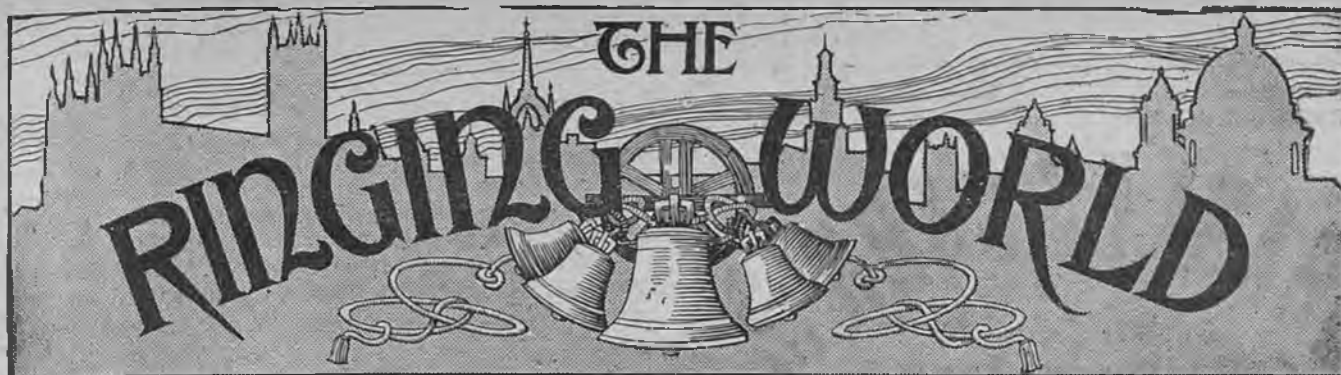




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In his speech at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) emphasised the importance of loyalty in the success of the organisation. No society can prosper without the loyalty of its members; it is the secret of success in all undertakings where success depends upon co-operation. Not a few of our associations suffer to-day from the lukewarm loyalty of the members. It may show itself in a general lack of interest in the association's work, a slackness in paying subscriptions and in numerous other small ways, but whatever form it takes it is a source of weakness to the society, as well as being a direct discouragement to those officers and members who strive to build up the organisation and make it worthy of the cause which it is established to promote.

Equally necessary is it that ringers should be loyal to their own tower. The man who, to the detriment of his own band, neglects his own belfry, whether it be from apathy, or from a desire merely to be in better company, is a poor asset to the Exercise. The man who professes to be a ringer and lets his comrades assemble for service or practice ringing while he stays away for no genuine purpose, knowing that they will be short-handed, exhibits the worst type of disloyalty with which ringers have to contend. The man who is always late is another kind of bugbear to all who have a desire properly to discharge their duties or to make progress in the art. The success of an association is founded on the success of the individual bands, and lack of loyalty to one is bound to react upon the prosperity of the other.

Who among the enthusiasts has not had the galling and discouraging experience of meeting short for practice or peal, or of having to ring perhaps four, five, or six bells for service in a tower where there are eight or more? And this not once, but time after time, not because there are not enough ringers in the parish, but because some, or maybe only one or two, are too indifferent to their responsibilities and to the loyalty which they owe to their colleagues to make just that little effort necessary to take their part in the ringing. They not only stay their own advance in the art, but are a distinct bar to the progress of the rest of the band. The ideal condition would be a Sunday service company in every tower, a company not only in name, but in desire and enthusiasm, keen upon its work, regular and punctual. Where such bands exist they are the backbone of any association, and it is to this side of their development that ringing organisations will have to turn in future if they desire to make real advance. Success in these days cannot be counted entirely by the

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number of peals that may be rung, but rather by the number of churches at which the bells are regularly rung for the Sunday services; not merely by counting heads, but by the sum of loyalty and keenness displayed by the members towards their association and in their work. If the President of the Yorkshire Association thought it necessary to make an appeal to the loyalty of his own members, it is no less necessary that this same appeal should be brought home to the ringers in every county and diocese.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	*FREDERICK JORDAN 7
*HERBERT JORDAN 2	†JAMES HEMMING 8
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 9
*FREDERICK NURDEN 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 10
†JOHN HALL 5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 11
*HAROLD STREETS 6	*ERNEST WITHERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells by the association since 1894, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Johnson. Mr. W. T. Pates was elected a member of the above association previous to starting, and the visitors, all of whom belong to the Evesham Sunday service band, wish to thank him for his kindness in making arrangements and having everything in readiness for the attempt.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HENRY A. BARNETT Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD A. EDWARDS 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 8
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. 5	†GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caterers. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to H. A. Barnett and R. Maynard, both of whom attained their 71st birthday within a few days of this date. The composition was specially selected, the changes equalling 71 times 71.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*TOM CLARK Treble	†EDWARD DALINGWATER 5
†HERMANN COOPER 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
†JOHN T. BARTRAM 3	HERBERT TORR 7
†JOSEPH DIXON 4	†CHARLES A. HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of the roof, and a compliment to Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, on his promotion to the rank of officer of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. He is senior churchwarden of Gainsborough.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE OLIVER Treble	ALFRED J. BELL 5
*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	*CECIL NICE... .. 6
†BERNARD WELLS 3	*NELSON ELLIOTT 7
*CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal inside.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	†FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
*JAMES BENNETT... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge away from the treble.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	FREDERICK T. ELY 5
*MISS ELSIE E. PETTITT ... 2	HERBERT C. REASON 6
HENRY E. HAMMOND 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
GEORGE WIFFEN 4	WALTER H. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGET.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method and first lady to take part in a peal in Braintree, also first peal in the method, in which a lady has taken part, by the association. First peal on the bells since rehanging. All are members of the local band.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	JOSEPH DEAN 5
ERNEST SISLEY 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER... .. 6
FRED HOPPER 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
JACK DOVE 4	*HENRY J. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. A. H. Adley, late of Australia.

SWINTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.

DAVID CLARKE Treble	WILLIAM COLLIER 5
TOM LINGARD 2	SID JAMES 6
ALBERT WALLWORK 3	JOS. H. RIDYARD 7
STANLEY BRADLEY 4	*JOHN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by T. LINGARD.

* First peal, and proposed a member of the Lancashire Association previous to starting. Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday. He afterwards entertained the band and a few 'pals' to a 'pratie pie' supper, which was thoroughly appreciated.

The dedication of the 10½ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3.45 p.m. The Minster bells will be rung prior to the ceremony, and also in the evening.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	*WALTER AYRE 6
*MRS F. I. HAIRS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 200th peal.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
PERCY HACKETT 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Quarterly peal for the above Guild, also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. Simpson, one of the local ringers, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the close of the peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 3
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
FRED PRICE 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Messrs. Knowles and Holt, who hail from Madresfield and Crowle respectively, were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	PERCY PRICE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

PORT MADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*FRED WILLIAMS... .. 5
*JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 2	*PIERCE ROBERTS 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	*JOHN OWEN... .. 7
*HARRY McMILLAN 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

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GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Idol Lane, City,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 5
*RONALD H. BULLEN ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
†FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
‡JAMES E. COOPER ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method. † Elected a member previous to starting. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. W. Taffender.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
WILLIAM J. WASEY ... 2	JOHN MOY ... 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 3	WALTER H. MILLER ... 7
EDWARD HOWES ... 4	BEN S. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DEAN ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 2	ALFRED H. WINCH ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	JOHN WHITE ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
FRANK BENNETT ... 2	CHARLES TRIBE ... 6
ROBERT EDWARDS ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	ALFRED G. BATTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
*HARRY BAKER ... 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH WINGFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS DORIS DILKS ... Treble	JOHN T. BUTLER ... 5
FRED KNOWLES ... 2	JOHN P. TARTON ... 6
†WILLIAM RENSHAW ... 3	†ARTHUR BUTLER ... 7
WILLIAM BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WAIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung to commemorate the induction on September 21st of the Rev. J. Worsley Boden, M.A., to the living of North Wingfield.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 4	OWEN HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT GARDNER ... Treble	ALBERT E. AXTELL ... 4
HARRY D. FLOYD ... 2	DAVID EDMUNDS ... 5
GEORGE H. COX ... 3	GEORGE CHARLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. FLOYD.

First peal. The treble ringer belongs to Cassington, the rest are from Yawnton, Oxon. Is also the first peal on these bells.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hermes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten differently callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

W. EWART MINORS ... Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 4
JOHN SEDGELEY ... 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5
HORACE BENNETTS ... 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

Rung on the Feast of St. Ninian, B.C.

EASTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 ordinary 120's, eight 240's each, by L. W. G. Morris and A. J. Pitman.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN ... Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3
JOSEPH NORTON ... 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... 4
	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which were all cast in 1684. The ringers are indebted to Rev. Canon Harper for his invitation to ring and refreshments after. This is the 100th tower in Leicestershire in which the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

The death of the Dean of Norwich (Dr. Willink), president of the Norfolk Guild, took place suddenly on Thursday of last week.

**BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, September 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. DDDFIELD ... Treble	† EDWARD HOWES ... 4
* PHILIP N. BARTON ... 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 5
* WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † Longest length of Treble Bob. Longest length of Treble Bob on the bells.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Cathedral,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4
RALPH S. LONG ... 2	JOHN THORPE ... 5
* HAYDN THORPE ... 3	* COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung after meeting short for London.

**EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARNOLD HILL ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 4
JOHN CANNINGS ... 2	† HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 5
* WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	† HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. The Vicar kindly gave permission for this attempt at short notice, after a meeting at Tickhill had been abandoned owing to serious illness near the church.

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD H. DOVE ... Treble	WILLIAM MARTIN ... 4
HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 2	JOSEPH COTTON ... 5
* WILLIAM BROOKER ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

**NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, four of Morris' and five of ordinary Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* JOSEPH R. RAWLINGS ... Treble	* CECIL W. DUKES ... 3
IVOR J. RAWLINGS ... 2	GEORGE BREEZE ... 4

JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

CORNISH LADY'S PROMISING START.

At Perranwell, Cornwall, on September 23rd, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 2,520 changes (being 21 six-scores) was rung at the Church of St. Piran in 1 hour and 20 minutes by: Miss D. Mannell 1, W. H. Southard 2, W. E. Minors 3, A. S. Roberts 4, W. H. Sleeman (conductor) 5, W. T. Teague 6. This was rung after meeting one short for a peal, Miss Mannell kindly filling the vacancy. She has only lately commenced to ring 'half-pull' changes, and had never before rung the treble to more than a plain course. The rest of the band wish to congratulate her on her ringing.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, September 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,*

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... Treble	GEORGE WM. PARK ... 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
WILLIAM H. PORTER ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

First peal as conductor in seven Surprise methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5062 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Attested by J. MORRIS.

First peal in the method as conductor on handbells. Arranged for Mr. Hibbins, of Cambridge.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

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

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. THOS. MAUDE, HIGHTS HOUSE, PUDSEY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS JAMES COTTERELL ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. Ralph Maude.

CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. WILLIAM TENNANT, 12, MOUNT STREET,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Miss Willers is from Trumpington, Cambridge.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Friday, September 23, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Vicarage,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with seven different callings. Tenor size 15 in G.

REV. H. WOOLLEY (Fitz. H.) 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4
R. v. d. R. WOOLLEY (Gonville) 5-6	

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH.—On September 19th, 720 Bob Minor at St. Peter's Church, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Henson, organist at this church for many years, who was interred at Fletton on the 17th: Mrs. A. Goakes 1, E. Hall 2, Miss L. Beeton 3, A. Goakes 4, G. Hall 5, W. R. Barker (conductor) 6.

ICKLETON BELLS.

RINGERS' BIG GATHERING IN ANCIENT VILLAGE.

The little Cambridgeshire parish of Ickleton, which was created long centuries ago on the ancient Roman Icknield Way, but never seems to have grown up, despite its hoary age, has recently been in the throes of one of the few thrills which have disturbed the even tenor of its long, long history. Most readers of 'The Ringing World' are acquainted with the events that have happened. One day, about a year or so ago, when the old six bells were being rung, the decrepit tenor collapsed, and ringing for the time being was at an end. The Rector, the churchwardens, and the ringers, and, indeed, all the parishioners were greatly concerned with the silence of their bells, and, despite the smallness of the parish and the fact that they were already committed to an organ restoration scheme, they faced their troubles boldly and set about raising funds to put their bells in order. But until the latter were taken out of the tower the villagers did not know the worst, for it was then found that the frame was past repair, and three of the bells were cracked. A comprehensive scheme of restoration was, therefore, necessary, and the bells were taken away to the Croydon Foundry to be recast. With such a complete clearance of the belfry necessary, it was felt to be a great opportunity to increase the ring to eight, and, with unexcelled enthusiasm and in great faith, the Rector and the Parochial Church Council decided upon the larger scheme.

Then came a bombshell. When a faculty was applied for, the Chancellor for the diocese of Ely, sitting in the Consistory Court, roundly trounced everyone concerned because the old bells had been removed

with a tenor of 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb., which means a ring of bells with body as well as tune in it. And the 'go'! The whole peal is on ball bearings, and so it is almost needless to say that in this respect, also, there is nothing to be desired. Indeed, they go too easily, as was apparent to some of those who visited Ickleton on Saturday, when a meeting of the Ely Association was held there to give the bells a 'ringers' opening.' There had already been an 'initiation' service—the dedication, according to the rules of the diocese, cannot take place until the bells are free of debt—and this was the ringers' opportunity. They seized upon it with both hands, and never before in its long history had Ickleton held so many ringers at one time. There were nearly 80 there from all parts of Cambridgeshire and beyond.

TOO EASY!

Quite early in the proceedings the too easy running of the bells revealed itself, and someone, used to bells where real pulling is necessary, failed to put the second carefully against the stay, with the result that something had to go, and the timber snapped off short at the stock. A little delay to remove the remains of the broken member and then more touches were rung, what time one of the local band, who works at a carpenter's bench, fashioned a new stay. In between the touches a ringer had patiently to hold the bell on the rope, but it was successfully managed, until it had to be lowered at service time.

The ringing at Ickleton Church is done in the centre of the building, where nave and transepts meet, and so the ringers are not out of sight and out of mind. They are in full view of the congregation all the while they discharge their service duties. The church itself has no mean claims to distinction. Part of the existing building is Saxon, dating from shortly before the Norman Conquest, while four of the pillars, with their capitols, carrying the arches, are actually of Roman origin, having been brought by the Saxon builders from Chesterford (the Camp by the Ford), which is the neighbouring parish, and which was the site of a Roman settlement. There are also some twelfth-century pew ends, and outside the spire is hung the ancient Sanctus bell. Bells similarly hung are to be found in the neighbouring parishes of Hinton and Duxford, and at Histon and Fulbourn (Cams), Great Oxborrow (Norfolk) and Wickham Market (Suffolk), but they are not often to be met with.

A brief and hearty service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. H. Cooke), whose short but appropriate address was an appeal to ringers to take up their work with reverence, regularity and earnestness, and in the spirit of worship.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and in providing the meal the ladies responsible rose admirably to the occasion, for, as usual, there were more present than had been expected.

The places represented were: Barley, Cambridge, Chatteris, Castle Camps, Croydon, Dry Drayton, Fulbourn, Grimsby, Hitchin, Harlow, Ickleton, Long Stanton, Over, Royston, Stapleford, Sawston, Swavesey, Trumpington, Waltham Cross and Woking.

The Rector afterwards extended a hearty welcome to the association, and said how pleased they were to have such a large gathering of ringers. They were particularly pleased to have with them Mr. Cyril Johnston, the founder of the bells, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the editor of 'The Ringing World.'

There was not a great deal of business to be done, but what there was was interesting.

Mr. Frank Warrington, the district secretary, suggested Bourn as the next meeting place, and Littleton for a joint meeting with the Herts County Association. This opened the way for discussion on the question of joint meetings, in the course of which Mr. Finch made a spirited appeal in support of them, pointing out the advantages to be gained from fraternising with ringers outside their own area.

Eventually it was decided to hold a meeting at Bourn in five or six weeks' time, and to leave the district secretary and Mr. G. T. Croft, district secretary of the Herts Association, to consult as to a joint meeting at Littleton.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith were elected life members of the association.

Mr. Johnston, freshly home from the opening of the great Ottawa carillon and a successful business tour in the United States, had to make a speech in reply, and, referring to the recent happenings in the Consistory Court, caused much laughter by saying that he understood that the Rector was a 'bad man,' the churchwardens 'were not nice to know,' and the bell founders were not to be trusted in any tower in the diocese. Ickleton's reply, he said, was the best answer that could have been given. They added two treble bells, and the Rector and churchwardens refused to retire (apology).

THE RECTOR'S 'RECOVERY.'

Mr. Goldsmith, in also acknowledging his election, remarked that although he was glad to become a member of the association, he had not come to Ickleton specially for that purpose, but he had come to hear the new peal of bells and to view the wreckage of the Rector (laughter). He was delighted to find such a splendid recovery from a 'knockout,' and he hoped the churchwardens were as cheerful as the Rector appeared to be.

On the motion of Mr. T. R. Dennis, hearty thanks were accorded to the Rector and to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

A member raised the question of peals being arranged on meeting days, and this led to a diversity of views being expressed, some holding

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ICKLETON CHURCH TOWER,
showing the ancient Sanctus bell outside the spire.

before the application was made and permission given. He suspended the churchwardens, reported the Rector to the Bishop, threatened the bell founders with ostracism in the diocese, and refused the faculty! Were the Ickletonians dismayed? Not a bit of it. They were sorry that they had not complied with the letter of the law, of course, but—well, the tower was empty, and they had got eight new bells at Croydon, Simpson tuned, with beautiful modern fittings, a lovely iron frame, and scrumptious ball bearings! So the bells and all connected with them came back to Ickleton, and, although the good people of Ickleton are still sorry they have not got a faculty, they have got their bells, which is the thing that matters most to them. And a fine peal they are. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have turned out an octave in

TENTERDEN RINGERS' LONG EXCURSION.

St. Mildred's Society, Tenterden, had their annual outing on Saturday, September 3rd. The party were augmented by Mr. C. W. Player, of Stone, Mr. J. G. Pattenden, Rye, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Frittenden, and Mr. W. Wenban, Staplehurst, and a visit first paid to East Grinstead, a run of over 40 miles through glorious country. After an hour's ringing on the fine old bells, the party proceeded to Crawley, of peal ringing fame. Lunch was arranged at the George Hotel, and Mr. O. Sippetts kindly met the party, who spent a very pleasant hour with this delightful little peal. Then away to lunch, and a right good meal was provided (despite short notice). Accompanied by Messrs. Sippetts and Bull, St. John's, Redhill, was visited, and the journey continued to Bletchingley, where they were met by Mr. Ashdown, who made them welcome. After enjoying some touches, the men of Kent took farewell of Messrs. Sippetts and Bull, and went on to Godstone, where tea had been arranged at the Clayton Hotel, and ringing took place on the glorious little peal by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tenterden was eventually reached again at midnight, after a journey of about 130 miles through three counties. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergy at the various towers visited, and all those ringers who helped to make the day such a success.

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that loyalty should be shown to the association by avoiding peal attempts when meetings were to be held, and others that it was not always possible to avoid the clashing of these two things, while in the Ely Diocese one of their difficulties in the past had been lack of peal-ringing bands.

Mr. P. Webb, the captain of the Ickleton ringers, expressed the pleasure of his band at the presence of the large number of visitors. Many of them, he said, were distinguished ringers, composers, conductors, and stay breakers (laughters). He was particularly glad to welcome the editor of 'The Ringing World,' because in all probability, but for the support which he had given through his paper, they would not have been able to do all they had done in Ickleton. The least the ringers could do was to support the paper in return (applause).

The ringers then returned to the belfry, and ringing was kept up to a late hour, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. It was a great day for ringing in Ickleton, and one which will leave pleasant memories with all the many visitors.

About £130 is still required to complete the bell restoration fund, and contributions from ringers will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Webb.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HENBURY.**

Considering the inclement weather of the past week, the Bristol Branch were favoured in having a fine day for their monthly meeting at Henbury on Saturday last. Henbury is a splendidly situated village in pleasant wooded country, and adjoining the famous Blaise Castle and woods, and much pleasure was afforded by a visit to this park by some of the members after the meeting. Thanks to the local members, who include the popular chairman of the branch, Mr. J. Gould (captain) and Mr. R. Devenish (sec.), everything was in readiness, and the bells were rung up to service time at 4.30. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon C. P. Way), and Mrs. Way presided at the organ. Tea followed in the schoolroom.

At the business meeting, at which 30 members were present, representing 11 towers, Mrs. Way (the wife of the Vicar) was elected an associate member. In the course of the general business, the Chairman reported upon the arrangements being made for the jubilee of the association, which is to take place at Bristol on Whit Monday next.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. S. H. Wood, thanking the members for their kindness on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

The usual vote of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Way, also to Messrs. R. Devenish and Phillips for arranging the tea. The Vicar, in reply, said the chairman had told them about the association's jubilee next year, and he would also tell them it was the jubilee of the reopening of their ancient church at Henbury, which was reopened in 1878; therefore the jubilees came together, and he hoped the association would come to Henbury on that occasion. He was pleased to see the lady ringers present in such good numbers. He paid a high tribute to his own captain of ringers, who had been captured by a lady ringer. He could not ask them at present to drink the health of the association, but he wished it good luck 'in the Name of the Lord.' The Vicar's speech was loudly applauded, and concluded the meeting.

Those who visited the Vicarage gardens and Blaise Castle heard to full advantage the music of the bells in Triple and Major methods, which were rung up to the time of departure.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Cardiff, on Friday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Frank Forsdike, churchwarden of St. John-the-Baptist's Church: E. Coles 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, P. Heath 5, E. Combes 6, G. Large (conductor) 7, S. Barker 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringing week in South Wales resulted in ten peals being scored in 13 attempts, Surprise peals being rung in four counties. The visitors received a very hearty welcome, which made up for the rain and mist experienced during the week. The details of the performances will be forthcoming, we understand, in time for our next issue.

The bells of Farndon, Cheshire, have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the octave will be open to ringers on Saturday, October 8th.

Mr. T. Maude, who was among those present at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at York, was one of those who attended the funeral of Jasper Snowdon at Ilkley in November, 1885.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will have their first opportunity of meeting the new Bishop of the diocese at a meeting to be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, October 8th.

The organising committee of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild hope to see a large attendance at the new cathedral city to-morrow, when the first of a series of preliminary meetings is to be held. There is much business to be done, and this is the time when the ringers in the diocese can help to shape the destinies of the Guild.

'Uncle Joe' Sykes, who is now in Copenhagen, is able to hobble about with the aid of sticks. His ankle is improving. Denmark is the tenth country to which 'Uncle Joe's' weekly copy of 'The Ringing World' has been sent.

On this day, in the year 1783, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung in 5½ hours at Oldham. This peal was a preliminary to a 14,480 in the same method in 8 hrs. 24 mins. in the following January.

On October 1st, 1793, this length was exceeded at Aston, where Joshua Short called a peal of 15,360. This still stands as the record peal of Bob Major.

Exactly twenty years ago to-morrow the first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on handbells. This was at Romford, conducted by Mr. Wm. Pye.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques (6,024) at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on October 6th, 1788, and the first peal at Exeter Cathedral on October 6th, 1902.

It is unusual for a local band to have a practice immediately after a visiting band has rung a peal. This happened at Great Easton last Saturday. While the Rector entertained the visitors, the locals rang several 120's. Afterwards, the visitors showed them how to ring Plain Bob and Grandsire in the 'new' style, and then the locals did the original 120 in the 'old' style—i.e., by the treble man shouting 3-4 dodge, 2-5 bob, etc.

A report on Wednesday stated that Mr. A. H. Pulling's condition was satisfactory.

MR. WARREN STURGIS' VISIT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, express to each and all of the ringing friends I have met this summer my appreciation of the cordial welcome my son and I have received on all sides. Truly a fine feature of our noble Exercise is the universal bond of sympathy among its votaries. Whether in London, with old friends and experts of the College Youths, or among new friends at Bath and far-off Edinburgh, we were most heartily welcomed, and our very moderate ability most kindly encouraged.

We return home with increased regret that we have here so few opportunities for ringing, but with countless happy memories of the bells and brother ringers of England. Best greetings to them all.

Groton, Mass.,
September 11th.

S. WARREN STURGIS.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been away from home and so unable to deal with the letters from 'A Plain Ringer' which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' lately.

The extension of Superlative really raises the whole question of method extension, and I propose, as soon as I can spare the time, to discuss the question.

At present, different people are working on different lines, and so naturally arrive at different results, and this causes confusion, so that plain ringers do not know what to think.

I will for the present ask everyone interested in the matter to consider what the word 'Extension' means.

H. LAW JAMES.

STISTED BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £131 11s. 6d.; previous belfry fund £1 15s. 8d., Mr. Adams £1, Whittle ringers 10s., Barking St. Margaret's ringers 10s., Dunmow ringers 10s., Mistley ringers 5s., Braintree ringers £3 6s. 6d., W. J. Courtald, Esq., £5, S. A. Courtald, Esq., £5, F. H. Crittall, Esq., £1, — Tabor, Esq., £1 1s., collected by Mr. H. Sibley 9s., collected by Mr. W. Sibley 10s., collected by Mr. Blatch 11s.; total, £152 14s. 8d.

Over £100 is still required for this fund. Will those who have subscription cards kindly return with large or small sums (anything will be acceptable) to Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree, as soon as possible?

A BEGINNER'S THEORY. BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the ninth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

EFFECT OF 'FIXED' BELLS.

The 'positions' at which we introduce our 'call rows' will have the effect of 'fixing' our observation bell, but she is not tied down as much as the treble. She roams more, but, nevertheless, certain limits are fixed. The W.R.W. callings fix the tenor's path 'course by course'; she follows the same path in every course throughout the 720, and, being undisturbed by the calls, the path she pursues is the same that she would traverse throughout the plain course.

The effect of a fixed path upon the rows is that it causes the 'fixed bell' to appear in the SAME POSITION in every corresponding row of the section, in which the fixed path is completed. Thus, the treble completes her fixed path lead by lead, and she appears in the same place in every corresponding row of each lead; in other words, if she is in fourth's place in row No. 4 of one lead, then she will be in the same place at row No. 4 of every lead.

The tenor, being fixed 'course by course,' will appear in the same place in every corresponding row of EACH course (not each lead, but each course), so that, if she should appear at 000600 in the 25th row of one course, she will appear similarly in row No. 25 of every course.

Courses are built up of leads—there are five leads to the course in Minor. Each lead is a unit of each course, and, therefore, the 27th row of each course is also the third row of a certain lead.

Thus, with the treble fixed in corresponding rows of the leads, and the tenor in corresponding rows of the courses, it follows that in every corresponding row of the courses BOTH the treble and tenor will appear in the same two places. If in row 27 of one course we get 001060, then in every '27th row' we shall get 001060; '0000' represents the other four bells, which must produce the variations in the corresponding rows.

The particular calling (at W.R.W.) also fixes the path of bell No. 5, but in this case 'part by part'; so that she completes her fixed path an every 'part' of the extent. Every lead being a unit of each course, and every course a unit of each part, it follows (on the lines set out above) that at every corresponding row in EACH PART, 1-5-6 will be in similar places. If in the 27th row of one part we get 001560, then these same positions will be occupied by 1-5-6, in every '27th row' in each part.

The fixing of one bell leaves five others to perform the variations, and, therefore, she is allowed to be 120 times in the same place; the fixing of two bells allows of only 24 times in the relative places TOGETHER. The fixing of three bells permits of only six times that these three bells may occupy the same three places in the row (six rows being the extent of the remaining three bells, '234').

If we examine the lead-ends of our plain course, we shall find that the treble comes 'home' at every lead-end, but that no other bell comes home at a lead-end until the last lead-end of the plain course (in other words, the 'course-end'). In our 720, the tenor is undisturbed by the calls, travelling only the plain-course path, and, therefore, she comes 'home' at every course-end, 100006, etc., and completes her fixed path, as shown in the first part given. The calls disturb the 5th bell, making her path irregular in the courses, but set in the part; so that, while she may come 'home' at a lead-end in the part, she never comes home at the same time as the tenor until the 'part-end' (134256, etc.), where she completes her fixed path by coming home at the end of it. Each of the fixed bells recommences her path through her particular section, from the same place (in the row) in which she first commenced.

Our 720 is divided into six equal parts (three in each half of the extent), and '156' come home together at the six part-ends. We can see, in these six rows, that '234' perform their full variations, but they are not allowed to come home until the last part-end.

If we were to examine every row in one part of the extent, we should find that '156' (taken collectively) occupy the same positions (in the row) once only in that part. Therefore, however '234' be placed in the rows, we cannot get a repetition in this one part, because '156' are differently placed in every row.

The '156' occupy the same positions in corresponding rows of the other parts (only once in each part), due to the fact that they commence the parts from the same 'platforms' in the part-heads (otherwise the part-ends), viz., 100056. Conversely, '234', taken collectively, are DIFFERENTLY PLACED in the row, at every part-head, and, therefore, will NOT occupy the same positions in the corresponding rows of the parts. Then, because the fixed bells DO hold the same positions in corresponding rows, and because the unfixed bells DO NOT do so, the truth of the six parts is beyond question.

Provided: That '156' do not appear in the same relative positions in two rows of the one part. If this did occur, it would mean two rows in every part, twelve rows in all, and we know that '234' can produce only six variations.

Provided also: That the fixed bells occupy the same places at the part-heads, and that the unfixed bells do not do so.

In Treble Bob methods, the 'zigzag' path of the treble bell causes her to occupy the same place (in the row) four times in each lead,

and, therefore, only 30 leads are permissible (to produce the 120 times in each place allowed). We still have five leads to each course, and two courses to each part, giving 10 leads to the part; but our leads have twice as many rows as the plain methods, and, therefore, the first three parts of our calling produce the 720.

The remarks regarding '156' apply to Treble Bob methods, with modifications. Instead of appearing in the same positions, in one row only of each of the six parts, they appear twice in each of the three parts, and here the laws which govern 'odd and even rows' are applicable.

In our plain methods, '234' (examined by themselves) will be found to be 'evenly placed' within the rows at the three part-heads in the first half—023400, 034200, and 042300. In other words, 234, 342 and 423 are the 'even' rows on the three bells, and, '156' being at home, we may know that these three part-heads are 'even rows', in fact, all of the lead-heads in the first half are 'even.'

The introduction of the single at the half-way (applying our 'even plus odd, etc.') has the effect of making all of the lead-heads in the second half into 'odd rows,' and, therefore, 234 are 'oddly placed' within the rows at the other three part-heads—024300, 043200, and 032400. The single not only reverses the nature of the heads, but every row is likewise reversed, because we start from an even basis (123456) in the first half, and from an odd basis in the second half (the single at 124356). Therefore, every corresponding row in the two halves is of a reverse nature; that which is '+' in the one will be '-' in the other. The single always has this effect, until another is introduced, which (applying 'odd plus odd, etc.') puts the rows back again, as it were.

If the single is introduced at any lead-end previous to the 'half-way,' as is done in the I.O.I. calling, a similar action takes place, and we get the 'odd half' sandwiched in between two portions of the 'even half'; the first portion being prior to the first single, and the second portion subsequent to the second single.

Singles are not used in Treble Bob methods, because the 'dodging' path of the treble has the effect of introducing the 'odd-half' rows into the ordinary leads, thus welding the two halves into the whole. Every lead-end in a Treble Bob method is an even row, and thus '234' are evenly placed within our three part-heads—023400, 034200, and 042300; and in each part-head they are differently placed, whilst '156' hold the same positions, as heretofore.

With '156' appearing in the same positions in two rows of the same part, it is possible to get repetition; but we should find, upon examination, that in one of the two rows '234' will be evenly placed, and in the other they will be oddly placed. This being so in the one part, it will be the same in the other two parts, with the result that, in the whole, we shall get three even and three odd rows, with 156 in the same positions. If the two rows in the one part are both even, then all of the six will be even, and with 156 being in the same places in the six rows, we can know (because 234 cannot produce six even rows) that our extent will be false. Similarly, if both are odd, in the same part, we have a false extent.

In passing, we may notice the practical effect of the single. In the first half of our extent, we commence from 12(34)56, and in the second half from 12(43)56—'34' being reversed, with '1256' in the same positions. Therefore, '1256' will be similarly placed, row for row, and '34' will each take the place held by the other, row by row, in the two halves. Thus: (4)21(3)56, (3)21(4)56, etc. So that, '1256', collectively, are fixed bells, but only 'half by half.' Naturally, they are only fixed in the same positions in one row in each half, leaving '34' to perform their two variations.

ADDERBURY BELLS RESTORED.

The peal of eight bells at Adderbury, near Banbury, have been rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in an iron frame resting on steel girders. The 6th bell has been recast, as it was found to be cracked. All the fittings are of the latest and best make, with notable recent improvements, and the stone work inside the belfry has been thoroughly restored.

The Bishop of the diocese will dedicate the bells at a service to be held on October 25th, at 3 p.m.

The original peal was of six bells only, but they were recast into eight in 1789 by John Briant, of Hereford. The weight of the tenor is over 25 cwt., and the peal is one of the best in the county.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Willington on Saturday, September 24th, and was well attended, the following towers being represented: Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington; Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Staindrop and Willington. The meeting had been arranged for the benefit of the local band, who are endeavouring to gain some knowledge of the art of change ringing. The peal is only one of five, and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. Tea was served in the Rectory grounds, after which courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the handbells.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for preparing such an excellent tea. A visit was again made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and members of the local band expressed themselves satisfied by the progress made.

THE SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SNOWDON.

In proposing 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) first read a letter which he had received from Mrs. Laura Snowdon (widow of the late Mr. W. Snowdon), who wrote: 'I must send a few lines to say how much my daughter and I will think of you on Saturday. We do feel so grateful of your kind recollection of those who are gone, and appreciate your kindness. I hope the day may be fine in what we can only call a very wet year.' They would all appreciate that kind thought, said Mr. Marshall, and he felt he would be acting in accordance with their wishes in saying that their thoughts went out to Mrs. and Miss Snowdon that day, and in conveying to them their very best wishes (applause). It was, perhaps, fitting, he continued, that he, as their president, should propose that toast, although he felt very strongly, coming third in the line of very notable presidents, how inadequately he fulfilled the office. Fortunately, he had been, and was still, served by most excellent officers, and that enabled them to carry on the work. Although he could not hope in any way to emulate the distinction of his predecessors, there was one thing in which he yielded to none, and that was in his desire to uphold the traditions of that great association, and to guide it, as far as he was able, with the aid of the other officers, in the lines of continued progress which had been laid down for them by those who had gone before. Taking the toast as his text, he said, 'Continued prosperity' took them back to the thought that, at any rate, they took for granted that the history of the association had, up to that moment, been a prosperous one, and he felt they would all agree that that was so. He had before him the first report of the association, issued in 1875, when



JASPER SNOWDON.

First President of the Yorkshire Association.

it started with a membership of 104, and had a balance in the bank of £10. The membership to-day was between 1,400 and 1,500, and he was proud to say they had invested funds of £250. That was on the material side. On the other side they thought of the great names of those who had passed, and whose memory they cherished to-day, who had done so much to build up this great association on good and solid lines. It was the desire of the present generation, and especially the desire of the officers, to uphold the great traditions which had been handed down to them and hand on their trust, at any rate undiminished, and, perhaps, in some way enhanced (applause). Passing on to the next word of the 'text,' 'Yorkshire,' Mr. Marshall said there were other associations, other county associations—they had heard of a few of them that evening—but for them there was only one association, and that was the Yorkshire Association. It was that of which they spoke that night, that whose continued prosperity it was his honour to propose. They thought of it as a very distinctive association, as they thought of Yorkshire as a distinctive county. They were proud of their association. They were proud of the men who had built it up by their personality and their work. There was a distinctive characteristic in Yorkshiremen, and he had been told that at the meetings of the Central Council in the old days it was a real delight to the members from other parts of the country to hear the well-known voices of the Yorkshire stalwarts. He hoped the Central Council would for ever be proud to hear the well-known Yorkshire accents in their midst.

LOYALTY TO THE ASSOCIATION.

It was distinctively the Yorkshire Association they thought of that night and of which they were proud. It had its difficulties in its size, and it was a matter of great concern to the officers of the association to know how they could deal with the great district which they had to cover. They felt very grateful to those of their northern brethren who did their best to uphold a difficult task in that part of the county, and who had done their best to help forward the work of the association in the North. And not only were they grateful, but it was something which they wanted to bear in mind and try to make the association one which really did cover the whole of the county. They were proud, as ringers, to belong to a great brotherhood, and he hoped that the Yorkshire Association would always itself remember that. It was as a great brotherhood of ringers that they met together, and it was as a great brotherhood that they wanted to think of that association and work together for the good of the whole. That brought him to the last part of his 'text.' The object the committee had in view was to advance the interests of change ringing and to make the association in every way a society of practical ringers. The qualification for a member was that he must be a change ringer. That was some-

thing to keep before them, and it should always be their aim to foster change ringing in its different branches. He hoped there would come forward in the present generation men who would follow in the steps of the great men of the past, who had done so much to advance change ringing in its more intricate parts, and as a great science. What would they say must be the secrets of that future prosperity! He would only just mention two things. One, surely, must be loyalty—loyalty to the association to which they belonged, and that was what they asked for from all their members. They wanted members to think of the good of the whole, and think of what they could give to the association and not what they could take from it. Let them learn to be punctual in fulfilling their own obligations. It was not always the case. Most people who were in charge of associations found there were some members who gave them great trouble in this matter, some who were dilatory in paying subscriptions. If there was anything he could say which would lead members to be loyal to their association and to think of the good of the whole rather than of themselves, then, perhaps, there was some little good he may have done. The other secret was handed down to them by their first president—real zeal and real earnestness in anything they undertook (applause).

The toast was cordially honoured.

A BISHOP 'IN THE SOUP.'

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw proposed 'The Chairman.' He said they thought such an important gathering of ringers, which had for its object the revival of memories of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, warranted them in approaching even a Bishop to take the chair, and they were delighted when their invitation was accepted. As the occasion was worthy of their chairman, it went without saying that the chairman was well worthy of the occasion (applause). They regarded their chairman as essentially a Bishop for men, although it was quite evident from the good sprinkling there that night that he also had many admirers among the ladies (laughter and applause). Some two or three years ago the Bishop originated and organised mass meetings for men, held at intervals during the winter months on Sunday afternoons in one of the largest halls in York, and never failed to get a packed audience. The general feeling was that whatever the Bishop of Whitchy took in hand was sure to be a success, hence their daring in asking of him some of his valuable time to preside over that gathering. Three years ago the late Dean of York (now, as they all knew, Dean of Westminster) was in the chair—he was also 'in the soup' very early in the proceedings (laughter). They were all glad that the Bishop of Whitchy had escaped that misfortune, and they thanked him for his genial presence and the admirable way in which he had presided over them.

(Mr. Earnshaw's reference to the Dean being 'in the soup' related to the fact that a plate of soup was accidentally tipped down his back during dinner.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Bishop thanked the company for their kindly and warm welcome. He said he felt they had a right to claim his services for such an occasion, because he was, as Suffragan Bishop, a leader of the Church in that diocese, and they were a gathering of real church workers. He had never had much to do with ringing, he continued, although ringers once did him a great honour. When he first saw the light in a tiny little Devonshire village, 15 miles from a railway station, in the middle of the night at the end of December, the ringers walked through two feet of snow to ring a peal to congratulate his parents on his birth (applause). He had scarcely lived up to that reputation of being ushered into the world by a peal. While at his training school, Wells College, after leaving Oxford, he was asked whether he would like to learn to ring, but he did not get far. He learned to ring rounds, but got no further. He did, therefore, learn something of the A B C of ringing, but he had no time to go on with it. He had heard that at Coventry, where he was for a short time Vicar, the old bells had been recast, an action which, he believed, many of them considered to be a mistake. He hoped that the idea of many years' standing, that there should be a campanile and that Coventry Cathedral should have a peal of bells worthy of that wonderful church, would be realised (applause). He wanted to say, the Bishop added in conclusion, how delighted he was to be present with them. He had enjoyed a good dinner—the second he had had that day at someone else's expense (laughter)—he had enjoyed the speeches and music, but, more than all, he had enjoyed the delightful spirit of good fellowship (applause). Long might their association continue, long might it prosper, and go on from glory to glory and add to the glory of the glorious county of which they were never tired of speaking in their Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (applause).

THE MINSTER BELLS.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Minster bells. Three years ago, he said, when Dean Norris presided at that gathering, they mentioned that the bells were in poor condition. On their next visit they now found the old bells had been replaced by a peal which was one of the best in England (applause). The last time the association held its annual dinner at Leeds they referred to the condition of the bells there, and he hoped when they went to Leeds next year they would find their suggestion had had a similar result (applause).

The Rev. A. Spence, Chamberlain of the Minster, replied to the vote, and said he had no doubt the remarks made by Mr. Walker, with

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DEATH OF MR. BEN FOSKETT.

'FATHER' OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The death of Mr. Benjamin Foskett, which took place at Kenton, Harlow, on the 20th inst., removes another link in ringing history.

Born at Aston Clinton, Bucks, in November, 1846, Ben began ringing as a young man on the six bells at the village of Great Missenden. In the early 'seventies he migrated to Oxford, and here, at Magdalen College, he rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 1875. During a residence in the Oxford district of some nine or ten years he kept in touch with the local ringers as far as time and business would allow.

About 1882 he removed to London, and after settling down came into touch with the late George Newson and Henry Dains, with whom he rang a good number of peals for the Royal Cumberland Youths, the chief of which was the 13,440 Double Norwich at Romford on April 18th, 1894. 'Old Ben' had many interesting reminiscences of this peal, more particularly of the attempt at Brentwood three weeks earlier, when his rope came down around his head less than 400 changes from the end.

Mr. Foskett had been a regular attendant at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Sunday mornings from the inception of the company in 1916 until February, 1926, when the weight of years became too much for him. At this time he was living in Cricklewood, but a little over a year ago he moved out to Kenton. He had taken part in 147 peals, the last being Kent Treble Bob Major at Willesden in August, 1924.

The interment took place at Willesden New Cemetery on Saturday, September 24th, in the presence of the family mourners and a large number of ringers. Mrs. Foskett, a venerable lady of some 85 years, was unable to be present, and the service was consequently held previously at the deceased's home. At the graveside, therefore, the committal portion of the service only was used, following which a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave by members of his old society.

The esteem in which 'Old Ben' was held was shown by the large number of wreaths, among which was one from the Willesden ringers and another from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Thus has passed from human ken another of the stalwarts of the Exercise, and one whose whole life was a model not alone for ringers, but for all men. R.I.P.

ENCOURAGING YOUNG RINGERS.

CLARE DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.

A small but very successful meeting of the Clare District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Cowlinge on Saturday last. The local band were augmented by visitors from Newmarket, Lavenham, and Long Melford, and some well-struck six-scores were rung during the afternoon. A generous tea was provided by the people of the parish, and was served in the Parish Room, presided over by the Vicar, who expressed his thanks to the people of the parish for their kindness and support in providing the tea for the ringers.

Mr. G. C. Bixby, district secretary, of Long Melford, added a few words of appreciation to the people for their kindness, also to the Vicar for his kindness in presiding and for the use of the bells.

At the business meeting after tea, a suggestion was made, that 'This meeting desires to draw the attention of the Guild to the lateness of the getting out of the annual reports, also to the great expense of these reports wherein there is much that could be omitted.'

The ringers were favoured by a visit of Mrs. Gilbert, wife of the Rector, in whose honour two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by G. C. Bixby, A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds and B. Sharp.

A move was then made to Stradishall, where ringing took place on the five bells. The ringers' thanks are due to the Rev. Grant, Rector of Stradishall, for his kindness, also for the use of the bells.

This meeting was one of a series that have been held by the Clare District this year in outlying places, with the object of creating enthusiasm among ringers in small country places, and helping on young ringers by giving them the chance to stand in with more experienced ringers. The spirit in which these young ringers travel for miles to get a pull with older bands shows that there could be much done by Guilds in encouraging these small meetings in preference to large meetings where learners have just to listen, sometimes for hours, while Surprise and difficult methods are being rung. It is the learners who should have plenty of ringing at meetings, with old ringers to assist them, and the Clare District feels that it is progressing favourably by having done this and not by making spectators of the learners.

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regard to hearing the bells in the belfry would receive the attention of the firm responsible for the bells, whose representatives were present that night.

There was a delightful programme of music, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Quartettes were rendered by the Ebor Quartette and songs by Mr. A. Fryer, Mr. F. Holmes and Mr. A. Jones, while an excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Harrison, J. Thorp, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, S. Briggs and R. Harrison. The pleasant evening terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

A large number of visitors stayed over the week-end and enjoyed ringing on the Minster bells on Sunday, when, by the kindness of the authorities, they were available during three periods.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS.

A successful meeting was held on Saturday, September 24th, at Basford, a tower always attractive on account of the beautiful war memorial peal of eight bells. Eleven towers in all were represented, and there were also unattached members and visitors present.

The quarterly business agenda was light, and the vice-president again gave notice that both himself and the local secretary would terminate their official positions at the end of the year.

Owing to certain remarks concerning monthly meetings, these were left over for this year. In order to prevent a recurrence of the conditions reigning in the early months of this year, it is hoped that suitable nominations for both offices will be forthcoming before the annual district meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on January 6th, 1928.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Thurstaston and Anstey on Saturday. Thurstaston was first visited, the methods rung on the bells being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The band were then entertained, during a heavy rainstorm, to some well-played hymn tunes on the eight bells by a local lady ringer. About 5 p.m. the rain was less severe, and a start was made by six of the members to walk to Anstey. These were warned that if they went by the usual and more direct road they would have to wade through 4ft. of flood water, so they had to make a detour via Cropstone. Very fortunately a friend from Husbands Bosworth was present with his motor-cycle and sidecar, and very kindly escorted these six 'tea-wanting' ringers in pairs through the cold and rain to Anstey. On their arrival at Anstey they were joined by three other members. After tea, the belfry was visited, and, following two short touches, a business meeting was held. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Saviour's in January. It was also decided that at that meeting the question should be brought up as to whether Belgrave should in future be counted as one of the towers at which the annual meeting should be held.

The Chairman sincerely thanked Mr. Marsh for the kind way in which he had assisted the ringers in getting from Thurstaston to Anstey. The bells were then kept going for an hour or so, the methods rung during the evening being Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

SUCCESSFUL 'MISSIONARY' MEETING AT APPLEBY MAGNA.

The outlandish six-bell tower of ill-repute was visited by the Burton District of the M.C.A. on Saturday, September 17th, with a view to stimulating local enthusiasm. The attendance of almost thirty ringers was particularly gratifying, nine towers being represented. Amongst those present were the ringers from Market Bosworth, who turned up en bloc, and who motored over specially.

Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Crown, when twenty-one sat down.

The Rector (the Rev. D. J. Davies) presided at the business meeting. He was subsequently made an honorary member of the association. Ashby was selected for the next meeting on November 12th. The Rector expressed a hope that the visit would be repeated, and also thanked those present for their good attendance. He also referred to the visit of the band who rang the only peal on these bells, earlier in the year, in commemoration of which event a beautiful peal tablet, the work of Mr. Ernest Morris, the conductor, has been placed in an oak frame, and now hangs in the church porch.

Thanks are due to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his presence, and to Mr. John Chandler, captain of the local ringers, for making arrangements for the tea and for having the bells in readiness.

MR. E. MORRIS' LEICESTERSHIRE PEALS.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me a small space to give my many friends the very best thanks for their kindness and help given to assist me in scoring peals at 100 Leicestershire towers. Without their aid the task would have been impossible, and it has meant to many heavy tasks, many blisters, aching arms and 'wet shirts.' I especially thank my Billesdon friends for many five-bell peals, the Burton secretary and friends of that district for peals in his quarter; Ashby for the Staunton Harold peal on the bells at Earl Ferrers' private church, and other places; Loughborough, Melton and Harborough friends for their districts; the Sherwood Youths for King's Norton; and certain Leicester friends who have been kind enough to on these 'wonderful' excursions with me. To each and all I give my thanks, and hope still to carry on. I have more towers to conquer yet, and not all in steel frames or ball bearings!—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.

The hon. secretary of the Western District of the Surrey Association had a most discouraging experience on Saturday, when she had convened a meeting at Cranleigh. She was the sole representative of her district, the others who put in an appearance being three visitors from Guildford, one from Pulborough, one from Rudgwick, and five of the local band. The few ringers who were present felt and expressed the utmost sympathy with the unfortunate lady secretary.

In the evening an informal combined practice was organised at the neighbouring tower of Ewhurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the above association was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 17th. A fine day drew a very large gathering of ringers. The members expressed satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells after recent overhauling by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and there was ringing at various intervals from 3 p.m.

The service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. de la Hey). The choir rendered an anthem very sweetly. During the course of an address the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association.

Thanks to the generosity of the Bromsgrove Guild of Ringers, all the members, their wives and friends were entertained to a splendid tea in the old schoolroom.

This was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. The officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: Mr. J. Pegott, Smethwick (Central Committee representative), Mr. A. Hackett, Halsowen (Ringing Master of the Northern Branch), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

Several new members were also added to the roll.

Mr. T. J. Salter moved that the quarterly peal be attempted by the local band. This was unanimously agreed to, and Mr. Martin, in reply, said they would do their best.

The Secretary stated that he had received a very cordial invitation for the branch to visit Lye for the next quarterly meeting, and it was unanimously decided to accept the kind invitation of Lye ringers to visit their church for the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in January.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved that hearty thanks be tendered to the Vicar for his address, for the beautiful service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at that meeting. He also coupled in the vote hearty thanks to the organist, and also to Mr. H. F. Martin (on behalf of the Bromsgrove Guild) for providing such a splendid tea, and to Mrs. Martin and her splendid band of lady helpers for their kind attention to the ringers' wants. This was carried in a very appreciative manner.

—Mr. Martin, in reply, said it had long been the wish of the Guild to entertain the association at Bromsgrove, and he thanked them for their very kind vote of thanks, and also thanked Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who had gone from Selly Oak in hail, rain and sunshine to give them his assistance. The Vicar, who also responded, said he hoped they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It had been a real pleasure to him to have the association at Bromsgrove.

The members then returned to the tower, where ringing was indulged in till 8 p.m., and this closed a gathering which almost created a record in point of numbers.

VISIT TO SALISBURY.

On Saturday, September 10th, the North Stoneham ringers had their annual outing, when six towers in North Hampshire and Salisbury were visited. Leaving at 8.15 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop was at All Saints', Basingstoke, where the party were welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. E. Jones, and a very enjoyable hour was spent. A move was then made to Whitchurch, where the party were met by Mr. Clarke, who had everything in readiness, and touches in various methods were rung. A splendid lunch was partaken of at the King's Arms, Whitchurch, presided over by the Rector of North Stoneham, Rev. T. Salmon, who thanked the ringers on behalf of the churchwardens and himself for their services during the year. Mr. G. Williams suitably replied. The weather, which up to mid-day had been wet, then cleared up, and the run from Whitchurch to Andover, where a short visit to the tower was paid, and then over the downs to Salisbury, was much enjoyed. At Salisbury, the party were met by Messrs. Romaine, Rolls and Cheater, and touches rung in various methods at St. Edmund's, St. Thomas', and St. Martin's Churches. At St. Edmund's the very fine old peal of bells were found badly to need the attention of a bellhanger, and the hope was expressed that the Vicar and Church Council would soon see their way to have the bells and ringing chamber put in order, and to be worthy of such a fine old church. Home was reached about 9.30 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the various towers visited. The methods rung during the trip were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Major.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

Four quarter-peals were rung at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on Sunday, on the occasion of the harvest festival. For 8 o'clock Communion service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. H. P. Evans 1, P. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, L. Strong 4, J. Phillips 5, E. Coombes 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.—For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Dawe 1, *P. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, F. Smith 4, E. Coombes 5, *L. Strong 6, G. Large (first quarter as conductor) 7, *J. Phillips 8. * First quarter of Stedman.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: J. Phillips 1, F. Hannington 2, L. Strong 3, W. H. P. Evans (first quarter inside) 4, W. Richards 5, P. Heath 6, F. Smith 7, G. Large (conductor) 8, E. Coombes 9, S. R. Barker 10.—After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. H. P. Evans 1, J. Phillips 2, L. Strong 3, J. Davies 4, F. Hannington 5, P. Heath 6, F. Smith 7, G. Large 8, E. Coombes 9, S. R. Barker 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For evensong, at St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, September 25th, harvest festival, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Radford 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tomsett 7, G. Gibbs 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. G. Slade (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White 3, W. J. Benger 4, W. J. Simons 5, A. H. Drew 6, F. C. Benger (first as conductor) 7, J. W. Smith 8. All are local Sunday service ringers.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—For the harvest festival at St. Peter's Church on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Miss Hanson 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, J. Munday 3, W. Cockram 4, P. C. Orchard, F. Viney 6, R. Grater (conductor) 7, C. Knowles 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On harvest festival Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. Beckley 1, J. Judge 2, W. Finch 3, C. Bennett 4, W. Stone 5, J. Franklin 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday evening, September 22nd, for the harvest festival, 672 Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, Henry C. Balls (longest length) 2, Harry C. Balls 3, F. J. Smith 4, R. C. Kersey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 7, E. and S. Bailey 8.—Also on Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 1,056 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, R. C. Kersey 2, H. C. Balls 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, J. M. Bailey 5, F. J. Smith 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. Longest length of Surprise by 2nd and 3rd.

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NOTICE.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at Bucknall. Tea 5.30. Will all those who intend to be present please inform Mr. W. Stradley, 102, Charles Street, Hanley, not later than October 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

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PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary District meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at GUILDFORD on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity pro-Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church will be available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street. Business meeting 5.45. Meeting at LEATHERHEAD, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Parish Church (10) bells 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Other district meetings will be held at Chertsey, Oct. 15th; Farnham, Oct. 22nd. Preliminary general meeting Nov. 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers for the ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LADIES' GUILD.—A quarterly meeting (Southern and Central Districts combined) will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Friskney on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) (recently rehung by Mr. A. Bowell) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Buses leave Boston G.P.O. at 1.10, 2.15, 3.30 and 4.15 p.m., returning 6.30, 8, 9.10, 10 and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Barnet, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 4.45 in The Church House. Meeting to follow. Short service at 6 p.m. Hadley Bells from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as Barnet.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Bishop Ryder's, City. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 1st. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfields View, Halifax.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Would those who intend to be present kindly notify me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tea free to members. Practices in Surprise Minor methods will be resumed at Stoke, Plymouth, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet (10) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Half fares up to 2s.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. per head), followed by business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Bells available during the afternoon and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting to be held at Royston on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5.30 at Beale's Café. Good bus services from all parts. All are welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at North Wingfield (8 bells). L.M.S. trains to Clay Cross Station.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hungerford, Berks.—Dedication of new trebles by Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Bells (8) open for ringing afterwards until 6.30. Visiting ringers invited to tea by the Vicar. Those intending to come should notify Rev. H. Wardley King, Hungerford Vicarage, Berks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 4th, Southwark Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th, *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th, and Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m., St.

Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.15 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 4th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available all day. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Kemp's Café at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 5th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Wilton. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Schoolroom. All who want tea must please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrexall on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Oct. 5th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the district will be held at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 8th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- will be paid to members attending. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service will be held in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. After service, tea will be in the Church Hall at 1s. per head. It is necessary that all who require tea will send in their names not later than Monday, Oct. 3rd, to R. G. Black, General Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, nr. Kettering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. Farnworth bells (6) available after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, Oct. 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Social at 7 p.m. Tea and social in Priestwell Schools, Cross Stone Road. (Schools are about two minutes' walk from the bottom of Cross Stone Road.) Charges: Gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d. Names of those who intend to be present should reach Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Andrew's tower will also be open. Visitors are invited and will oblige by an early notification to F. W. Merrett, Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John the Evangelist's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells at liberty 3.15. Meeting 7.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley (bells 8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1s. per head.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., but applications for tea must be sent before Oct. 6th to A. Panther, Sandymount Road, Wath, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome will be given to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Faith's, Norwich, on Oct. 8th, at 3.30 p.m. Will as many as possible attend?—B. S. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenues, Norwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Meet at St. John's. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells (6) also available. Members requiring tea, at 1s. 3d. each, please notify me by Oct. 6th.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30, address by the Rev. J. S. Jobling, M.A. Tea 6 o'clock, at Mrs. Jones' Restaurant (1s. 3d.). Meeting after tea. Kindly reply by Oct. 3rd to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes' on Monday, Oct. 10th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is desired. Ringing meetings during October: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the

10th, at 6.30, and the 24th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 4th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th, at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all sending me word by October 10th, 9d.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 11th.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of the Parish Church, Stisted, near Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free in the school to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th. All ringers welcome.—Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Names must be sent to Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, by the previous Thursday. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Oct. 22nd, Bushey Heath. Particulars later.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

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