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### NORWICH ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS.

The importance of decentralisation in the management of large associations, in order to bring the organisation into closer touch with the individual ringers, has been a point which we have frequently urged in this column. Without decentralised machinery, a society covering a large geographical area cannot hope to maintain the active interests of its members in anything like the same degree as an association which brings its activities into almost every tower by means of a district system. Hitherto the Norwich Association, which has been nominally split into about twenty-four districts, has never really made this machinery effective, and has been content with four general meetings a year for the two large counties.

Under the new scheme there is scope for making the existing district arrangement into something very much more live than it has proved to be in the past, and the suggestions made by the Rev. H. Drake in another column bearing upon this matter will doubtless receive the consideration they deserve. No one will say that in the past the Norwich Association has been anything but successful, but one can imagine that its success would have been still more marked if it had developed more freely on the lines of decentralised control. It is true that District Secretaries already have power to arrange for periodic meetings within their districts; but apart from giving this permission, the association wipes its hands of the business, and specifically declines to contribute towards any of the expenses. That is hardly the policy to make a district scheme successful, and we believe we may look to see this altered in the near future.

Another important point raised by Mr. Drake is the question of providing instructors. Most societies make this, as they should do, a cardinal point in their operations, and while many individuals in the Norwich Diocese have done a great deal to help their neighbours, the association, as an organisation, has, we believe, done little. At any rate, its present rules, while setting out among the objects of the association "the promotion of scientific change ringing," say nothing as to the way in which it is prepared to further this important object. The members are now concerned in remodelling their organisation, and Mr. Drake does them a service in calling attention to these questions. It is, we are sure, the intention of the committee to proceed on progressive lines, and the members, when they have finally to decide upon the future management of the association, will doubtless find a ready acceptance of any proposal which will make the organisation of greater use to those who support it and more attractive to those who are at present outside.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,  
AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH, SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	*JAMES ROSE... .. 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 3	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	*WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... .. 5	FREDERICK TILLET ... .. 11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... .. 6	EDWARD EVANS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Motts, for many years secretary to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.  
\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 2	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS WORSLEY ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... .. 8
RICHARD DEAL ... .. 4	WALTER C. HUNT ... .. 9
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 5	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This peal, which is very musical, contains all the positions of 7, 8 and 9 transposed, and is the first rung with these properties.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;**

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Treble	GEORGE GARRISON ... .. 6
EDGAR MARLOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 8
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE SOCIETY.)

On All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
RICHARD LANGFORD ... .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 3	C. J. BOWEN COOKE, C.B.E. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 9
JAMES H. RIDING... .. 5	*WILLIAM BARNARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

\* First peal. This is supposed to be the first peal of Caters rung by a Mayor (C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., J.P.) and also the first peal by a Master of the above Guild.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, Aug. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): K. Salter 1, J. Davies 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, T. J. Salter 4, E. J. Brooks 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry 8. The first time the ringers of 5, 7 and 8 have met for 3½ years, each having served in France.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY J. WAY ... ..	Treble	HARRY F. BROWNJOHN ...	5
EDGAR GUISE ... ..	2	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... ..	6
CHARLES J. WALTON ...	3	ARTHUR T. WALLACE ...	7
ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR ...	4	GEORGE CONDECK, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

APPLEDORP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALFRED DAW ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ...	5
CHARLES TRIBE ... ..	2	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHRY ...	6
EDWARD S. LUCK ... ..	3	HENRY C. CASTLE ... ..	7
*ARCHIBALD C. KAY ...	4	GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

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

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

LATES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ...	Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... ..	5
ANNIE BROWN ... ..	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... ..	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	7
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS	4	FREDERICK DAY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This is the first time this composition has been rung by the Association.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN FITTON ... ..	Treble	EDWARD SCHOFIELD ...	5
GEORGE BROWN ... ..	2	STANLEY PICKUP ... ..	6
*GEORGE STAFF ... ..	3	*JOHN H. MASSEY ... ..	7
WILLIAM CRABTREE ...	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Grime, a Churchwarden for 20 years, and the late Mrs. Holt, both of St. Saviour's, Bacup. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Milnrow, 4th and tenor from Todmorden, 2nd and 6th are of the local band. \* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ...	Treble	*GEORGE W. FLEICHER ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... ..	6
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ...	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... ..	7
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ...	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Joe Sykes, also to his friend, Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, whose birthday was on the day following.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

C. DEARLOVE ... ..	Treble	T. W. RADFORD ... ..	5
E. A. ETHERIDGE ... ..	2	G. TOMSETT ... ..	6
G. J. NICHOLS ... ..	3	S. RADFORD ... ..	7
E. RADDON ... ..	4	G. GIBBS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by S. RADFORD.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 27 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR ...	Treble	*JOHN W. KIRTON ... ..	5
*REV. C. J. STORTON ...	2	ARTHUR MACKEARS ...	6
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3	JOHN W. WOOD ... ..	7
*SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ..	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

VICARS'.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL ... ..	Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... ..	5
FREDERICK MORGAN ...	2	THOMAS HOAD ... ..	6
*JOHN H. EDWARDS ... ..	3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	7
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... ..	4	EDWARD MILLS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells with a bob bell. First peal on these bells (which were hung in 1771) by an entirely local band.

DORCHESTER.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH ...	Treble	HERVEY BEAMS ... ..	5
FRANK UPHILL ... ..	2	FREDERICK TOWNSEND ...	6
CHARLES JENNINGS ... ..	3	MARTIN STEWART ... ..	7
CHARLES FORFITT ... ..	4	JOHN BENDER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GOODENOUGH.

This peal, rung with half-muffled clappers, was a memorial peal to those men of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild who gave their lives in the late war. Messrs. Goodenough and Forfit belong to Bournemouth, Uphill to Fordington, Jennings to Wyke Regis, Beams to Bradpole, Townsend to Poole, Stewart to Wimborne and Bender to Dorchester.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

*THOMAS GRIFFIN ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ...	5
*STANLEY CARTER ... ..	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	6
JESSE FRANCIS ... ..	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	7
PERCY W. CAVE ... ..	4	SYDNEY FRANCIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* Elected members previous to starting for the peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM OSTLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 5
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 2	JOHN HALL ... .. 6
*CHARLES LOVATT ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.  
No. 22 C.C. Collection. \* First peal.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

MISS DOROTHY E. JONES ... Treble	*WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 5
MISS WINIFRED C. JONES ... 2	†CHARLES PICKEN ... .. 6
JOHN BRADNEY ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 7
ANDREW JONES ... .. 4	HARRY MEDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal in Shropshire in which ladies have taken part. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, and 4 hail from Blakenhall, 5, 6 and 8 from Shifnal, 7 from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. This was a 'Peace Peal' for Shifnal and the first peal by the three Shifnal men since being demobilised. The ladies were proposed members of the Guild before starting for the peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF S. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST S. COTTON ... .. Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 5
*WALTER WALLINGTON ... 2	THOMAS B. SMITH ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	FRED STANFORTH ... .. 7
DICK ILIFFE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED STANFORTH.

\* First peal 'inside' Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cotton, Mr. Cotton being caretaker of and for many years a ringer at this church.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, York, London, Wells and Cambridge.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 4
EDWIN YATES ... .. 2	THOMAS C. THOMPSON ... 5
*ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VALENTINE.

\* First peal of Surprise in seven methods also the first on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. H. Last, Vicar of the above Church for 17½ years, and Mrs. Last, who were presented the previous evening with a silver teapot and cream jug from the parishioners.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*FRANK L. FISHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4
HENRY BURCH ... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	GEORGE R. FINCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

CITY OF OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

FRANK BECKETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	CHARLES COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor. First peal of its kind in the city of Oxford.

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 Six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*E. J. BRAKE ... .. Treble	*W. A. STIBY ... .. 4
*C. H. LATHEY ... .. 2	P. H. BEAMS ... .. 5
T. H. BEAMS ... .. 3	*B. M. ELSWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to W. A. Stiby who sailed for Canada on November 3rd.

GLENTON, NORTHANTS.  
PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Mins.,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720s in ten Methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double and Single Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Double and Single Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

FRANK ROWLINSON ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Rung to the glory and honour of all the Saints. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. Francis Almond).

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHALLIS F. WINNEY, No. 13,  
HARLESDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER S. WISE ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDEN ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3-4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: GEORGE R. FARDON.

This was a birthday peal for Mr. Edwin Gibbs and Joseph Edwin Sykes.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. R. MELVILLE.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and MRS. YVONNE ELOIE-LELOUIE.  
Rung as a farewell to Mlle. Y. Eloie-Lelouie, who is shortly leaving for France. This is the largest size hand bells upon which a lady has yet rung 7-8 to a peal.



**STRIKING IN PEALS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will Mr. Bramble please read again my letter in your issue of the 10th October; will your readers, also, very kindly do the same, and then look at Mr. Bramble's first letter. It will be seen that what your correspondent now says is not quite what he was saying; and that he makes deductions which my letter in nowise warrants.

The standard of 'tripless' peal ringing, he advocates, would, if rigidly applied, seem to lead to the results set down below: (1) Peal ringing, as it has been, would be abolished, and a new, perfectly perfect style of ringing would have to take its place; (2) the greater part of the peals recorded, since the start in 1715, would be branded as false, since they doubtless contained some trips; (3) all peal-books, annual peal records of Associations, and other lists of peals, would become worthless, as the truth of these records would be suspect; (4) in this 'new world' peal ringing, the skilful conductor would no longer have any function; a mere bob-caller would take his place; no trips being allowed, so none to put right; (5) evidence would have to be taken at once on commission as to the truth, or otherwise, of important long lengths and other record performances, while survivors remain: Fresh work for the Central Council.

And here are two examples of the application of this 'tripless' test to present-day peal ringing:—

*What Mr. Bramble calls 'bad striking' (a).*

Case (a).—Jerky striking, and bad leads throughout, an agony for any good ringer taking part, but every change struck true—and not one trip.

*What Mr. Bramble calls 'bad ringing' (b).*

Case (b).—Perfect striking, almost clock-work precision for hour after hour, excellent music for listeners outside, and pleasure to all in the belfry; one single trip occurs—a place or dodge momentarily missed, and corrected at once.

Mr. Bramble would have the former a true peal; the latter with one faulty change—it might be at the go-off, or the very last change before rounds come up—he would hold false, although in comparison with the other a perfect performance.—Yours very truly,

Bracondale, Norwich.

G. P. BURTON.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****GRIMSBY DISTRICT.**

A very successful meeting of the Grimsby district was held at Bigby on Saturday week, when members were present from Barton, Barrow, Scunthorpe and Grimsby, together with the local men and visitors from Gainsborough, Brigg and Scotton, numbering 37 altogether. The bells, a very musical six by Warner, with tenor six and a quarter cwt., were set going to various methods, the first touch being Kent Treble Bob, in which two of the ladies from Barton took part, it being their 'first' in the method. Prior to tea, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, this being the first on the bells, and two of the local ringers took part, one ringing his first 720 in the method. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector and his wife, and served in the Schoolroom by the ringers' wives. Great regret was felt at the inability of the Rector to attend, he himself being an enthusiastic ringer, but he was confined to the house by an attack of influenza. He has been dubbed by the ringers 'the travelling chairman,' as he very seldom misses a meeting.

After the routine business was over, Mr. Seamer, hon. secretary of the Guild, expressed the regret of the Guild and the Gainsborough district in particular, in losing such a valuable comrade as Mr. J. C. Tinker, who, on account of the health of his wife, was migrating to New Zealand shortly, and that perhaps, would be the last meeting he would have an opportunity of attending. Mr. Tinker, with a few other gentlemen, was one of the founders of the old North Lincolnshire Association in the year 1884. This had since merged into the Lincoln Guild, and Mr. Tinker had been a constant member since, rarely missing a meeting.—Mr. Tinker, who was much touched by the expressions, said how greatly he should feel the parting after so many years. He thanked those present for their kind wishes for him in his new life. He hoped always to keep in touch by correspondence with the friends he should leave behind, and he hoped that the Association would still continue to do good, and progress as far as possible.

Votes of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Parry) and Mrs. Parry for so kindly entertaining the ringers to tea, to the ladies who had been at so much trouble to prepare and serve it to Mr. C. Taylor for presiding, and to Mr. W. H. Hayhoe, the local secretary, brought the meeting to a close. The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening thus bringing to an end one of the most enjoyable meetings one could wish for.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. O. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., Mayor of Crewe, President of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and chief mechanical engineer of the London and North-Western Railway, took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday at his Parish Church. He is believed to be the first Mayor to ring a peal while holding office, and created another record for the Guild, inasmuch as no President of the Guild had previously taken part in a peal performance.

The Charles Henry Hattersley Memorial Library in Sheffield Cathedral now comprises 134 volumes, as well as Mr. Hattersley's voluminous MSS. A catalogue has been issued, and may be obtained from Mr. Sam Thomas, the librarian; price 6d. post free. The catalogue contains the rules under which the books are loaned to responsible borrowers.

The peal at Warminster last Saturday, rung by the Salisbury Guild was the second on the bells, the first having been rung in 1881 by a band of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Beginning practice in a variety of Minor methods in July, the Oxford Society have just scored the first peal in seven Minor methods in the city of Oxford. It was rung at the first attempt, and great credit is due to the band for the admirable striking that was maintained, as well as for the excellent progress they have made.

His many friends will be glad to know that Capt. J. R. Mackman, A.S.C., is home from Russia, and will shortly be demobilised.

The eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at Alverstoke, Hants will be formally opened next Tuesday at 3 p.m.

We are asked to state that the peal of Grandsire Caters at Crewe on May 14th last, was a muffled peal.

Congratulations from the whole Exercise will be extended to Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, who next Wednesday will reach his 80th birthday.

## RINGING IN DEVON.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was in Devon for two months in 1918, and in the part of the county I was in I found change ringing was unknown. There is a peal of five at Corydon, near Lowdon, and also at Brontor, while at St. Mary's, Stow, there are six bells. There was a band of ringers at each of these churches, and some of the older men had been ringing a bell for 20 years or more. They, however, had no idea what change ringing is. The first time I went up to the tower I was asked if I could ring the treble and lead, as the man that rang it had not turned up. I started to call some changes, and found that the other men did not know how to lead. If, as the Rev. E. S. Powell says, the position is not quite so bad as Mr. Bennett has been led to suppose, I can only say it is not very forward. These men had never heard of an association, or of such a thing as 'The Ringing World.'—Yours,  
EDWARD BUCKINGHAM.

Southwoods, Writtle, Essex.

Sir,—I should like to supplement Mr. Marsh's remarks. Some years ago I attempted a peal of Grandsire, in company with Mr. A. W. Brighton, at Ilfracombe, and we got into the last 700 of Holt's Original, but, as one of the Ilfracombe ringers was absolutely deaf, and failed to see Mr. Brighton's sign to make a bob, putting him right was out of the question. At about the same time, in company with Mr. Hughes, we rang Stedman Triples for Divine service; and also Grandsire Doubles in a village, named Westdown, a few miles from Ilfracombe.

Portsmouth.

E. J. HARDING.

## BELL RESTORATIONS.

ACTIVITY AT THE IPSWICH FOUNDRY.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has recently rehung the ring of six in new steel frames for eight at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, and has just cast two new trebles to complete the octave. The bells, it is hoped, will be ready for ringing by Christmas.

The same firm has just recast the ring of five at Litlington, Cambridgeshire, and the order for a new treble to make six has been placed. New frames and fittings have been installed.

The ring of six at St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, have been dismantled, and will shortly be rehung in new steel frames for eight. If funds allow, two new trebles will be added to make eight.

Mr. Bowell has several contracts in hand in Kent. The ring of five at Halling are now in the foundry at Ipswich, to be recast and a new treble added, and the peal is to be hung in steel frames for eight. The ring of five, at Snodland, Kent, are to be hung in steel frames and a treble added, and at Northfleet, Mr. Bowell is to rehang the present six with steel headstocks and add two new trebles to make the complete octave. At Metfield the ring of three are to be rehung in a new frame for four. The grand ring of eight at St. Mary's, Chatham, are to be rehung with steel headstocks and new bearings.

Several rings in Essex are also receiving Mr. Bowell's attention. Fryerning Church, Essex, will shortly possess a ring of six, the new treble having already been cast and hung by Mr. Bowell. At Stratford St. Mary the tenor is being rehung on a new steel headstock by the same firm, who are also erecting a new ring of six in steel frames at Wormingford.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

## A SUFFOLK VIEW.

Sir,—The affairs of this Association are just at this time of more than domestic interest. After the great alterations in our work, which the war has caused, it is for all of us ringers to consider whether it is not time to change some arrangements which have grown up in the course of years. Here we have a diocese which for many years was known to be so overgrown that it could not be efficiently worked. It was divided just before the war broke out. Now, if the diocese was too large to be worked, does it not follow that the area will also be too large for a ringing association to properly cover the ground? It depends, of course, what we consider the work of such an Association to be. In the past this has seemed to be to form a link with the towers where ringing is most practised, to record their peals, and to have four meetings a year in different parts of the diocese, which the ringers who are near the places of meeting can attend for a meal in common, and for a short and more or less formal meeting. We have had in the past most excellent officers (and those newly elected seem likely to carry on the tradition) who have known what was expected of them, and who have done it well: so that there has been little or no business to transact, but merely to endorse their arrangements or suggestions.

The Association has never, as far as I know, done anything to help in teaching or forming new bands, and would rather seem by the way it covers the ground, to be a hindrance to such work. When I first came into the diocese, twelve years ago, I started bands in three towers where there had never been change ringing before: in one tower the number of bells was increased, and pioneer work was being done in other belfries also. In all this I could get no help from the Association, nor any co-operation. I do not mean that other towers were not sympathetic or did nothing to help: but it appeared as though beginners were of no interest to the Association as an Association. After 18 months I had two serious illnesses, and for over a year I could not go near a belfry: and since my recovery I have been able to do little ringing away from home. One would have thought that an Association would have considered it its duty to take over such work as this, but nothing was done, and my work was entirely wasted.

There is a strong feeling that there should be a more local organisation which could foster such work among the towers where there are no change ringing bands yet in existence. All the Suffolk ringers that I have met are of this opinion, and were hoping at first that the old Association would reorganise itself on these lines; but as time has gone on, and nothing has been done, it is felt that a new society will alone do what is required. Is it not time that most of our societies decentralised themselves, more, or divided themselves, so as to cover less ground, but to work that ground more effectively?

With regard to the title, the change is one of those things which the chairman at the meeting said would require notice, as they involve changes of the rules. This means that it cannot come into force until next Whitsuntide. The vote at the meeting was on a recommendation to the committee, who are to work out a new scheme. The objection to it is that it would exclude all Suffolk except Ipswich. The titles of our societies are not always all that they should be, and it would be well if a standard system of nomenclature could be adopted.

There are two other points. One is that, either an organisation should be definitely a diocesan one, or it should be merely a geographical entity. We seem now to be unable to make up our minds which we are. The rules constantly refer to 'the diocese,' and I raised the point at the meeting that we who are outside the present Diocese of Norwich could not (until the rules were altered) be members. And at two meetings I have proposed resolutions in order to keep us as members, but as these resolutions were rejected one can only conclude that we are excluded.

My last point is that owing to the area covered, members are unable to attend the meeting at which those matters which interest them most are decided. When the Association has met in Suffolk, the Suffolk members have raised the question of the division of the diocese, only to be each time put off. Now the matter is at last discussed at two meetings within a fortnight, both held at a place which involves those here in a journey of 118 miles. We shall be expected to attend a number of committee meetings at that distance when our proposals are definitely settled: they will have notice given of them at the next meeting (in Suffolk), but will have to be discussed and decided at Aylsham—a journey of 154 miles. Is this a practicable state of affairs?

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

H. DRAKE.

## CORRECTION.

The peal at St. Mark's, Leicester, on Saturday, October 25th, was 'Thurstan's' four-part of Stedman Triples, and not Grandsire as published in our last issue.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT DISCUSSES IMPORTANT PROPOSALS.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Daybrook on Saturday week, a good company being present from Bulwell, Beeston, Cotgrave, Eastwood, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Mansfield, Nottingham, and Radcliffe-on-Trent, as well as the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round.

At the business meeting, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, took the chair, supported by the Vicar of Daybrook and Mr. H. R. Cobbin. At the outset, the Vicar welcomed the members to Daybrook, and, referring to the local band which comprises an enthusiastic lot of young fellows, said he hoped they would not be long before they were qualified to become members.

Afterwards the following points were discussed, and it was proposed: (1) That a report be printed covering the whole war period 1915-19. The cost, it was suggested, might be met as follows: To charge members who rang peals 3d. per head per peal as a booking fee, the conductor to be responsible for collecting and forwarding same to local secretary, and to charge members 1s. per copy for the report.

(2) After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to leave the matter of districts, managing their own affairs and controlling their own finances for a fuller explanation, but it was proposed that the subscription be raised to 2s. per member.

(3) It was proposed that the future president of the association should be a qualified ringer, and able to act as Ringing Master, and further that each local chairman should also have the same qualifications.

(4) It was proposed that the necessary alteration to rules be made when these matters were finally settled.

(5) Mr. W. E. White was chosen to act as delegate to represent the district, and it was thought Derby would be a most suitable place, and Saturday afternoon the best time to hold the special meeting to decide these important matters.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Parish Room for the meeting, and to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for the able way in which he conducted the proceedings.

It was proposed that the next monthly meeting be held at Mansfield on November 22nd.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

## KETTERING DISTRICT MEETING.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Orlingbury on Oct. 25th, where the ring of five have recently been thoroughly overhauled and relung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Crofton. All the latest principles of hanging have been adopted, and the 'go' is all that can be desired. The bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean, the Rector (the Rev. A. Keeley), the vice-president (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, of Isham), and the Rev. Richardson, of Burton Latimer, being present, in addition to Mr. C. F. Johnson, and ringers from Burton, Barton, Cransley, Desborough, Finedon, Northampton, Geddington, Isham, Wellingborough, Wilby, Kettering, Pritchley, and the local ringers, to the number of 50.

Tea was provided in the schools, and at the meeting which followed the vice-president was in the chair. The proposed memorial to the fallen ringers was discussed at some length, and the best means of raising the required sum of £50.—The District Secretary pointed out that 20 members had made the supreme sacrifice. Out of that number eight were from the Kettering district.

A vote of thanks to the ladies and to the Rector and local ringers was accorded, and the Rector, in reply, said how pleased he was to see the members there that afternoon.

Mr. F. Wilford paid a tribute to the bell hangers for the work they had done.—Mr. C. Johnson suitably replied, and a move was again made to the belfry where the fine ring of six was kept going to Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A ringing meeting was held at Winslow and Great Horwood on Saturday last by the North Bucks Branch, and a cordial welcome was given the ringers. Owing, however, to the unsettled state of the weather, the attendance was not so good as expected, but nevertheless a sufficient number was present to make the ringing good, and practice took place at both towers in various methods, the object of the meeting being to try and get the towers into union with this branch. Although it was a somewhat difficult task to persuade the local ringers to depart from the old 'stony' ringing, a favourable impression was made, and a promise of joining the branch was obtained. Various methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor, the ringers being well satisfied with the meeting. Thanks to both Vicars and local men were accorded.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



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

## CROYDON, SURREY.



**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****PRESENTATION TO EX-SERGT. WM. H. JOHNSON, V.C.**

One of the best meetings ever held at Harthill by the North Notts Association took place on Saturday, October 25th, when there were present members from Anston, Barlborough, Blyth, Harthill, Shire-oaks, Norton Cuckney and Worksop. — Short touches in various methods, from London Surprise to Plain Bob Minor, were rung during the afternoon and evening, no length exceeding 240 changes, in consequence of the bad 'go' of the tenor. At 5 p.m., the ringers adjourned to the Beehive Hotel, where Hostess Epworth (by the arrangement of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Darley) had provided an excellent meat tea, to which 36 members sat down. One half of the cost of the meal was most generously defrayed by the Rector.

The business meeting which followed was also presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) and ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C. The following new members were elected: Wright Peat and Cecil Stinson, of Harthill; Wm. Ilce, of Norton Cuckney; and Philip El. Hibbard, of Barlboro'. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Worksop early in Jan., 1920. Chief interest in the gathering centred in the next item, which was the most important ceremony in the annals of the Association, viz., the society's presentation to ex-Sergt. Wm. H. Johnson, V.C., the only bell ringer who achieved the distinction of winning the Victoria Cross.

The Hon. Secretary said there were several reasons why the North Notts ringers were meeting at Harthill that day. The first was that four years ago the Rector invited them to come there on a day, not when the stormy winds blew, but when the flowers in the gardens were in full bloom. It was not the ringers' fault they were not at Harthill in July, instead of at Cuckney; secondly, it was Harthill's turn, and a visit to the place and a glimpse of the old familiar faces brought back many pleasant reminiscences of 20 or 25 years ago. Thirdly, it was only right they should come to Harthill on that occasion, seeing that the Harthill ringers were the first to move in the matter of a presentation to ex-Sergt. Johnson, and that Canon Darley, who was their oldest vice-president, and had served the society for 17 years as hon. secretary, should have the honour of making the presentation. The Secretary then went on to refer to the high character borne by Sergt. Johnson as a soldier and churchman, and to say how proud the ringers of the Priory Church were of him. He (the speaker) was more proud than the rest, because Sergt. Johnson had won the Victoria Cross on his (Mr. Haigh's) wife's birthday. He had the greatest pleasure in asking Canon Darley to make the presentation of an umbrella and illuminated address.

Canon Darley said that years before the European war broke out many people said there would never be a war between Germany and England, but he never doubted for one moment that it would come sooner or later, from the history he had read of Germany and their secret preparations. We were always told Germany was anxious to fraternise and shake us by the hand. We were also told that our present race would not be able to go through the turmoil and hardships that our forefathers went through. It was, however, the courage and devotion to duty of men like Sergt. Johnson, and many others, that had helped us to achieve such a splendid victory, and on behalf of the Association, to which he was proud to belong as a vice-president, he offered him the most hearty congratulations on winning the Victoria Cross.—Ex-Sergt. Johnson briefly replied, thanking the ringers for their most handsome gifts, which he would ever cherish. It was gratifying to be held in remembrance. He would like to say there was no doubt many others on the battlefield did as much as he did, but it happened to be that his work was observed, and he was fortunate, but others were equally deserving.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for presiding at tea and meeting, use of bells, and making the presentation, concluded the meeting.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The postponed quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, Oct. 25th, and was well attended by members of various towers in the district. The two nice rings of eight at St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Churches were available, and some useful practice was obtained in various methods. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Walsley at St. Paul's Church, and tea was partaken of at the Waverly Restaurant, the Vicars of the two churches being present.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the Branch President, Mr. Thomas Robinson presided. Two new members were elected, and a short discussion followed with reference to the Diocesan War Memorial to fallen ringers, the proposed form of which will not, it appears, meet with any great support from this district.

A vote of thanks was accorded the respective Vicars for use of bells and the service. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in until 7.30 p.m., and concluded a successful meeting.

**NOTICES.**

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1919-20 are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The General Meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 8th.—Rev. E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec., Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The November meeting will be held in Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m., and the bells of St. Marie's from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea in the Wostenholm Hall at 6 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells will be available for ringing at the Parish Church. The service will be taken by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Half-fares will be allowed to members up to 2/.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing after meeting at Heston. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**BELL OPENING.**—Official opening of Birstall bells, which have been recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will take place on Nov. 8th. All ringers are invited.—Herbert Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Moulton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Nov. 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th & 27th; \*St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside (nominations of officers) on the 18th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Alverstoke bells will be officially opened on Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Dedication service at 3 p.m. Ringing at 4. All ringers welcome. The eight bells are by Messrs. J. Taylor & Son.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 15th.—Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Restaurant at 6 o'clock.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 15th, when the bells of the Parish Church will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5.30, 1/- each. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 11th?—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday next, Nov. 15th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a service in the church at 5 o'clock, and tea will take place at 5.30 in the large room adjoining the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Rev. G. A. Ensor.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4.30.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting (Monmouth Archdeaconry) will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short service 5.30; tea at 6; business meeting 8.15.—The tower of St. James the Less, Prebend Square (6 bells), will also be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High St., Camden Town, N.W.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in the Church Room. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 11th. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bacon District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llangattock on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Short service in Church 5.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting afterwards. Tea free to those who advise the Rev. Cole-Hamilton by Nov. 12th. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: "That the whole question of the memorial tablet be reopened."—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Chequers Hotel, 6d. per head to all members who notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 20th.—Business immediately after tea.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. P. Bayley, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Garrard, Horrex, Horton, A. A. Hughes, L. A. Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, McDonald, Newton, Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, Prime, Sanders, Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4. The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m. As the dining hall will accommodate 130 only, early application for tickets is advisable.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 7 o'clock. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Bellringers' service at 5. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

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

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### UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of tablet recording peal rung in memory of Bertram Prewett and Robert Stavert will take place at St. James' Church, Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, Nov. 15th at 4 p.m. I shall be pleased if all subscribers and ringing friends will attend. Tea will be provided free in the Institute.—Frederick Edwards, hon. sec.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**—On August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Sear (conductor) 1, P. Tompkins 2, W. Brown 3, E. C. Lambert 4, E. Lathall 5, R. Warren 6, W. Smith 7, G. Boon 8.

**GRANTHAM.**—For evening service, at St. Wulfram's Church, on August 17th, in 48 mins., 1259 Grandsire Caters: Corpl. H. Proctor 1, F. Proctor 2, S. Proctor (conductor) 3, E. Nedd 4, H. Thorpe 5, W. Thorpe 6, J. Whetstone 7, A. Parker 8, F. Turner 9, R. Peck 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Edward, Bishop of Lincoln.—On August 20th, 1278 Grandsire Caters: Miss Kathleen Jutson 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, E. Nedd 3, A. Mackears 4, F. Proctor 5, S. Proctor (conductor) 6, H. Thorpe 7, W. Thorpe 8, F. Turner 9, Corpl. H. Proctor 10. Arranged for Miss K. Jutson, of Peterborough.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE WAR MEMORIAL.**

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Dorking, on Saturday week, and was well attended by ringers from Leatherhead, Guildford, Croydon, London, Ramore, etc., in addition to a strong contingent of the local company. Service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church, the lesson being read by the Rector of West Clanton (Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bart.), and an address given by the Vicar (Canon Chichester).

Tea at French's Restaurant was followed by a business meeting. It was decided to hold a committee meeting at Guildford on November 15th, to decide on the procedure of the annual meeting, which is to be at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on November 22nd.—Mr. Whittington said, as he was now permanently settled at Croydon, he would be unable to act as a district representative at Winchester in future.—It was resolved that captains of towers should collect as much as possible for the war memorial to fallen ringers, and present it to the offertory at the annual service.

The Ringing Master's report was received and adopted.

The eight fine bells were kept going in various methods, a picked company ringing a touch of Stedman Triples for service.

**PRESENTATION AT WEST BROMWICH.**

On Sunday evening, October 26th, the ringers of Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffs, presented the Rev. C. H. Barker, curate of Christ Church, with a silver bell inkstand upon the occasion of his marriage. The gift, which was suitably engraved, was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.—Mr. Barker, in acknowledging the present, thanked his fellow ringers for their kind thought of him. He was more than delighted, he said, with the gift, and it was one of the things he should always treasure.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 48 mins. as a 'welcome home' to the bride and bridegroom, by: Fred H. Troth 1, Edward Reeves 2, Herbert Howl 3, Rev. C. H. Barker 4, Joseph W. Walker 5, Jesse Screen (conductor) 6, John Jagger 7, Reuben Hall 8.

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