, namely, to collect half the cost.

One honorary and two ringing members were elected, and Charminster was the place chosen for the next meeting.—The Rev. E. H. Mellings, who holds the degree of music of F.R.C.O., volunteered to become the official organist of the branch, and to take the musical part of the service when the local organist could not attend, and the offer was received with applause.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for taking the service, the use of the Abbey and bells; also the Rev. E. H. Mellings for his excellent address, and to the organist and the local band.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triple, and Doubles were rung till 8.30, some of the members ringing their first 120 Doubles since 1914. Two of the party 'on bikes' reached home as the midnight chimes struck, tired but happy.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Recently a report appeared in the 'Ringing World' to the effect that the Devonshire Guild have formed a branch in North Devon. I do not know if I am right or wrong in saying that change ringing is only practised in Plymouth and Exeter (and that only one method, viz., Grandsire is rung), but I was glad to see that our above Guild has started to do something to promote the art in places outside those already mentioned. To my mind, the Guild is very backward, and there is a great deal to be done in the diocese if the Guild would only set to work. As a change ringer (practically speaking, I am only a beginner, having within the last three years, learnt Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob), I feel I would like to be doing something towards promoting the art. I am, unfortunately, at present unemployed, and do not yet know where I shall be settling down again, but when I once more return to employment I shall be only too pleased to do anything as regards helping to form a branch in the diocese. Should this letter come under notice of the secretary of the Guild, I should be pleased if he would communicate with me. I may add that should I settle down in this town again, the Vicar has consented to help me all he can to form a Guild here.—

Yours truly,

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

9, Boswell Terrace,

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 18. Bells available 4 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; tea (1/- per head) and meeting 5.30. Please notify me by Oct. 15th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3.30; tea at 'The Nag's Head' at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. After the meeting both St. Mary's and St. Saviour's bells will be available until 9 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; committee meeting 4.15; Service at 5. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting at Liverpool will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. Peter's Church 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m., Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough to-morrow (Sat.) Oct. 18th. Bells available from 2.45 to 6.30. Tea at 4, if possible. Business to follow.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open 2.30, short service 4.30. Tea at Tower House 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Those intending to be present should reply not later than Saturday, Oct. 22nd, to A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Radcliffe, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting in the Schoolroom after tea. A postcard to F. Emerson, 5, Lowton Street, Radcliffe, will much oblige.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—Orlinsbury bells will be re-opened on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service at 2 p.m.; tea at 4.30 in the schools. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 21st.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting and presentation to ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., immediately afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wootton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5; tea 5.30 at Swan Inn.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.15; tea at 6 (gd. to members, 1/6 to visitors). Please let me know how many will require tea.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5.15; business meeting to follow. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Oct. 21st?—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector) at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at 'The Rodney' (Y.M.C.A.) Hut. Tea can only be provided for those who send their names to me by first post Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Norton St. Phillip on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Divine Service (special form) at 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—Please note change of Branch Sec.—E. R. Martin, 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 25. Will all members of this District please attend? Business: Reconstruction of the Association generally. Bells (10) ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Lord, Local Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the Cardigan Arms.—Wm. Gage, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824.)—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 6 p.m., free to members notifying me not later than Oct. 28th. Arrangements will be made (if possible) for brake to leave Hereford at 3 p.m., if sufficient seats are booked by the 28th.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

THE PEAL AT SURFLEET.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The reading of page 223 caused me to call the Rev. H. Law James' attention to page 225. May I call his attention also to page 38 of the same book? He will there find a lead of Minor, which is reproduced on page 7 of the Collection of Legitimate Methods, and there called Double Court. Now, if he will compare this lead of Minor with the lead of Royal on page 222 I think he must admit that it is the same method; then, perhaps, he will tell us why what is Double Court on six bells attained another name on ten bells. I think he would be quite justified in claiming the first peal of Royal in Shipway's variation of Double Court.—Yours sincerely,

A. ROBERTS.

AN OCTOGENARIAN'S CELEBRATION.

In honour of the 83rd birthday of Mr. T. Conley, the senior member of St. Peter's Society, St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1368 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 3 mins., on Sunday, Sept. 14th. In spite of advancing years, Mr. Conley is seldom absent from his place in the belfry both morning and evening on Sunday, and he took part in the quarter-peal, the ringers being: T. Conley 1, A. Hull 2, T. J. Hull 3, E. P. Debenham (conductor) 4, F. C. Rice 5, J. Porter 6, W. H. Buckingham 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, E. A. Underwood 10.

SELBY.—At Selby Abbey, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1259 changes) Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: J. H. Hall 1, G. W. P. Fenlon 2, E. Storr 3, T. Morgan 4, H. Morley 5, W. A. Hall 6, F. Crier 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlawn (conductor) 9, R. Moate 10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by all except ringers of 3rd and 5th.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Sept. 20th, after the induction of the Rev. Charles Beresford Deane, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 minutes: *Mrs. Whittington 1, W. Denyer 2, *W. Gammon 3, W. Bulpitt 4, F. Larbey 5, D. Wright (conductor) 6, G. Burt 7, *R. Whittington 8, C. Kitching 9, F. Hermon 10. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whittington.

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