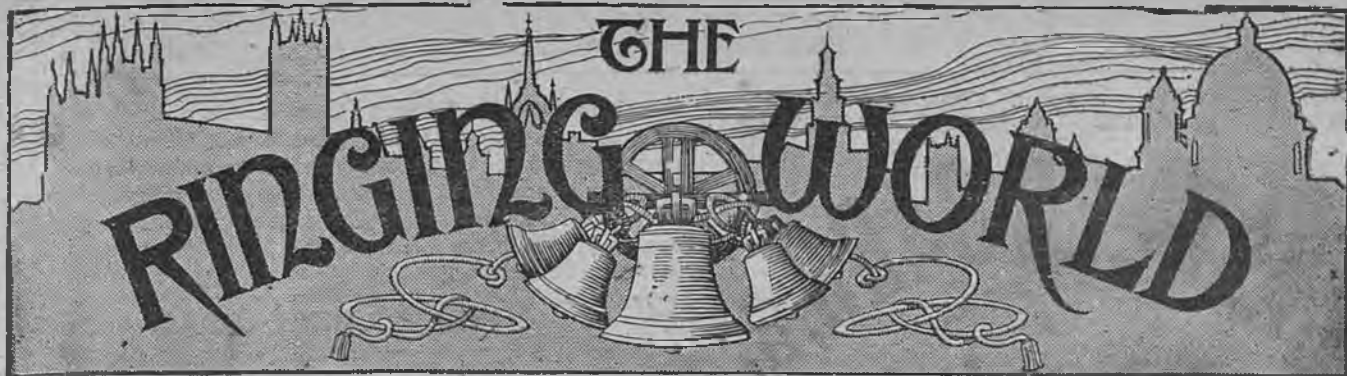




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Bell ringing, which to the public has been in the past a somewhat mysterious craft, is beginning to receive a more intelligent publicity in the Press than it used to do. It is true that there are still some weird and wonderful notions abroad as to what change ringing really is, but, taken as a whole, newspaper reports and comments on bell ringing are now of a more enlightened character. In our view this is all for the good of the Exercise. If the public know that what we do in the belfry has behind it something more than a mere mechanical method of making a noise; that change ringing is an operation based upon scientific principles and requiring brains, a quick perception, concentration and a vast amount of patience and practice, some at any rate will have a greater appreciation of what is performed in the belfry.

But apart from the columns of the Press, interest is being aroused in other ways, and in many instances lectures on the subject, given by ringers, have not only spread knowledge among the lay public but have found an appreciative reception in widely varying circles. Quite a new departure, so far as we are aware, is, however, to be made in the Cheshire town of Wallasey, where, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Guild) is to preach on Sunday week on the subject of 'The Mystery of Triple Bob Major.' The Vicar has arranged this sermon specially because he desires that his congregation should learn something about the origin, use and purpose of church bells, about which, he admits, many people have very hazy notions.

It would be a good thing indeed if all congregations had the opportunity of enlightenment from a practical ringer like the Rector of Kington Magna, but, unfortunately, we have not enough parsons of his type to go round. There is still in many places an entire lack of interest in the ringers. If the choir were absent from their places, or if the organ were silent, all the worshippers would at once be making inquiries as to what was wrong. But the absence of the ringers or the silence of the bells is passed over without comment. In these days, when it is the object of those who have the interests of the Exercise at heart to have the bells rung regularly for the Church's services, something is needed to bring home to the church-going public not only the importance of the work which the ringers undertake, but a fuller realisation of what it involves. Bells provide a many-sided study—practical, scientific, historical and what not—but outside the ranks of the ringers themselves the majority of people are ignorant of it. The bell sermon at Wallasey is one way to educate the

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local public, and we should like to see the example followed in other places. A wider, general interest would almost certainly lead some to a closer investigation and a desire to learn something of the practical side of ringing, and in this way the Exercise is likely to make a direct gain. Any means by which the interest of the public can be stimulated is worth cultivating.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	FRANK SMITH 10
JAMES BENNETT 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11
RICHARD BEVAN 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Ben Foskett, all the band having been regular service ringers at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields with the deceased. Also to the memory of Mr. Mark Woodcock.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOLI HULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	ERNEST MANSELL 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES E. GROVES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JOHN BRAGG Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of Stanley Bragg, towerkeeper at this church, and a popular member of the Guild, who passed away in the prime of life on September 29th, aged 44.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FREDERICK HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor, and to the ringer of the tenor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT ONE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* LIONEL J. COLLUM Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MISS JESSIE DAVENPORT ... Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... 2	RONALD E. JOHNSON ... 6
MISS ELSIE SMITH ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 7
NORMAN SHORT ... 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY

Rung for the festival of St. Matthew; to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, and the appointment and election thereto of Dr. Courtenay Pearce, sometime Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge, as first diocesan Bishop. First peal by the ringer of the treble (age 14), who is entitled to much credit for the way in which she rang her bell. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal of Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association, each being a 'first peal' of one kind or another. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor are from Norton, the rest the local company.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WM. R. G. SEAGER ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 5
SAM E. TAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	LAURENCE HALES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

First peal in the method by the association, upon the bells, and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	HORACE BELCHER ... 5
FRANK CORKE ... 2	HARRY G. WINCOTE ... 6
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	*GEORGE A. C. BLOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the marriage a few days previously of Mr. Robert A. Fardon and Miss Ruby Hawksworth, both members of the local band.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Treble	HARRY BAXTER ... 5
JOHN KING ... 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... 6
MISS KITTY MOORE ... 3	GEORGE BASFORD ... 7
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

Mr. G. Basford has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY OVERTON ... Treble	GEORGE JONES ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 4	*GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal in the method, and made a life member before starting for the peal.

OAKFORD, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. ERNEST S. C. LOCK ... Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 6
SYDNEY A. WYATT ... 3	PERCY MERSON ... 7
GEORGE SIBLEY ... 4	JAMES HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. HUNT

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on eight bells by Rev. E. S. C. Lock, who is Master of the association. 50th peal by Mr. A. J. Wyatt. The conductor has now rung a peal in 100 different towers.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDLELL ... 2	THOMAS WM. LAST ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rang on the eve of the harvest festival.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD POSTON ... Treble	*JOHN H. BUSHNELL ... 5
ALFRED T. POULTON ... 2	*THOMAS BEVAN ... 6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
HENRY E. COX ... 4	*JOHN J. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire inside.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*SIDNEY G. HUMPHRISS ... Treble	PETER BOARDMAN ... 5
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
*HENRY GRACE ... 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 7
*REGINALD HOLME ... 4	*CHARLES HESKETH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, and rung on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

REGINALD S. COOK ... Treble	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5
*JOHN W. LANE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	HERBERT GATES ... 7
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	PETER CROOK 5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
HARRY LANGLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
*HARRY NORGROVE 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	LEONARD DRAKE 5
TOM STRANGWAY 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. E. Lawson and Mrs. Tom Strangway.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	*WILLIAM BEDDARD 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 3	*THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOHN KENDALL 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Kent 'inside,' also first in the method on the bells, and rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
DANIEL D. COOPER ... 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
*RONALD H. BULLEN ... 4	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Triples. Quickest peal on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Caters.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 2	JOHN THOMPSON 6
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4	†THOMAS W. BARWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on more than five bells. † 25th peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal and first attempt for Stedman. The band wish to thank Mrs. Ballard (for whose son the peal was arranged) for very kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT TEMPLE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

F. G. LEAKER Treble	W. HUNTER 5
W. DURBIN 2	J. JEFFRIES 6
J. CARMEN 3	W. FARLEY 7
W. ABRAHAM 4	A. DURBIN Tenor

Conducted by W. FARLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the Vicar being inducted Archdeacon of Bristol.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
*GEORGE OLIVER 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	OLIVER SIFFETTS 7
CECIL NICE 4	CECIL HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by O. SIFFETTS.

* First peal inside. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WELTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*E. G. LYMAN Treble	A. MARLOW 3
*W. C. MOORE 2	*H. SHIMMELL 4
R. ADAMS ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. MARLOW.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. After the peal, Rev. Fearis provided an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS ... Treble	ALBERT E. ADSTIN ... 4
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	*ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* Fiftieth peal.

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN LUNN Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.
THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DELIGHT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of the 3rd's-place methods, Bucksall, Castleton, Chelsea, Dunedin, Knutsford, Rothern, Ely.

CHARLES PRESTON Treble	CHARLES BOWEN... .. 4
MISS ALICE PRESTON 2	WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
REG PRESTON 3	HARRY BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BILLINGS.

First peal as conductor. The first peal rung consisting of all 3rd's-place Delight methods in this association. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Wheeldon, the leader.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Ipswich, and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. BARKER Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
STANLEY C. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in seven methods as conductor. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Norton, 1st and 5th from Cheadle, and 4th from Kingsley. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. M. Levitt, of Cheadle, grandmother of the conductor, for her 90th birthday.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM 4
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	RICHARD MOUNT 5
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Quickest peal on the bells. Arranged for Mr. George, of Ilkeston, to ring a peal in his native village, also a birthday compliment to Miss K. A. White, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., daughter of treble ringer. This is the 100th Leicestershire church the conductor has rung a peal in. Thanks are due to Mr. Mount for conveyance and refreshments.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. T. KING Treble	FREDERICK BROWN 4
*GEORGE FREEBREY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
PERCY H. TATE 3	JACK BAILEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* 50th peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN T. BARTRAM Treble	WILLIAM N. ALCOCK 4
*JACK PEARSON 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 5
HARRY CARTER 3	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by the remainder. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles McGuinness, of Lincoln, on his wedding to Miss Hilda Taylor, the band wishing them much happiness.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on October 2nd, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Alderton 1, A. Alderton 2, C. Ellis 3, E. Scarte 4, G. Bernard 5, C. Ramplin 6, L. Mannering (Aldershot) (conductor) 7, F. Watling 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. George Earle,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in B.

WALTER C. MEDLER 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
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CYRIL POOLEY... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witnessed by GEORGE EARLE.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE TOUR IN WALES.

Fifteen towers were visited during the Welsh ringing tour, and the following ten peals were the result of thirteen attempts in eight days:—

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 6
JAMES H. RIDING 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 8
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 9
HARRY BARTON 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. F. Atwell received the visitors, and kindly made all preparations for their first peal attempt. The ringers of the first five bells and the 8th and 9th were elected members of the Guild before starting, by the courtesy of the diocesan hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WM. J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE MARTIN... .. 7
WM. H. FUSSELL... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. G. Cooke received the band at the tower. The same band rang for one and a half hours in an attempt in the same method at St. Cyr's Church, Llangibby, the previous afternoon.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in B flat.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN Treble	HARRY BARTON 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
GEORGE MARTIN... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 9
WM. H. FUSSELL... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The treble man was elected a member of the Guild before starting the peal. The duty of towerkeeper was ably discharged by Mr. Seymour Barker.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*GEORGE POPNELL	Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
WM. H. FUSSELL	3	JAMES H. RIDING	7
WM. J. NEVARD	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method and believed to be the first in the method in the county. The 'star men' are natives of Monmouthshire. An 'attempt' for Stedman Caters in the morning at Llandaff Cathedral lasted 3½ hours. Mr. P. Dawe, towerkeeper, had well prepared for the visitors' welfare, so they could not blame him, the bells, or the ropes for their failure in the last few sizes.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD, NEWCASTLE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WM. H. FUSSELL	Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	5
JAMES H. RIDING	2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	6
WM. J. NEVARD	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal in the method in the county. Mr. C. H. Perry welcomed the band at the station, and the Vicar kindly received them at the church.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT J. PITMAN	Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	7
HARRY BARTON	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal in the method on the bells. The towerkeeper, Mr. Wm. Williams, and Mr. E. Stitch acted as hosts to the party on arrival.

CARMARTHEN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	EDWARD JENKINS	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	JAMES H. RIDING	6
WM. H. FUSSELL	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
HARRY BARTON	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Stedman in the county of Carmarthen, and the first peal on the bells. A 'general election' took place in the belfry before starting for the peal, when the whole of the band, with Messrs. Nevard and Freeborn, were proposed as members of the Guild through the courtesy of Messrs. George Morris, of Llanstephan, and Mr. J. Curtis, the towerkeeper, of St. Peter's, who kindly received the company. Messrs. Shepherd and Fussell are foundation members.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WM. J. NEVARD	Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
WM. H. FUSSELL	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of Major in the county. Mr. G. Morris acted as local guide, and the band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by the Vicar, the Rev. Rowland Thomas.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD	Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	5
WM. H. FUSSELL	2	JAMES H. RIDING	6
WM. J. NEVARD	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major in the county. Mr. R. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, and the Rev. F. A. Oswell acted as 'guides and counsellors' to the tourists. The band rang 1 hour 40 minutes for Stedman Triples at Pembroke in the morning.

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES,

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

HARRY BARTON	Treble	GEORGE MARTIN	5
WM. H. FUSSELL	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	3	JAMES H. RIDING	7
WM. J. NEVARD	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The first Surprise peal in the county and the first of Major on the bells. The tourists were kindly received by the Vicar, the Rev. T. O. Phillips, and Mr. T. Rogers, local conductor.

The last four performances are believed to be first peals in the respective methods for the Guild. It was hoped to have visited Gorseion Church on the homeward journey, but difficulties at the Pembroke Ferry delayed the party.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

RETIREMENT OF MR. JOHN LAWSON, OF LIGHTCLIFFE.

An interesting event took place on Saturday, September 24th, at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, Yorks, when a presentation was made to Mr. John Lawson in commemoration of his retirement on the completion of his fifty years' services as ringer and conductor. Mr. Lawson was one of the eight who rang the first peal at Lightcliffe in 1881, and is the only survivor of that team. He has officiated for the past 35 years as conductor, and has taken part in every peal that has been rung on these bells since that date, an achievement of which Mr. Lawson is justly proud. The Vicar, Rev. H. L. Taylor, the wardens, Church Council and the congregation determined to mark their appreciation of Mr. Lawson's services, and on Saturday afternoon a short service in the church was held, at which the Vicar officiated. A handsome tablet was unveiled by the Vicar's Warden, Col. R. H. Goldthorp. This tablet was inscribed, 'To commemorate the faithful services of Mr. John Lawson as bellringer and conductor, 1877-1927.'

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where tea was served to the local ringers and friends from other towns and their wives. Afterwards, the Vicar presided and said they were assembled to express their hearty appreciation of the valuable services of Mr. John Lawson, who for 50 years had willingly given his services as bellringer, and for 35 years had been conductor. He considered bellringing was quite an important part of the church services, as it sent out an invitation to people to attend the church.

Col. Goldthorp, in making the presentation, said he thought this was a unique occasion, and spoke appreciatively of Mr. Lawson's services during the past 50 years. He understood, however, they were not severing their connection with Mr. Lawson altogether, as he was still remaining a member of the church; in fact, 'he was coming out of the belfry tower to attend the church.' He had very much pleasure on behalf of the congregation in handing to Mr. Lawson a handsome timepiece as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by them at St. Matthew's Church, and he hoped he would live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement. The inscription on the clock was, 'Presented to Mr. John Lawson by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, as a mark of their appreciation of his services as bellringer 1877 to 1927, as conductor 1892 to 1927.'

In acknowledgment of this and other gifts, Mr. Lawson returned thanks, and for the kind words of the appreciation of his services. He said that change ringing was a very healthy occupation, and he certainly had got a good deal of pleasure from it. He hoped that more young men would come forward and learn the interesting art of change ringing. For his part he was willing to render all the assistance he could, and would gladly give them every possible encouragement.

A short miscellaneous entertainment followed, at which Miss Norwood, Mr. Clegg and Mr. Lawson took part. Touches on the church bells were rung in the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF NORWICH. A TRUE RINGERS' FRIEND.

The announcement of the sudden passing of the Dean of Norwich (Dr. J. W. Willink) on September 22nd came as a shock to his friends in all parts of the country. Only on the previous day he was present at the celebration of the Holy Communion and Matins at Norwich Cathedral. He also attended evensong, and was a guest at the luncheon of the Norwich Rotary Club, while that night he preached at St. Matthew's Church, Thorpe Hamlet.

On Thursday morning he seemed in his usual health, but in the afternoon, when he was preparing to leave home for Badwell Ash, Bury St. Edmunds, where he had promised to preach at the harvest festival, he was seized with severe pains round the heart. Medical aid was summoned, and the Dean was removed to bed, but he passed away at six o'clock from angina pectoris.

Dr. Willink had always been a man of boundless energy, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. From 1885 to 1891 he was Vicar of St. John's, Sunderland. In the latter year he accepted the Vicarage of St. Helens, Lancashire, where he remained until 1904.

In 1904 Dr. Willink became Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and in 1912 he accepted the Rectorate of Birmingham. There he remained until May, 1919, and it was as Rector of Birmingham that he became known to the majority of ringers through the close interest he took in the St. Martin's Guild. As all good ringers know, St. Martin's is the Parish Church of Birmingham, and one of the first things Dr. Willink did was to visit the belfry and make the acquaintance of his ringers, of whose doings he had heard from Mr. Dennison Hayward, of Great Yarmouth.

Ever afterwards he kept in close touch, visiting the belfry nearly every Sunday, and frequently bringing with him members of his family or friends.

He took the chair at every Johnson dinner but one held during his Rectorate, and on one occasion he rose from a sick bed to be present, in order, as he said, that he should not miss the most enjoyable evening of the whole year.

Those who attended any of the dinners over which he presided will remember what a splendid chairman he made, with his fine upstanding figure, rich, powerful voice, and never failing good humour.

Birmingham has been singularly fortunate in its Rectors, but never more so than when Canon Willink (as he then was) accepted the position.

In him ringers had a true and sincere friend. With him they were not 'out of sight—out of mind.' He took a particularly keen interest in them and their doings, and his own ringers of St. Martin's were frequently invited to spend a summer afternoon on the Rectory lawn.

It was a sad day for Birmingham when he left to become Dean of Norwich, but he continued his interest in our art, and was soon elected president of the Norwich Association (now the Norfolk Guild). In this capacity he attended numerous meetings of the association, and he presided at Easter over the Jubilee gathering.

A largely attended memorial service was held at St. Martin's on Tuesday, September 27th, at the time the funeral was taking place at Norwich, and the bells of which he was so fond were rung muffled before and after the service and again in the evening.

A. P. S.

At Fakenham, Norfolk, on Sunday morning, September 25th, 1,056 changes of Bob Major were rung, half-muffled, as a tribute to the late Dean of Norwich: P. J. Alfray 1, F. Gaut 2, S. Cooke 3, G. Dye 4, C. S. Tuthill 5, Geo. Cooke 6, Harry Cooke 7, Robt. Cooke (conductor) 8.—Also on Tuesday evening, the funeral day, 800 changes.

At Diss, Norfolk, on September 27th, touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute to the memory of the late Dean of Norwich, president of the Norfolk Guild since 1919. Those who took part in the ringing were W. Wiskins, E. Youngs, J. Souter, A. G. Harrison, W. Steggall, W. C. Chenery, G. Archer, C. J. More and C. Goodman, the touches being conducted by C. J. More and G. Archer.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of this association was held at Chester-le-Street on September 24th. The attendance was somewhat disappointing, but the fine peal of bells at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Church were kept going during the afternoon in Grandair, Kent Major, Stedman, etc. After an excellent tea at the Crown Hotel, Mr. F. Sheraton presided over a short meeting, and, on the motion of the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge), Mr. R. L. Patterson was elected vice-president for the Eastern District for the coming year, and Mr. W. F. Pattison, of Chester-le-Street, for the Western District.

Mr. R. L. Patterson supported Mr. H. Tyson in expressing the regret of the members at the impending departure of Mr. J. W. Smith, of Winlaton, for Sydney, Australia, and wished him every success and happiness in his new home.—Mr. Smith feelingly replied.

Mr. E. Ferry, the secretary of the association, sent a message urging the members to do their best to make the 50th annual meeting at Durham on October 29th a great success.

The company then adjourned to the belfry, and the bells were kept going until about eight o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Smith and Sons, the well-known clockmakers of Derby, have secured the order for a new large chiming clock and carillon to play on 10 bells for the new Derby Cathedral. Other important work just completed includes a new Westminster chiming clock for St. Mary's Church, Finchley, and two large clocks and bells for Canada.

'Great Peter,' the 10½ ton bell for York Minster, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have cast, was safely hoisted into its massive frame in the north-west tower on Thursday last. The rededication will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, when the Minster ring of twelve will be open, and a welcome extended to all ringers.

The band at Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, who some time since rang a peal of Minor consisting of seven different 4th's-place Delight methods, have now rung a peal of seven different 3rd's-place Delight methods. Each was the first of its kind by the North Staffs Association.

If anyone asked the late Mr. Isaac G. Shade how many peals he had rung, he used to say, 'I don't know; you must ask Jack Lamb, my secretary.' Mr. Lamb kept a careful record of Mr. Shade's peals, and he has now just completed another big task of the same description, having been through the volumes of the ringing press and extracted particulars of the more than 700 peals rung by Mr. J. H. Cheesman. Perhaps it would be well if we refrained from publishing Mr. Lamb's address, for fear of his being inundated with requests from other ringers who want their peal lists compiled.

Henry Hubbard died on October 9th, 1881. He was born a hundred and twenty years ago this year, and rendered a great deal of service to the Exercise as a writer and composer.

Holt's famous ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Shore-ditch for the first time on October 12th, 1754.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Fire destroyed All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, on Thursday evening last week. All that remains standing, except the ruined walls, are the tower and two vestries. The clock in the belfry struck seven o'clock while the church was in flames.

The tower contains a ring of eight bells, and there is a regular Sunday service band there. There has been little peal ringing, however, on account of the situation of the church. The first peal on the bells was a muffled peal, rung for the funeral of Queen Victoria, and the second a peal for the coronation of King Edward VII.

SUTTON VENY BELLS. NEED FOR RESTORATION.

When the new Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Sutton Veny, Warminster, was built by the generosity of the widow and family of Mr. Joseph Everett, of Greenhill, and dedicated nearly sixty years ago, in 1868, a faculty was obtained to move the 6 bells and bell frame from the old Church of St. Leonard. A pleasing link was thereby kept with olden times. The old bell frame is by now in so poor a condition that it is unsafe for ringing, which had to cease at Easter, 1927.

An attempt is now being made to raise funds to repair the frame or to rehang the bells in a new frame.

The bells, which are of interest, will not be altered, except that the treble, which is sharp, may perhaps be tuned, if this can be done without injury to the bell. Only five of the six bells are the original ones from the old church, as in 1886 the third bell, which had been badly cracked, was done away with. To make the peal more in harmony, the old fourth was tuned to take its place and a new fourth cast. This new bell bears the inscription of the old third, with the names of the Rector and churchwardens at the time of casting added.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'L.C. 1696.'

2nd.—'L.C. 1696.'

3rd.—'Mr. R. Bailey, Rect. Jef Long R. Exten c.w. 1695.'

4th.—'Mr. Noah Wilkins and Mr. John Best ChWds 1749. Recast 1886 G. F. Powell, Rector, R. Elling, Jas. N. Farham, Churchwardens.'

5th.—'Saml and Stepn Long Church Wardens, Robt and Jas Wells Fecit 1793.'

Tenor.—'Mr. Stephen Long and Mr. John Rundall ch wds. Wm. Cockey Cast Mee 1723.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 1st, when the following towers were represented: Canterbury, Littlebourne, Wingham, Dover, Sturry, Wickhambreau, and St. Nicholas. Tea and the business meeting, over which the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided, were held in the Parish Hall.

A proposition that a bye-meeting should be held at Faversham on December 10th was carried.

The sad loss which the St. Lawrence parish had recently sustained, owing to the death of the Rev. A. G. Wilcox, was mentioned, and the meeting decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Wilcox.

The meeting closed with a discussion concerning the advisability of again continuing the mid-week evening meetings, but no propositions were made.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

The tenth article of this instructive series, by 'Minormania,' will appear in our next issue.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. QUARTERLY MEETING AND UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT CHEPSTOW.

A quarterly meeting was held at Chepstow on Saturday, October 1st, and, although the day provided one continuous downpour of rain, a splendid muster put in an appearance from the towers of Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells, a fine old eight, tenor 21 cwt., by Evans, of Chepstow, were made good use of during the afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. D. Hughes), contrary to what was expected, was able to be present, and conducted service in the church at four o'clock. Immediately afterwards he led the way to the ringing chamber, followed by the members. When all had assembled, the Vicar asked the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), the conductor of the peal, to unveil the board which had been erected, recording a peal rung a few years ago as a farewell to Mr. John Prickett, who for several years had been leader of the local ringers and who is now in South Africa. The Vicar read the dedicatory prayers, and after a few remarks invited all present to join him at tea in the Church Rooms.

Tea over, the business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. The hon. secretary read several letters received relating to the minutes, including one from Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, acknowledging a vote of sympathy, and another from the Vicar of Tredunnoch, which explained the reason why the meeting was held at Chepstow instead of Tredunnoch.

There were no restorations or proposed augmentations to report, but Mr. Jones reported excellent progress in instruction at Penhow. Four months ago this tower was ringing call changes. The hon. secretary has visited there each week with one exception, and with the assistance of an occasional visit of one or two others, call changes have disappeared (and the boards), and the band are now doing half-pull ringing.

The place to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting was left until the annual meeting.

A number of new members were elected, including the verification as life members of the visiting experts who had recently toured and scored so many peals in South Wales.

The item 'any other business' was taken advantage of by the hon. secretary to read the leading article in 'The Ringing World' on 'Loyalty.'

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and the meeting closed.

The bells were afterwards rung in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Despite the inclement weather, the meeting was a huge success. Opportunity is now taken of thanking Mr. E. H. Sims (the local leader) for all the trouble and kindness shown, and to him is due the thanks for the very nice and fitting peal board erected.

THE RESTORATION AT FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

As announced in the 'Belfry Gossip' column last week, the ring of eight bells at Farndon, Cheshire, which have recently been tuned and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be available for ringing on Saturday, and a hearty welcome is extended by the church authorities to all ringers.

The details of the restoration scheme are interesting. A mishap to one of the bells nearly two years ago led to the tower being examined by experts, with the result that it was pronounced to be in a dangerous condition, and all ringing was, of course, suspended. The parish, although only just having completed, at considerable cost, the restoration of the church roof, immediately tackled a more serious one, which has cost them something in the neighbourhood of £1,200. The work on the masonry was entrusted to Messrs. Morrison, the builders of Liverpool Cathedral, while Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were given the work in the belfry. All is now completed, and the opening of the bells, which has been delayed for some little time through a case of serious illness near the church, is looked forward to with keen interest.

The Rev. S. P. Gray, himself an honorary member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and his parishioners are to be highly congratulated on their noble efforts on behalf of their ancient church.

THE LATE MR. B. FOSKETT.

The last peal the late Mr. Benjamin Foskett took part in was one of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Willesden, on August 9th, 1924. He rang 17 peals at this church.

In memory of this grand old gentleman, and as a last token of respect, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by: G. M. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, R. G. Ilstey 3, W. G. Matthews 4, E. H. Kilby 5, T. Lock 6, J. A. Trollope 7, H. Kilby 8. He was one of the most lovable of men, and those who knew him will never forget his beautiful character.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 25th, at All Saints' Church, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Graney 1, Miss R. S. Cook 2, A. E. Dollimore 3, J. W. Lane 4, R. S. Cook (conductor) 5, E. J. Rowe 6, A. Hill 7, J. Hayward 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW PLAN FOR ELECTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Wigan on Saturday, September 24th, when representatives from over 50 towers met at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., after ringing at the five towers in the district. The service, a shortened form of evensong, was much appreciated, the hymns being led by the organ and choirboys. The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, the warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. He took as his text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' He said the Church now looked on the ringers as a ministry in the church, although it was not always so. He hoped they would not do anything to disgrace their calling.

Tea was partaken of in the schools near by, following which, in the next room, the business meeting was held. The members found themselves in a peculiar position. Their president is somewhere in Africa, and their vice-president in a nursing home in Manchester. They therefore asked the Archdeacon to take the chair, which he very kindly did, and gave them a welcome into the Liverpool diocese.

The secretary read the committee's report and balance sheet, the ringing secretary gave his report, and the auditors told how well kept they found the books, vouchers, etc., that go to make the business side of an association.

There were only sufficient nominations for ringing secretary and auditors to fill the posts, so these were confirmed.

The office of vice-president brought six nominations, two of whom retired. The other names were voted on by ballot, and while the votes were being counted a notice of motion from last year was taken and discussed, and in a new form was passed, viz., 'That the election of Central Council representatives be by ballot before the annual meeting, and the result be declared at the annual meeting.' It was thought that as many members could not get to the annual meeting it would give them a chance to vote for those they favoured. It was also suggested that the nominees should state their willingness to stand before their names were put on the paper.

The tellers having arrived with the result of the election of vice-president, Mr. J. H. Banks was declared appointed for the next two years.

The General Secretary suggested that it was the turn of Fylde Branch to find a place for the next annual meeting, and Blackpool was proposed and carried without a second place being mentioned.

The vote of thanks took the form of an omnibus vote, including thanks to the Rector of Wigan, for church, bells and school, to his curate for arranging the service, to the organist and choir, to the authorities of other churches for the use of bells, and to the Archdeacon for his sermon and for presiding over the meeting.—This was responded to by the Archdeacon and Mr. J. Grounds, the local secretary.

This terminated the meeting, and allowed the Archdeacon just five minutes to catch his train. The rest of the evening was spent among the bells and in social intercourse between old and new friends.

The committee reported that 129 new members and 15 non-resident members were enrolled during the year. The association lost 12 by death and 31 through arrears, leaving a grand total of 1,543. A balance of £5 5s. is shown on the year's working, but £12 15s. had been taken out of the funds for new emblems, which were on view and sale at the meeting. With the emblems in stock, the association is worth £37 13s.

The sympathy of the meeting was sent to Mr. Rollerson, the vice-president, in his illness, together with best wishes for his speedy recovery.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SIR A. HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' for July 29th you were good enough to publish an appeal from Canon H. J. Elsee in connection with the proposed memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Up to the present I have received subscriptions as shown in the following list.

Canon Elsee's appeal was intended for any old friends of the late Sir Arthur, more especially to his old colleagues on the Central Council, and if there are any others who would like to subscribe to this fund before the list is closed I should be much obliged if they would kindly let me have their subscriptions as soon as possible.—Yours, etc.,

HENRY W. WILDE.

Belgrave,
Pulford, near Wrexham.

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Mrs. Laura Snowden £1 1s., Canon G. F. Coleridge £1, Canon H. J. Elsee 10s., Mr. W. Story 5s., Mr. A. A. Hughes 5s., Mr. C. Dean 5s., Miss E. K. Parker 5s., Mr. H. W. Wilde 5s., Mr. Geo. Baker 5s., Rev. H. Drake 2s. 6d., Mr. W. J. Cockerill 2s. 6d., Mr. James Parker 2s. 6d., Mr. B. Barnett, sen., 2s. 6d., Mr. W. Cave 2s. 6d., Mr. A. L. Coleman 2s. 6d., Mr. R. Richardson 2s. 6d., Canon Baker 2s. 6d., Mr. W. J. Nevard 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Flower 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Cotterill 2s., Mr. J. T. Rickman 2s., Mr. P. Crook 2s., Mr. W. H. Shuker 2s., Mr. Geo. Williams 2s., Mrs. James Parker 2s., Mr. J. Waghorne, sen., 1s.; total,

£5 19s.

THE NEW GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SERIES OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

As a preliminary to the general meeting which is to be held on November 19th, a series of district meetings have been arranged in order to discuss the organisation of the proposed Guild for the new diocese of Guildford. The first of these meetings was held at Guildford on Saturday, and was attended by some 50 ringers from various towers in the neighbourhood. The business was preceded by ringing at the pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' Church, and by a tea.

The meeting was held in St. Saviour's Hall, presided over by Mr. Walter Harrison, churchwarden of St. Nicolas', who has long been interested in ringing, and who presided at the meeting in November when the formation of the new Guild was definitely decided upon. Among those present were Canon E. C. Kirwan (Holy Trinity), Rev. Sir Paget M. Bowman (Shere), Rev. H. Hamilton Jackson (Shafted), the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally (Haslemere), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking), etc. Ringers were present from the pro-Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Ash, Banstead, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Farnham, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Merstham, Ockham, Shafted, Shere, Thursley, West Clandon, Wonerah, Worplesdon.

At the outset the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. A. H. Pulling in his accident, and this was at once endorsed.

A report of the Organising Committee was read by the hon. secretary pro tem. This detailed the steps which had already been taken to organise the Guild, which will come into being on January 1st next. The Guild had the cordial support of the Bishop of Guildford, who had promised to become president and to give the Guild his personal interest. In the diocese there were at present three 10-bell towers, 27 8-bell towers, 24 6-bell towers, and two 5-bell towers. The committee had been able to secure the welcome co-operation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in their project, and they acknowledged the friendly and even generous spirit in which their proposals had been received by the parent society. At the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild a resolution was passed agreeing to the splitting up of the area as from January 1st next, and voting 25 per cent. of the funds then in hand to the Guildford Diocesan Association, an action which at once demonstrated the friendly feeling which animated all sections of the Guild.

RELATIONS WITH THE PARENT GUILD.

In order that the intimate relations between the old members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild may be preserved, a motion was also carried that a reciprocal arrangement be made whereby any resident member of the present Guild on January 1st, 1928, may become a compounding member of any of the associations into which the present Guild may be divided (other than that in which resident) upon payment of 1s. to each such association, if application be made during the year 1928. This arrangement was originally suggested by the Guildford Committee, and they attached considerable importance to it. They recommended that the necessary resolution to give effect to the proposal should be passed by the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the proper time. At the request of the Surrey Association, a conference took place between the officials of that society and the Organising Committee to consider the question of amalgamation. As the Surrey Association had no proposals to put forward except that of complete absorption of the Guildford diocesan area by the Surrey Association, the committee informed the deputation that no definite reply could be given until after the Guild had come into existence in January next, as it was a question that could only be dealt with after the Guild had been established.

The committee have given considerable attention to the drafting of a set of rules, which members were invited to consider, and which, subject to any amendments which might be made, would be submitted for approval at a later preliminary general meeting of the whole Guild, and for adoption at the inaugural meeting.

The committee had mapped out the diocesan area into four districts, and in doing so had two considerations in view: (1) To make them workable in size, and (2) convenience in regard to means of inter-communication between the towers in each group. One of the questions which the members were asked to consider was whether they would accept the Winchester Guild's recommendation that life members of the Winchester Guild should automatically become life members of this Guild without further payment. A decision on this and other important matters would have to be made when the preliminary general meeting was held on November 19th, and it was hoped that in the meantime members would also carefully consider whom they desired to see holding the various offices in the Guild. The success of the Guild would depend largely upon the manner in which its organisation was now moulded and the officers who were entrusted with its administration. The committee would welcome proposals which would add to the efficiency of the Guild and further its objects, and they therefore invited suggestions from those who would become its future members. It was proposed that all those who joined by the date of the inauguration should always be distinguished as foundation members, and be so described in the records. It was hoped, therefore, that all who contemplate joining the Guild would become enrolled by January 1st next. The committee desired to enlist the support of every ringer in the diocese in making the new Guild one of the best ringing organisations in the country. There were sufficient ringers in the diocese to make a strong and virile Guild, and before the Organising Committee laid

down their work for a permanent executive to take over the task, they hoped to see in being a Guild worthy of the diocese and worthy of the Exercise of which it would form a not unimportant part.

The report was approved, and the following resolution was unanimously carried, on the motion of the Rev. Hamilton Jackson, seconded by Mr. R. Hasted: 'That this preliminary district meeting approves of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, to come into being on January 1st next, and pledges itself to do its utmost to support the objects of the Guild and further its interests.'

The proposed rules were then considered serialim, and a few alterations suggested.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Canon Kirwan, it was resolved to support the proposal that 'members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, residing in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth on December 31st next, be admitted as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at any time before December 31st, 1928, upon payment of one shilling.'

On the question of life members of the Winchester Guild becoming life members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment, the meeting regretted that it could not support the proposal.

Suggestions were invited for promoting the successful conduct of the Guild, and a discussion took place as to the best time for the annual meeting. Eventually a proposal was carried that it be recommended that there should be an annual business meeting early in the year and an annual festival in the summer.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, which revealed an extremely gratifying interest in the scheme for the new Guild.

A similar meeting is to be held at Leatherhead to-morrow.

STAVELEY'S LOSSES.

DEATH CLAIMS RECTOR AND CAPTAIN OF RINGERS.

During recent weeks, Staveley churchpeople, and the ringers in particular, have been very hard hit by death. On August 26th, the beloved Rector (Canon Molineux) passed away and was buried at Lewes, Sussex. Canon Molineux had a seizure three years ago, and since that time had been an invalid, having lost his speech and the use of his right side. He held the living of Staveley for 40 years, having been appointed in 1887, and during his rectorship had done a vast amount of good work in the parish, and was loved and honoured by everybody with whom he came in contact. He died at the ripe old age of 83 years, mourned by all, and especially the ringers, to whom he had been such a good friend, and in whose doings he took a big interest. Almost the last meeting Canon Molineux attended before his seizure was a meeting of the Sheffield District Society, held at Staveley in 1924, and in his address, when speaking to that gathering, he said that his clapper was nearly done. It was little thought then how soon his words would come true.

The bells were fully muffled, with tenor open only at back stroke, for all services on the Sunday following his death, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the evening. Two of the ringers were among the bearers on his removal from the church, which he had loved so much, and in which he had laboured for so many years, to the train which bore him away on his last journey. One of those was Mr. Samuel Smedley, who had been captain of the ringers for many years, and a ringer at Staveley 41 years.

He was suddenly called to his rest on Sunday, September 11th, after only three days' illness. Of him it can truly be said he did his duty nobly and well. He was seldom absent from the tower, and never late when there was any ringing to be done. It did not matter if it was to ring the old year out or to ring for 6 a.m. Communion service on Easter Sunday, Sam was always present, and regularly took his rope, which was usually the 7th. He has left an example to all young ringers.

Not only was he a ringer, but he had taken his place in Staveley Church choir for the past 61 years, and he did his duty in that position as he did in the tower, being regularly in his place on Sundays and on practice nights.

Of a quiet, unassuming nature, he lived a good life, and worked at his trade as a blacksmith right up to the last. He had been employed by the Staveley Coal and Iron Company nearly 58 years.

He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow ringers on September 14th, and the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at the graveside, and 672 Bob Major after the funeral, with the bells half-muffled. On the following Sunday, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted as a last tribute to his memory, but owing to indisposition of one of the band had to be brought round at half-way after 1 hr. 40 mins. splendid ringing, much to the regret of all.

Samuel Smedley had passed the allotted span, having reached the age of 73 years. He had rung 32 peals, chiefly of Treble Bob and Bob Major. He was a member of the Yorkshire, Midland Counties and Sheffield District Associations. He was a good ringer, and will be greatly missed.

F. E. P.

STAINES.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday evening, September 21st, after the institution and induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Flecker, M.A., D.C.L.: W. R. Shorter 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Lamb 3, A. J. Hiscock 4, G. Walsley 5, W. E. Butler 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

STANLEY BRAGG.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MEMBER.

To those of us who, like the writer of these few lines, had known him for something like 30 years, it seemed impossible of belief that the ruddy-countenanced, plump-checked, jovial-spirited Stanley Bragg could really be dead, but there it was in cold and unrelenting lettering on the tablet.

The falling leaves skirted and whirled, the skies wept, and all around seemed hushed in pity and regret, as, in the last few hours of 'Summer time' of this year which has seen no 'summer,' all that was mortal of Stanley Bragg was lowered into the bosom of mother earth on Saturday, October 1st.

On his bold visage middle age
Had slightly pressed its signet sage,
Yet had not quenched the open truth
And fiery vehemence of youth:
Forward and frolic glee was there,
The will to do, the soul to dare.—Scott.

Mr. Bragg had been a member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for about thirty years, having learnt to pull a bell at his native place, Solihull.

For many years he had been towerkeeper, during which period the well-known ring of ten have gone like the proverbial fiddle, and Solihull has been one of the favourite places with members of the Guild for meetings and peals.

'Stan,' as he was familiarly known, became a very safe ringer and good striker, and rang numerous peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells in the standard methods. He had been a regular attendant at the 'Johnson' dinners for the past twenty-five years, and his ready wit and hearty laugh will be sadly missed by many.

He was present at the last dinner, but had only then just got about after an attack of 'flu.' A few weeks later he complained of what was at first thought to be indigestion, and after going to the sea for a change he seemed to be improving, but rapidly went back again. Specialists were called in, and an operation advised, which was performed in a private nursing home.

The doctors did not seem to be too sanguine, however, and later, at his own request, Mr. Bragg was removed to his own home, where, although he had the best of attention and nursing, and everything that medical science could do was done, he gradually sank and passed away in the early hours of Thursday, September 29th.

The funeral took place at the new cemetery at Solihull on Saturday, October 1st, the service proper being held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar.

The organist and choir were present, and the beautiful old church was nearly filled by relatives and friends of the deceased and the family who came to show their respect for one who had been cut off in the very prime of life, one who had everything that man could wish to live for.

Psalm 39 was sung to a well-known old chant, and the old words seemed to take on a new meaning as one looked at the casket and had difficulty in making oneself realise that it contained the mortal remains of a man who, only a few months ago, was the very picture of health and looked good for forty years on.

'Lord, let me know mine end and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.'

The solemn service of the Church of England for the burial of the dead, than which nothing is more impressive, was reverently conducted by the Vicar, and equally reverently taken part in by the large congregation present. The singing of deceased's favourite hymn, 'Abide with me,' was most touching, and many eyes were wet as the old familiar words were sung—

'Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.'

A few minutes of quiet prayer, a few audible sobs, and the organ pealed out to the majestic tune of the Easter hymn which tells of ultimate triumph over death—

'On that happy Easter morning
All the graves their dead restore;
Father, sister, child and mother,
Meet once more.'

A shuffling of feet and the bearers are already taking our friend out of his old Parish Church, in which he sang as a little boy, to his last home.

The cortege that followed the coffin for the three miles to the new cemetery was a long and imposing one, and many were the marks of respect in the form of drawn blinds and bared heads as it passed through the beautiful old Warwickshire village. The chief mourners were Mrs. Stanley Bragg, widow, with her two eldest sons (Robert and Arthur), Roland, Alfred, and Robert Bragg, brothers, and many other members of the family. The St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. E. T. Allaway, J. E. Groves, S. J. Jessop, E. Mansell, Morris J. Morris, Geoffrey Martineau, F. Weeks, F. W. Perrens, T. H. Reeves, G. F. Swann, Albert Walker, A. Paddon Smith, E. C. Shepherd and T. Shepherd.

The coffin was borne to the grave by six of the employees of Messrs. Bragg Bros., Ltd., builders, of which company Mr. Bragg was a director. Many floral tributes were sent, among which was a beautiful wreath from his old friends of the Guild.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the open grave by A. Walker 1-2, G. F. Swann 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, J. E. Groves 7-8.

In the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the tower bells, and will be found recorded in its proper place.

By the untimely death of Stanley Bragg, his wife and family have lost one of the best of husbands and fathers, the business has lost a man of fine experience and sound judgment, Solihull one of its most highly respected inhabitants, St. Martin's Guild one of its most popular members, and the writer of these lines one of his oldest ringing friends. It will be many a long day before Solihull will seem quite the same, and have quite the same attraction for those of us who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and the privilege of being numbered amongst his intimates.

'To know, to esteem, to love, and then to part,
Makes up life's tale to many a feeling heart!—Coleridge.

A. P. S.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
TAMWORTH BELLS TO BE REHUNG.

A very successful meeting was held at Tamworth on Saturday, September 24th, when about a hundred members and friends assembled, which is undoubtedly a record attendance for a quarterly meeting. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Partly owing to the fact that they are hung 'back handed,' also that they need rehanging, the striking was not quite what might be desired. However, stops are being taken to have the bells rehung, when no doubt both these defects will be remedied. They are a mixed lot: 4th by Hugh Watts, 1621; 5th, 1629, and 6th, 1628, by G. Oldfield, jun.; 7th, 1656, by B. Eldridge; the rest by Taylor and Co.

The service was taken by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., clerical secretary and treasurer, and an admirable address delivered by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). A capital tea was provided in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Messrs. H. C. Goostry and P. Findley (churchwardens), R. P. Brindley, G. Chaplin and others.

The Rev. C. H. Barker moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for his address, use of the bells, etc., and to Mr. H. C. Goostry for so generously providing tea. The Vicar humorously replied, and gave the party a most hearty welcome.—Mr. H. C. Goostry, on rising, was received with applause, and said he was pleasantly surprised at the large muster, and wished to thank his willing helpers, who so readily acquiesced when he approached them with regard to making provision for tea.

On the proposition of Mr. R. P. Brindley, the Rev. E. H. Rogers and Messrs. H. C. Goostry and P. Findley (churchwardens) were unanimously elected hon. members.

Immediately before the service a photograph of all present was taken on the north side of the church. Although the light was not good, the photographer has hopes of getting a good picture.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Willenhall on January 14th or 21st.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
EASTERN DIVISION AT SALEHURST.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th, between 30 and 40 members attending, representing the following towers: Battle; Christ Church, St. Leonards; Christ Church, Blacklands; St. Clement's, Hastings; Burwash; Benenden; Pevensey; Waldron; and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, together with members of the local band. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, was also present. A short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward), who extended a most hearty welcome to the members of the association.

After the service, an excellent tea was provided at the Old Eight Bells Inn, through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, at which Mr. L. J. Hodson, an hon. life member of the association, presided.

The usual business meeting followed, Mr. L. J. Hodson being voted to the chair.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. W. Franks, and seconded by Mr. A. Kennett, that the next meeting be held at Bexhill. This was put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also for their hospitality in providing the tea. He also thanked Mr. L. J. Hodson for presiding at the tea and meeting.—Mr. Hodson responded, both for the Vicar and churchwardens, and himself, and remarked that he was pleased to see such a large number of members present, and assured the company that it had been a great pleasure to be amongst them.

This closed the meeting, and the company repaired to the tower, where excellent practice was obtained, several members ringing their first touches in various methods.

CAMBRIDGE IN CUMBERLAND.

At All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Cumberland, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Potts 1, J. Smithson 2, J. Casson 3, W. Bowe 4, F. Tickle 5, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all.

THE ROMANCE OF THE BELFRY.

Two more well-known ringers, whose acquaintance began in the belfry, have joined their lives in matrimony—Mr. Robert A. Fardon, son of Mr. G. R. Fardon, a former Master of the College Youths, and Miss Ruby Hawksworth, who are ringers at St. Mary's, Acton.

In honour of the event a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Middlesex Association at Acton on Wednesday week, the band wishing the bride and bridegroom 'long life and happiness.'

WEDDING BELLS AT LINSLADE.

On Monday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, by members of the local band, and friends from All Saints' belfry, Leighton Buzzard, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Fred Vickers to Miss Ada Payne. The bridegroom has been foreman of the St. Barnabas' tower for the past 31 years, and during the whole of that time has had the confidence and esteem of the many ringers who have been associated with the tower during such a long period. He has done much to encourage change ringing in this district, and has taught the ancient art to many young men. Many of them have settled in other towns, and have become useful members of other bands, but all look back with pleasure to the happy hours spent under his kind and patient tuition. He has made many friends in local ringing circles, being a regular and enthusiastic attendant at most meetings held in the district. Mr. Vickers is continuing to reside in Linslade, and his colleagues wish him and his wife a long and happy married life, and express the hope that he will carry on and score the half-century as foreman of St. Barnabas' tower. The following took part in the quarter-peal: R. Butcher 1, R. Oliver 2, F. Dedman 3, F. Buttram 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicolls 7, W. T. Jeffs 8.

WEDDING OF NUNEATON LADY RINGER.

The wedding took place at the Parish Church, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, September 28th, of Mr. Hayward Billington, of Attleborough, Nuneaton, and Miss 'Pattie' Clarke, who has been for some years a member of the Nuneaton Parish Church band of ringers.

The bride, who is a member of the Warwickshire Guild, and also of the Midland Counties Association, was charmingly attired in a dress of beige georgette and lace, with georgette hat to match. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses, and was attended by her sister, Miss Phoebe Clarke, who wore a crepe-de-chine dress of 'Mary' blue, with beige hat, and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. James F. Clarke, who has been for many years a member of the Nuneaton Society of Change Ringers. The best man was Mr. Frederick Billington, brother of the bridegroom.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar of Nuneaton, and president of the Warwickshire Guild.

Owing to the early hour, a band of ringers could not be obtained to ring the tower bells, so handbells were rung by Miss D. E. Lewis and Mr. A. H. Beamish, of the Chilvers Cotton band, as the newly-married couple were returning from the altar.

The honeymoon is being spent in Bedford and London.

'THE MYSTERY OF TRIPLE BOB MAJOR.'

A COMING SERMON.

In the monthly magazine of St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roscamp) says that on Saturday, October 15th, St. Nicholas' belfry entertains the members of other towers in the Wirral for their monthly gathering. 'Once a year,' he remarks, 'it is our turn and our pleasure to do this. Ringing will take place during the afternoon and evening, and a service will be held in the church at 5.30 p.m., to which anyone and everyone is welcome. The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna, Dorsetshire, and a member of the Central Council of Bellringers, is coming north to spend this week-end with us, and I have asked him to preach at St. Nicholas' on the Sunday night, October 16th, and tell us something about church bells. I feel sure that some information on the origin and the use and purpose of church bells, and some stories of old customs connected and associated with them, will be very welcome to many, as it will certainly be to me. Not only the great events of the life of each of us, but the great events in the life of the Church and also of the nation are linked up with church bells. I find that people's notions of the causes that produce the effect they listen to are so hazy that I am sometimes asked if one man rings all our bells! Mr. Edwards has chosen for the title of his sermon, "The Mystery of Triple Bob Major"! It sounds like Sherlock Holmes! Who was Bob Major, and why and how was he Triple? I give it up, but shall look forward to being enlightened on the evening of Sunday, October 16th.'

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

A BISHOP RINGS AT TAUNTON.

At St. James' Church, Taunton, on October 2nd, on the occasion of harvest festival, the Bishop of Taunton joined the ringers in ringing rounds. Afterwards a touch of 504 Stedman Triples: S. Every 1, J. Hunt (conductor) 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, W. H. Coles 4, G. S. Coles 5, H. Bosley 6, E. Priddle 7, S. Jarman 8. Also touches of Grandsire Triples, one conducted by P. Sparkes.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, W. Millard 2, P. Sparkes 3, S. Every 4, A. R. Thorne 5, W. Gigg 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. J. Tarr 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving matin, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Wiffen 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. C. Reason 6, G. Wiffen 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.—For festal evensong 1,248 in the same method: A. Wiffen 1, H. E. Hammond 2, F. T. Ely 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, H. C. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ABERGAUENNY.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival on Thursday, September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: T. O. Smart 1, G. Lewis 2, A. Rackham 3, A. Rackham, jun., 4, R. G. Jones 5, W. Horsington 6, S. Rackham 7, J. Thomas 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 8th belong to the local band, 3rd, 4th and 7th are from Llanelly Church.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—At St. John's Church on Thursday evening, September 29th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original in 42 mins.: E. Rivett 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, J. Hurrell 3, R. Fosdike 4, W. A. Simmons 5, H. Norgate 6, E. B. Crowder 7, A. Bennington 8.

LEA, NEAR GAINSBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, September 28th, at St. Helen's Church, after the harvest festival service, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: Miss E. Marshall (first 720) 1, Charles H. Baker 2, T. Clark (first 720 inside) 3, R. Daniels 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Morgan (conductor) 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For harvest thanksgiving, on Sunday, September 25th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob for morning service: T. E. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Steele 3, C. J. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by the ringer of the treble.—For evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but did not materialise owing to a shift course.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, September 25th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Hanson 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Mr. Munday 3, W. Cockram 4, P. Orchard 5, F. Viney 6, R. Grater (conductor) 7, C. Knowles 8.

ECOLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Friday, September 23rd, for the harvest thanksgiving service, 966 Grandsire Triples: W. Hopwood (longest touch) 1, H. Thomas 2, A. E. Richards 3, J. Swindley 4, S. Jones, sen., 5, J. W. Clarke 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, A. Jones (longest touch) 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at 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.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Autumn Meeting at Farndon to-morrow, Saturday, October 8th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service 4.0, and tea (1/- per head) at 5.0.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Rake Lane, Eccleston, Chester.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary District meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at LEATHERHEAD, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Parish Church bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and meeting in the Institute. Meeting at CHERTSEY, Saturday, October 15th. Parish Church bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea (1/3) at 5 p.m. in the Church Room. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 11th. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Meeting at Farnham Oct. 22nd. Preliminary general meeting Nov. 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

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.—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.—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.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrexham on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—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.—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.—R. G. Black, General Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, nr. Kettering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon 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. — 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.—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.

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.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

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.

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.

BARNESLEY 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 to A. Panther, Sandymount Road, Wath, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome will be given to all ringers. — C. D. Potter, Sec.

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.—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.—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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Litlington on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. The Vicar has kindly made arrangements for short service and tea, and extends a warm welcome to all.—Geo. T. Croft and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elm, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) ready from 2 o'clock. Tea provided for those who notify R. W. Crofts, Elm Bridge, by Thursday, October 13th. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 10, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

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.

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.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1/6 per head for those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, No. 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, not later than 12th inst. Visitors welcome. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Tanners Lane, 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, October 11th. — H. Baxter, Broughton, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Mid-week practice meeting, Southgate, Thursday, October 20th. Bells (10) from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting to be held at Worksop Parish Church on October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Evensong 6.30. Applications for tea to be made to Miss Taylor, Harness Grove, Worksop, before October 19th.—M. Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each, to those who notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebut Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by October 19th.—Will secretaries of towers try and get all outstanding subscriptions paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

DEDICATION AT YORK.—The dedication of the 10½ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster at 3.45 p.m., Saturday, October 22nd. All ringers will receive a cordial welcome. Tea will be provided to those who send in their names to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 18th.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—October 22nd, Bushey Heath. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, Parish Hall. Business meeting after. Number for tea by 18th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

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. Farlton, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready from 2 o'clock to 3.30. A short service will be held. Bells ready again at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, October 19th. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

DERBY CATHEDRAL. — Ringing for Hallowing day, and during the following week. Friday, October 28th: ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby. Saturday, October 29th, Sunday, October 30th: ringing by Derby ringers and visitors. Monday, October 31st, Tuesday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd: open to any ringers by arrangement with Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual Festival will be held in Durham on October 29th, 1927. At this meeting we are celebrating the Jubilee of the Association. Will all members (active, honorary and life) kindly keep the above date free, and if possible attend the meeting. We respectfully ask for the kind support of all ringers and friends. Full particulars of meeting later.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and Southwark Cathedral, also for service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The sixth Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 28th, 1928. Guest of honour, the Bishop of Southwell. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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