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PEAL TAPPING.

The letter which appears in another column from Mr. William Pye, criticising our article last week on the subject of peal tapping, calls for some reply. One hesitates to cross swords with an expert like Mr. Pye on any subject relating to ringing; but we think few will agree with him when he says our article was unfair, and that it was unjust to double-handed ringers. The only possible injustice to handbell ringers is in the expression that 'by whatever system these peals are accomplished they are a far greater performance than the ringing of a pair of handbells to a peal.' But is that statement unjust? It may be amusing to read that as one possible means of accomplishing a peal a performer may follow the work of all the bells. It may be an impossibility, and we have not said that this is the method adopted by Mr. Morris; we only state it as a self-evident fact that if this is the method it must be more difficult than following the work of two bells, and in that there is no injustice to double-handed ringers. Again, many ringers in double-handed ringing rely largely on coursing. It is no injustice to the man who can ring only one bell to say that it is more difficult to do this with two bells than with one, and it certainly must be more difficult to do it with eight than with two. Wherefore, then, the injustice?

Let us leave for the moment the peal of London and go back to peals in simpler methods, to the position where, in fact, it was when the Central Council and the Essex Association discussed it. There is no doubt that in peals of Plain Bob or Treble Bob there are many men who can follow the coursing order of all the bells throughout a complete peal. It is only another step to put this into practice, and do, as Mr. Morris has done, tap a peal. But this, surely, is a more difficult task with eight bells than with two. It is perfectly true, too, that none but ringers of exceptional ability can ring a pair of handbells to a peal of London Surprise, and Mr. Pye will be the first to agree that the required mental concentration, of which we spoke last week, is enormous. Because Mr. Morris, by whatever system he adopts, can concentrate on eight bells, and tap 5,000 changes (there is a question as to whether the composition he chose was true) without having first rung two bells to the method, it is no proof, as Mr. Pye suggests, that he has no exceptional ability. In our opinion it proves just the contrary.

As to the rest of our article, and we are only concerned for the moment with the justice of it, we believe we put both sides of the question very fairly. We did not say that the tapping of peals has any educational value, neither did we express the opinion that these peals should be

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officially recognised, nor did we say that tapping was ringing; but we do say that new departures must be viewed from new standpoints. The Essex Association has a perfect right to refuse to recognise the peals, the Central Council may continue to disregard them; but that does not alter the fact that they are great performances which, in the present generation at any rate, have been accomplished by not more than two or three individuals.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
AUSTIN GREGORY 2	GEO. R. JONES 6
FRANK FOX 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
JOHN ROBERTS 4	*ERNEST FLEET Tenor

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the official termination of the War.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

R. SPERRING Treble	FRANK FOX 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ARTHUR NEWELL 4	JOHN W. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

* First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

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

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
GEORGE F. GARRISON 2	JAMES PRATT 6
ALBERT SCRIVENS 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER 7
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.

First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer.

WRAXHALL, SOMERSET.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(St. Stephen's Guild).

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 2	GEORGE CONDOCK, JUN. 6
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
CHARLES H. GORDON 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 5
*EDWARD YOUNGS 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
†EDWIN R. GOATE 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Oxford at the first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY C. CASTLE Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
PERCY PAGE 2	HARRY PARKES 6
ERNEST CHEESEMAN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
EDWARD S. RUCK 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

This composition, published in the 'Ringing World,' August 5th, 1921, is now rung for the first time. After the peal the Vicar and sexton entered the belfry and congratulated the band upon their excellent striking throughout the peal, which was rung at the first attempt and in honour of the conductor's son and heir.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. SMITH Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	THOMAS KENDALL 6
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 3	FREDERICK HONT 7
HERBERT WOOD 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Chapman) who is leaving Luton, after 10½ years devoted ministry, for Tiverton, Devonshire. First peal in the method by all excepting the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Superlative for the Association rung by an entirely local band, and rung at the first attempt.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... Treble	BEN S. THOMPSON 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED A. RACKHAM Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 4	JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

RICHARD KEEN Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	JOHN MONK 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

STREATHAM.—On Monday evening, August 22nd, at the Church of Immanuel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss A. M. Philip, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Langdon 2, C. H. Shuffell 3, W. States 4, J. S. Daniels 5, W. Shepherd 6, G. Huggett (conductor and composer) 7, W. S. Langdon 8.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	CHARLES GILES 5
JAMES ABERY 2	JOHN BOWER 6
JOHN FRANKUM 3	WILLIAM CLARK 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	GEORGE PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM A. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE FLEMING 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	ALBERT FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM BIGGIN 5
GEORGE M. THORPE 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER 6
JOHN P. TARLTON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
*WILLIAM MARTIN 4	†WILLIAM WAIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HERBERT HAIGH Treble	JAMES R. KEMP 5
*ERNEST SIMPSON 2	*THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	*JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Composition No. 202 of C.C. Collection. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

85th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

As a compliment to Mr. T. Conley, one of the regular service ringers at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on his 85th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Peter's Church on Sept. 14th, in 51 mins.: T. Seymour 1, A. Hull 2, E. Hull 3, T. J. Hull (conductor) 4, H. G. Lightfoot 5, J. Porter 6, F. C. Rice 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, W. H. Buckingham 10. Mr. Conley was in the belfry, but was not well enough to take part in the ringing.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED CHAMBERS Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	JAMES SHAW 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	*JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD NELMES Treble	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 6
ERNEST ALLAWAY 3	WILLIAM BISHOP ... 7
JAMES BISHOP 4	GEORGE WILKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Sir James Horlick and Sir Francis Brain, the generous donors of the two trebles, both of whom were highly respected in Ruardean.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN GARRETT Treble	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 5
ERNEST CURTIS 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 6
HARRY HALL 3	ALFRED H. WATSON ... 7
WALTER ROFFLES 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

STEPHEN LOACH Treble	DAVID BURTON 4
W. E. WHITE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES ... 5
WALTER WHITE 3	FRANK SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter White. Messrs. Leach and Spencer are from Radcliffe, the rest belong to Cotgrave.

EAST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble	*E. FOSTER 4
*H. F. CULLOW 2	T. SQUIRES 5
W. E. WHITE 3	A. J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are from Southwell Cathedral, the rest are from Cotgrave.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, August 18th, at the Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. W. Gilmour 1, H. W. Wilde 2, J. Wilkinson (conductor) 3, G. R. Newton 4, J. Martin 5, E. Caunce 6; and 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Caunce 1, H. W. Wilde (1st in the method) 2, J. Wilkinson 3, T. W. Gilmour 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, J. Martin 6. These are the first 720's of Surprise on the bells.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4
TRAYTON BOOTH 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. The Messrs. Lamberts hail from Horsmonden and Burwash respectively, the rest from Salehurst.

HANDBELL PEALS

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

A TRIP THROUGH CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 3rd, the ringers of Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, had their annual picnic. Setting out at 1.45 p.m. in a 12-seater motor charabanc, they were soon moving very smoothly through (what is supposed to be) the heathiest, wealthiest and prettiest village in the county of cheeses—to wit, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. The objectives, however, were Lawton, Alsager and Barthomley, journeying first to the last-named place on the Staffordshire border. At Lawton, on the outward journey, two of the local ringers, Messrs. Rigby and Pierpoint, were picked up, and the 12-seater became somewhat overcrowded. However, the inconvenience was very much palliated by the two additional passengers acting as guides, philosophers and friends to the borderland. On arriving at Barthomley a very cordial greeting was extended by one of the local ringers, Mr. Allman, and Mr. Owen, churchwarden, and an hon. member of the Chester Guild. Three touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. Allman taking part in the ringings. Proceeding to Alsager, the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Cartwright (one of the local company). Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, in which Messrs. Rigby and Cartwright took part, were rung at this tower. At Lawton the party found a nice light peal of eight, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the striking being excellent. This completed the day's ringing. Next the visitors accompanied Mr. Rigby to his residence for tea, and found the table very sumptuously laid.

After tea the best thanks of the party were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Rigby and their helpers for the splendid repast, and the company were entertained by young Master Davies, son of the conductor, who gave selections on the piano in most accomplished style. After games of billiards, etc., the party left for home at 9 p.m., but the journey was not without incident. After a few miles the lights failed, but a short stop enabled this to be rectified. Then some 20 miles from home a thorough breakdown occurred through the exhaust having gone wrong. It was an isolated part of the country, but fortunately within 50 yards was found a place 'within the meaning of the act,' where the party were enabled to refresh themselves. After about an hour's stoppage, and failing to be taken in tow with any passing motor the driver, with the aid of some of the excursionists, eventually got the motor in working order again, and the destination was reached after midnight, when the cars having ceased running, some of the members had a two and three miles' walk home. Verdict—a most enjoyable time, and all's well that ends well.

The ringers take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the various authorities for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Rigby, Pierpoint, Cartwright and Allman for having all in readiness, which added much to the pleasure of the party.

W. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A BELLS REPAIR FUND DISCUSSED.**

On Thursday, September 8th, in glorious weather, the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild held the last of their summer meetings at Buckland-Newton, this being the first time that such a meeting had taken place in the village. Members from St. Peter's, Dorchester (including three lady ringers), Fordington, Upwey, and Wyke Regis, met outside St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, and were conveyed to Buckland by motor charabanc. The drive through the Prydal Valley and picturesque country was much enjoyed. On arriving at the church, the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field) and the Master of the Guild (Major Hughes D'Aeth). The Vicar conducted the ringers over the interesting church, and pointed out its principal details, his kindness being much appreciated. The local band had also set the bells going to welcome the visitors. Afterwards some change ringing took place, and assistance in the art was given to local ringers. The Guild service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, and the address was given by the Rev. P. T. Knott (Rector of Pifehead-Neville, and former Dorset county wicket keeper), who took for his text, 1 Cor. xii., part of the 28th verse. Speaking as an old ringer, he touched on the lessons taught by the bells, and emphasised the fact that in his opinion every belfry door ought to be inside the church, and not outside, as it was in most cases.—Miss Field presided at the organ, and a ladies' choir was in attendance. The parishioners also turning up in good numbers.

At the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Field, tea was afterwards provided on the Vicarage lawn. The business meeting that followed was presided over by Major D'Aeth. Apologies for non-attendance were read from several members, including Mr. R. N. Dawes (Branch Chairman), the Revs. F. L. Edwards (general secretary), C. A. Phillips (Wimborne Branch Secretary), and Mr. J. T. Godwin. It was resolved to hold the next (annual) meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The Master spoke of the suggestion of the Central Council, that all collections at the meeting be set aside for the purpose of a bell and belfry repair fund, and an interesting discussion followed. The Branch Secretary promised to put the matter on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The Master also suggested that the secretary should get the service music transposed into a lower key.

Pleasure was expressed at the presence of the Rev. P. T. Knott, and hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Field for their kindness in providing tea, etc., also to the organist and choir.

Following the meeting, the ringers again visited the tower, and practised Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and also assisted the local men through some 120's. Before departing, the Vicar and Mrs. Field invited the visitors to light refreshments at the Vicarage, for which they were heartily thanked. Although there were not quite the average number of members present, owing to two of the towers holding their harvest festival on the same day, the first meeting at Buckland was a great success.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEMORIAL TABLET.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Seend on September 3rd, and was very well attended as will be seen from the following list of towers represented: Keevil, Seend, Warmminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Holt, Southbroom, Swindon, Hilperton, Chippenham, Marlborough, Salisbury and Westbury. Thirty-one sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Awdry. At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. F. Brown) reported that the Vicar of Bradford-on-Avon would like the branch to visit them on Oct. 8th instead of the 1st, as then he hoped to be there to welcome them. This was agreed to.

Mr. F. Green presented a sketch of the memorial tablet that it is proposed to put in St. John's tower, Devizes, to commemorate the muffled peal rung on February 28th, 1920, in sacred memory of the ringers who fell in the great war.—Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Greenland seconded, that Mr. Morgan's tablet, as shown on sketch, be accepted, and this was carried.

Mr. H. Brownlee West proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Awdry for so kindly providing tea, and this was carried with acclamation.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells concluded the business.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Tuesday, August 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: C. W. Taylor 1, F. Overton 2, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 3, R. S. Long 4, J. B. Budd 5, S. Bromfield 6, W. Bolton 7, A. B. Shepherd 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Bolton, who is returning to Cardiff, after 16 months in the neighbourhood of Grimsby. It was intended to go for a peal, but meeting short and late the above was rung by Mr. Shepherd kindly taking the tenor. First quarter in the method by treble and tenor ringers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE LATE MR. CHARLES JACKSON.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The fine peal of twelve at the Cathedral, together with the peals of eight at St. Maries', All Saints' and St. John's, were, by the courtesy of the respective clergy, available for ringing by the visitors, who much appreciated the genial reception accorded them at the various towers. Some 90 ringers met, and found a welcome acquisition to the ringing clergy, in the person of the Rev. B. F. Shepherd, who, having left that famous training ground of Cambridge, i.e., the Cambridge University Guild, has now taken up work in connection with Sheffield Cathedral. Stedman Caters and Cinques and Grandsire were tried with varying success at the Cathedral, while some enterprising adventurers who attempted to ring a touch of Grandsire at St. Maries', after a good lunch, had an attack of indigestion as the result of their exploit.

A bountiful tea was provided in the Wolstenholme Hall, after which the business meeting was held. The President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) presided, supported by the principal officers of the association.

The following resolution was carried, the meeting rising with heads uncovered, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull: 'This meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers desires to put on record its sense of the very great loss which the Yorkshire Association and Change Ringers in general have sustained by the death of Charles Jackson. His sterling character and engaging personality endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his great skill as a change ringer, and life-long interest in the Yorkshire Association makes his death a loss which will be widely felt. This meeting further desires to express its very sincere sympathy with Mrs. Jackson in her loss.'

A vote of thanks to the various clergy of Sheffield for kindly granting the use of their bells was carried unanimously.—The Rev. B. F. Shepherd, who responded, extended a hearty greeting to the visitors, and thanked them for the felicitous remarks and good wishes expressed to him, and stated that he would at all times be prepared to do what he could to further the art.—A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who waited at the tea-tables was responded to by Messrs. W. Lomas and C. Harrison.—A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close, after which many ringers visited Rammoor, and indulged in ringing various methods until train time called a halt, while anecdotes of those giants of the Exercise, Messrs. W. Hudson, the famous Brothers Hattersley, with their more recent rivals, in the persons of Messrs. S. Thomas and W. Lomas, not forgetting the 'Knight of Chesterfield' will leave the visit to Sheffield a pleasant memory to all those who undertook the journey.

P. J. J.

THE LATE MR. D. BREARLEY'S MEMORIAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, Sept. 17th, but was very poorly attended, only about 20 members being present. The towers represented were: All Saints', Sheffield; Rawmarsh, Worsley, Doncaster, Arksey, and the local company. The bells, a fine peal of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), were kept going in the Standard methods during the afternoon. At five o'clock, a short service was held in the beautifully decorated church, the harvest festival having been held on the preceding Sunday. Tea, generously provided by the local company, was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Mason) took the chair. One new member, Miss K. Jackson, of Doncaster, was elected. No invitation having been received for the December meeting, it was left with the secretary to arrange.

Mr. Shaw, of Bolsterstone, made an appeal to the meeting to help to defray the cost of the memorial tablet erected to the memory of the late Mr. David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, who had done so much for the art of change ringing in the Southern Division of Yorkshire, and it was decided to circularise the various towers in the district in which the deceased gentleman was so well known, asking for subscriptions to this worthy object.—Mr. F. Willey kindly undertook to do this work, and to act as treasurer to the fund. It is hoped that a good response will be made to the appeal.

Further ringing, including a good touch of Double Norwich, took place until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD, LEICESTER.

The second outing of the members of the above this season was held on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10th, when Woodhouse Eaves was visited. A most enjoyable time was spent, and a party, numbering 27, partook of an excellent tea, friends being present from Kibworth, Anstey and Belgrave. Both before and after tea the bells of St. Paul's Church were rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor. Handbells were also utilised, and tunes and several courses of Grandsire Triples rung. Pleasing news was conveyed to the company by Mr. J. Oldham, of the Loughborough bell foundry, who informed the party that the work of recasting and rehanging St. Margaret's bells is now going on apace, and hopes are entertained that they will be completed for ringing by the end of November.

TAPPED PEALS.

MR. MORRIS EXPLAINS HIS MODE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I claim your further indulgence to answer Mr. J. Hunt's letter of Sept. 9th, and also to say that a ringing friend has pointed out to me that the peal of London I tapped is false. The peal is published in *Standard Methods*, page 92, and to make quite sure that my friend is right, will someone be kind enough to examine it, and let us know the result? If it is so, I apologise for publishing it, and offer as an excuse that this was the only peal I had, and being in the book I thought it was quite all right. If any brother ringer will send me a true peal of London I should be glad, as I hope to include London in my next programme. My answer to Mr. Hunt's questions is 'Yes, with the exception of London, and that method I am tapping to try and get enough knowledge for the purpose of instructing, conducting, etc.'

It may not be out of place to describe how I learned it. First I learned the construction of the method, then I took a piece of paper, and wrote one to eight on it, and tried to read it. After having a good practice at this, I next learned the work of the fixed bells, treble and two tenors. Next I learned that each bell does its work in rotation. What the tenor does in one lead the 7th does in the next, and so on. Will my brother ringers compare the above method of learning with their own way, and tell me if they think I know enough of the method to enable me to ring it? I invite opinions. I see that my friend Mr. Keeble has made the statement that he knows the peal he rings by heart, line by line. Would he be kind enough to answer me a question? Has that knowledge ever been of any service to him, or his brother ringers at any time whilst he has been performing his duties as a ringer? I might also mention that the peal of London I tapped was purely an experimental one, to gain knowledge for more serious work later on.—Yours, etc.,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

A REPLY TO MR. PYE.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Sept. 9th, Mr. Pye has a personal dig at me; therefore, I feel I must have a word in reply. In the first place, I would inform Mr. Pye that I am not a 'peal tapper.' It is true that I tapped a peal of Minor several years ago, but I have done hardly any tapping since except for a few occasional 720's of various Surprise Methods. If a peal tapped by one person is not of any educational value, how much more would be derived from two persons ringing a peal with four handbells each? Mr. Pye also asks if Mr. Morris can ring four 'in hand' to London; also if I could take the other four. Now, I think Mr. Pye had better ask Mr. Morris, and volunteer to take the other four himself, as he is a London Surprise ringer, and I am not. He mentions that there is a system adopted for 'tapping.' Well, of course, there is a system. There is in most things. He says he has known persons to tap touches who could not ring two handbells to the method. Perhaps they were 'song' touches. I know ringers who ring London Surprise Major that cannot ring two handbells to a touch of Bob Major. I have always been able to ring two handbells to any method that I could tap.—Yours truly,

O. BROYD.

'UNJUST TO DOUBLE-HANDED RINGERS.

Sir,—I had no intention of entering into any further correspondence on this subject, but the unfair remarks made by you in your last issue compel me, as I consider they are unjust to double-handed ringers. You say a tapped peal is a greater performance than ringing a pair of bells; you amuse me when you say 'whether the performer does it by following the work of all the bells.' Now, sir, London double-handed has only been rung by men of exceptional ability, and never will be, and anyone who has rung a peal 'in hand' will ridicule the idea of a man being able to follow the work of all the bells. Now Mr. Morris admits that he does not possess sufficient knowledge to get his band along, which is sufficient proof that, as a ringer, he does not possess any exceptional ability, yet he can tap London Surprise. Is not that sufficient proof that his system has no relation to change ringing? If he could tap by following the work of all the bells, there would be no need for him to educate himself to teach a band, and if he taps a hundred peals he will not make himself an expert ringer by doing so. As regards your remarks about advancing with the times, you cannot turn tapping into ringing; and whatever may have been the wrong doings of the Central Council in the past, they are quite justified in their action in not recording them.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, August 11th, at the Church of St. James, West Derby, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hancock 1, G. W. Tembey 2, S. Taylor 3, W. Parry 4, G. R. Newton 5, W. Hargreaves 6.—On Friday, August 12th, at St. John's, Tuebrook, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Davies 1, G. W. Tembey 2, J. Meldrum 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, E. Bumphrey 5, T. Hammond, junr., 6, E. Counce 7, W. H. Rawthorne 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 2. 5 and tenor. Composed by H. W. Wilde. Arranged for Mr. Tembey, of Cumberland.

ESSEX RINGERS' VISIT TO SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 27th, the Chelmsford and District ringers paid a visit to Suffolk for their annual outing. Leaving Writtle at 7.30, and picking up the rest at Chelmsford, a fine run by a 'National' motor coach through Braintree, Hakstead, etc., brought them to Sudbury at 9 o'clock, where a halt was made, and refreshment obtained, as 'Dora' was unknown beyond the river dividing the counties of Essex and Suffolk. After a short stay, a move was made to Bury St. Edmunds, where Mr. A. E. Moore met the party, and conducted them to the Church of St. Mary. The fine ring of eight bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the ringers taking their places according to prearranged programme, while others were viewing the beautiful church and abbey grounds. Proceeding to the Norman tower, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royd were brought round. The seventh and ninth bells provided, the ringers with a bit of exercise to obtain anything like accurate striking, otherwise the fine peal of ten was much enjoyed.

Dinner took place at the Rose and Crown Hotel, where 30 sat down to a fine spread provided by Host Gaskin. Accompanied by the brothers A. E. and H. Moore, the next move was to Lavenham where the visitors were met by Messrs. A. and S. H. Symonds. The bells being up ready for use they were set going to Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire. The church here was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival, and with the splendid carved work was very much admired. Tea was well served at the Swan Hotel by Host Ingram. Messrs. Moore and Symonds joining the party. Taking leave of the local men, the next move was to Sudbury, where at St. Gregory's Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, as per programme. These bells now hang in a perfect circle, and a great improvement has taken place with rehanging and tuning since the last visit of the party a few years ago. Proceeding to All Saints', accompanied by Mr. Scott, the local representative to finish the day's ringing, the visitors found that this fine heavy ring require a bit of handling, and offered the stiffest job of the day. However, short touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob were brought round, and then leave had to be taken of friends who had met them. A fine ride back brought the excursionists to Chelmsford about 11 p.m., after a most successful and enjoyable day. The ringers would like to thank the incumbents of the various churches, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' for kind permission readily granted for the use of their bells, and the various local men who met them for their great assistance in making arrangements.

CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27th, the members of the above Guild left Cheltenham by charabanc for Chepstow, the first stop being at Newnham, where light refreshments were partaken of by the riverside. The journey was then continued to the White Lion, Chepstow, where lunch was provided.—The Chairman (Mr. Yeend, senr.) proposed the loyal toast, and selections on the handbells were rendered by Messrs. Humphries, Pates, Prickett, Brinkworth and Pendry. The party were welcomed by the churchwarden, in the absence of the Vicar. Mr. Prickett mentioned that it was 33 years since the Cheltenham Company were engaged to 'open' the bells, Mr. W. T. Pates being one of the band.

Afterwards the church bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round, Mr. Prickett, of Chepstow, and Messrs. J. W. Jones and H. Morgan, of Newport, taking part. The homeward journey was made through Monmouth and Ross, the scenery being much enjoyed.

The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. T. Pates (Master of the Cheltenham company), Mr. A. W. Humphries (secretary), Mr. W. Brinkworth (Master of the Guild), and Mr. T. Pendry (captain of the Prestbury company).

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The church is situated in the park on Lord St. Oswald's property, and its history is very interesting, but space forbids a description. The surroundings are lovely, and the day being fine, visitors enjoyed the outing very much. Many methods of Minor were rung, of which Wragby was one, and others down to Bob Minor were practised. The members were from far and near, and about 30 sat down to an excellent tea. The Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Badeley, B.A.) being present; also the Rev. Dickinson, of Ryhill. These gentlemen manifested great interest in all the proceedings; and suffice it to say, all were very happy, and left with bright hopes of the next meeting, which is to be held at Wath on October 8th.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Thursday, Sept. 15th, for the harvest (thanksgiving) service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from 'The Ringing World': B. Corderoy (first quarter-peal) 1, T. East 2, W. E. Napper 3, J. Butler (conductor) 4, E. E. Napper 5, T. F. East 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Goodenough 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by A. P. Wakley, and published in 'The Ringing World': B. Corderoy 1, A. H. Webb 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. E. Napper 5, T. East 6, T. F. East (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Goodenough 8.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. V. A. CRESWELL. A HANDSOME PEAL TABLET.

On Sunday, Sept. 11th, the oak peal board, erected in the ringers' room of the Parish Church, Clun, Salop. to the memory of the late Rev. V. A. Creswell, M.A., formerly of Clun, was dedicated by the Rev. H. J. Scott, M.A., Ringing Master of Clun district. There was a good congregation, which included Mrs. Creswell and her two daughters, and other members of the Creswell family. The service was fully choral, and was intoned by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Lutener), special psalms and hymns being used.

The Rev. H. J. Scott was the preacher, and took for his text, St. Matthew xxvi. 13. He made special reference to Mr. Creswell's boyhood days in Clun, when he was a member of the choir, and when he was taught to ring; also to his work in the various parishes in which he resided, and his efforts to improve the ringing in the Hereford Diocese.

After the sermon, the choir, clergy, with Mr. W. Mead (churchwarden) formed a procession to the west end of the church, where the formal dedication took place, after which the procession returned to the chancel, where the service was concluded.

The memorial peal board is of solid oak to Early English design, and measures 11ft. long by 3ft. 4 inches high, and consists of five vertical panels enclosed with heavy moulded framing and mullions with bold sill and head pieces. The latter form a cornice with projecting covings, in which the memorial inscription has been carved in relief in the solid: 'In loving memory of Vaughan Creswell, M.A., C.R., formerly of Clun, who died 15th March, 1919, at Yarkhill.' The panels are constructed of solid English oak, horizontal boards, with ledges screwed on behind. The records carved on the three centre panels have been spaced out so that no joint in the boarding cuts the incised wording. The centre panel records the peal rung by the St. George's Society, Clun, to celebrate the Armistice, when Mr. Creswell rang the treble—the bell the family gave in memory of a deceased sister. This was the first peal on the new bells, and it also happened to be Mr. Creswell's last peal. Two other panels record peals by the Hereford Diocesan Guild and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rung during the same week, the two vacant panels being reserved for future special occasions.

The memorial board was especially designed by Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, and the work, executed by a local firm, forms a unique example of the arts and crafts of a country town. It is one of the finest peal records to be found in any ringing room.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday last, Sept. 17th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. A large assembly was present at the service, at which the Rev. F. R. H. Crews and the Rev. M. E. Thorold officiated. The former also gave the members an invitation to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was ready, over 80 ringers and friends sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master (Mr. H. T. Howell), who presided, extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, who included Miss E. Fisher, of St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey.

The Rev. M. E. Thorold proposed the Rev. E. J. Philips, of Coalpit Heath, and Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed the Rev. F. R. Henry Crews, of Mangotsfield, as hon. members, and they were unanimously elected. Ten performing members were also elected.

The places for the next two monthly meetings were fixed, viz., Wopley and Westerleigh, on October 15th, and Ainsbury and Almondsbury, on November 12th. The quarterly meeting is to take place at St. James' City, on December 10th.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. R. H. Crews, and to the choir, organist and the ladies who kindly assisted to make the meeting such a success.—This was carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, etc., terminated a very successful meeting. Seventeen towers were represented during the day.

REIGATE RINGERS VISIT KENT TOWERS.

On Saturday, Sept. 3rd, the Reigate society had their annual outing by charabanc, the members being accompanied by their wives and friends. The first call was at St. Mary's Church, Westerham, where a good touch of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung. After viewing the neighbourhood, the party proceeded to St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, where other good touches were rung. Proceeding through picturesque country, the next place of call was St. John the Baptist's, Penshurst, where the party, 28 in number, sat down to lunch. Ringing at the parish church followed, and was watched with much interest by a great number of visitors to the castle grounds. Edenbridge was the next objective, and after tea an hour's ringing at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul was enjoyed. Reigate was again reached at 8.30, after a most enjoyable outing, the weather being all that could be wished.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. Conley, the oldest regular service ringer, celebrated his 85th birthday on September 14th. He has been a member of the belfry at St. Peter's, St. Albans, for a very great number of years.

The new peal of eight bells, given by a well-known South Wales Nonconformist, Mr. J. Ll. Morgan, of Brynderwen, Llandaff, to the Parish Church of Llanfagan were dedicated on September 7th. The ring, with tenor of 12½ cwt., were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have hung them in a rigid frame on steel girders, with fittings of all the latest type, including ball bearings.

East Ilsley, Berks, the birthplace of Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is to have its five bells tuned, augmented to eight, and hung in new fittings and framework by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The tenor at Bexhill Parish Church, Sussex, has just been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in their new type of ball bearings. The same firm are rehanging the six bells at Appleby, Lincs, with new gudgeons and bearings.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the birth of William Shipway, who was born at Bath on Sept. 29th, 1760. He was apprenticed to a Mr. Handcock, a cabinet maker, who was sexton at the Abbey, and, through him, made the acquaintance of the ringers. He was able to ring Treble Bob Royal before he left the city for London, at the age of 24.

MR. JOSEPH BREARLEY RETIRES.

One of the best known personalities in campanological circles in Yorkshire, Mr. Joseph Brearley, has, we are informed, retired from taking any active part in campanology. Being close upon 80 years of age, this veteran ringer has completed some 60 years in the belfry tower, and during that period he has assisted in winning numerous prizes at contests in various towers, including Brighouse, Low Moor, Almondbury, Liversedge, Dewsbury, Sowerby, New Church, etc.

At that time, when Elland company were considered one of the best ringing teams in the West Riding, Elland had the good fortune to possess two or three companies of ringers, but at present it is very difficult to raise a full team, and unless some effort in made to enrol recruits the art of campanology in Elland may be a thing of the past. An effort is about to be made to have the bells in the tower (which are considered an excellent peal) overhauled. Mr. Brearley's many friends will wish him health and happiness in his retiring years.

SPALDWICK BELLS.

INCREASED TO SIX.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 8th, several ringers met at the Parish Church, Spaldwick, Hunts, to try the new peal of six bells installed by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. A well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by: L. Chapman (Rushden) 1, A. Smeathers (Rushden) 2, L. Wyman (Thrapston) 3, R. C. Loveday (Thrapston) 4, A. W. Clarke (Ipswich) 5, A. Howell (Ipswich), conductor, 6. Also a 300 Kent Treble Bob followed, with J. Rosa (Ipswich), the Rev. C. B. Woolley (Long Stanton) standing in. A 120 Stedman, and a course each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford finished the ringing.

The band was then entertained to refreshments at the inn, and were joined by the Rector (the Rev. — Jones), and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The bells are hung in a new iron frame, a treble has been added to make the peal of six, with a tenor of 12½ cwt. in E. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Alfred Howell, to whom great credit is due for the 'go' and tone of the bells, which is excellent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Grimsby districts was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, Sept. 10th. There was only a very moderate attendance. The towers represented were: Gainsborough, Bigby, Grimsby and Kirton Lindsey. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. R. Garvey (Vicar of Kirton Lindsey) presided. He gave the visitors a very hearty welcome, and assured them that he should always be pleased to see them on any future occasion.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, to Mr. A. Davies for making the necessary arrangements, and to the ladies for the excellent tea provided and their services at the table, were unanimously passed and duly responded to.—Apologies of absence were received from Canon Hicks, Messingham; Rev. J. Barber, Stow; Messrs. W. H. Heyhoe, Grimsby; W. P. Henton (on behalf of the Stow company), and H. Haigh, Worksop.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR.

THE SUCCESSES, FAILURES AND HUMOUR OF A RINGING WEEK.

TOLD BY ONE OF THE PARTY.

The arrangement was made to meet at Leicester on September 3rd for a week's ringing in the hunting shire, and on that date the men began to foregather for the scalping of possible peals. The brothers Goffton, of Newcastle, came by train, as did also Tom Coles, of the 'Middlesex,' accompanied by the 'Varmer Giles' of the party, yeolpt W. J. Nevard. These men from town brought the startling news that the 'skipper' was driving the remainder of the London band down in his own car. It took some time to assimilate the fact that Bill Pye had joined the Jehus, and further, that he was timed to reach Leicester by 3.30 p.m. It is not known whether he has ulterior designs of 'putting it across' the Brooklands' records or not, but punctually to time our Son of Nimshi pulled up at the destination on the London Road, having done a hundred miles.

It was a most auspicious entry—what happened at the latter-end of the week, alas! must wait until the tale is told—and after a wash and tea at their hotel the band made their way to tackle the first obstacle on the programme, a peal of Bristol Surprise at St. John the Divine. The bells of the above church are in an iron frame, tenor 21 cwt. At 4.30 they went into changes, and in 3 hours 10 minutes, the first peal of Bristol rung in Leicester was an accomplished fact.

On Sunday a visit was made to Barwell for London Surprise, but after an hour's ringing the untucking of a rope end caused one of the band to set up. Monday was a great day. A peal of London was pulled off at Quorn, and this was followed up by one of Superlative at Mountsorrel. Then, being in advance of the clock, some went on to Loughborough, where a peal of Cambridge was added to the score. On Tuesday morning a meet was made at Belgrave St. Peter's, a left-handed ring, but an hour's ringing was enough to satisfy. The afternoon saw the men at St. Saviour's, a sonorous ring of 26 cwt. In 3-10 the first peal of London Surprise rung in Leicester was safely recorded.

The evening was spent at the Palace of Varieties, where our skipper got right in the limelight. One of the 'turns' consisted of the mechanical driving of motors by electric rays of light, and the audience was invited to send up a committee of investigation. We put up two, W. Pye and J. Harris, who promptly went over the top, but their scrutiny failed to detect the secret.

Wednesday was mapped out for Gilmorton and Lutterworth. The first named was reached by 10 o'clock, and a peal of Superlative was started for. It was a hot day, and the writer is of the firm opinion that the best part of peal ringing in such circumstances is that of a listener. Those of us who occupied that role, idly reclined on the rectory lawn sampling the juicy fruits, what time the bolder spirits pulled away in the belfry. After two hours' ringing the second clapper flew out, and put paid to the attempt No. 1. While at dinner we decided to refix the clapper, go on to Lutterworth for the peal arranged, and return for another try in the evening. This we did. The bells at Lutterworth were all ready, thanks to the steeplekeeper, and we got away to the tune of Bristol. An excellent peal—the first in the method on the bells—was rung in 3 hours 5 minutes. Owing to the re-arranged programme we were unable to wait in Lutterworth to meet the local men, and motored back for the peal at Gilmorton. There was no mistake this time. The peal was safely negotiated, and Superlative was added to the 'bag.'

I wonder if the god Pan watches over ringers. If he does, then Thursday and Friday were not piping times, for black failure overtook us. Melton Mowbray was the venue, Cambridge Royal was the menu, and Thursday morning heard the ten bells roll it out. Sitting in the public park we listeners heard two and a half hours' good ringing, when . . . (draw down the blind, every ringer knows what happens when four bells insist on filling two places). This was a cold douche, for it was the only ten-bell tower on the list. Dinner soothed the ruffled feelings, if not the sore fingers, and a drive out to Ashby Folville, a ring of eight, some seven miles away, did not bring success, for Cambridge Major was lost after ringing two hours.

Black Friday was true to name. An eleventh-hour cancellation of the bells of Stanton, owing to steeple repairs, resulted in eight men motoring to Barwell, the remainder going on an hour later by motor-bus. A few miles out of Leicester the bus was held up by eight pairs of hands. 'Old Bill' had got out and got under the car, which had turned cantankerous; the men climbed aboard the bus, leaving the skipper behind. Permission was obtained at Barwell, and Superlative was started for. A lapse of memory on the part of the writer—he admits it in sackcloth and ashes—caused the misplacement of a 'hoh' before the peal was lost, after two hours.

Himckley Parish Church possesses a ring of eight bells, with a tenor about a ton. One side of the ringing room consists entirely of a huge window giving ample light and also heat on a hot day. Some of the bells badly need recasting, being sadly out of tune. One and a half hour's ringing was enough for the men who were sore-handed, and a return was made to Leicester headquarters.

Eight o'clock saw a goodly company of ringers from all parts as-

sembled in 'The Earl Grey,' where a smoking concert was held in honour of the visitors. Songs and handbell ringing filled the programme, conspicuous in which was a course of London Surprise 'in hand,' by: E. P. Duffield 1-2, A. Goffton 3-4, W. Pye 5-6, T. T. Goffton 7-8. The smoker ended with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the band retired to rest with a grim determination to retrieve the position on Saturday.

The last day of the tour was a memorable one. A band of eight motored over to Thurcaston to start for a peal of London. The remainder went to the neighbouring village of Ansty, to endeavour to fix up another peal at that place. We saw the Rector, who kindly granted permission. The peal of London was duly pulled off, and tracks were made for Ansty, where, after a meal, attempt was made for No. 2. Cambridge was the method, and 'that's all' came up in 2.50.

Tea was taken at Steeplekeeper Cufflin's house, and the band began to dwindle, owing to the fact that some were due to return home. We had Hugglescote bells at our disposal, however, and relying on the help of Mr. Ephraim Rands, a local ringer, and Jim Harris, of Leicester, we made for the last item on 'the bill of fare.' Hugglescote was reached at 6.15, and off we went into Stedman Triples, Tom Coles barking out the bobs. The bells are somewhat loud in the ringing room, but they are very fine for their weight, and a first-class peal was rung in 2.55. It should be noted that Mr. W. J. Nevard, the oldest member of the party, rang in all three peals that day.

As our motor had shown outward and visible signs of indisposition during the day, and not a little buck-jumping, we were dubious as to how we were going to get back. It is a ten-mile run to Leicester, and we started back about 10.15 p.m. At midnight we were six miles off, the machine had developed rheumatics in its hind legs, and was emitting the most unearthly groans and grunts mankind ever heard.

The peaceful village of Markfield was awakened from its sleep as though all the clanking chains of Hades had suddenly been dumped upon them. Heads were thrust out of windows, and the language hurled at us was anything but complimentary; as a matter of fact it was, in strict Journallese, 'unfit for publication.' Still we struggled on for another mile, when the motor considered that it had done its bit, and, after another grunt, stopped. The lights gave out, the moon went to bed, and we were properly stranded. There was no help for it but to hoof it home. We decided to abandon the craft, but not so Bill. Like a good skipper he resolved to stay aboard till morning, and did so after we had moved him to the roadside.

We moved him darkly at dead of night,

The wheels with our shoulders turning;

Not even a blinking moonbeam's light,

But a rear lamp dimly burning.

Bill's Beiter 'Ole was scarce a nest,

But safe till a policeman found him;

And he lay like a warrior taking his rest,

With his motor rug around him.

Thus ended this strange eventful history. At daylight we sent out garage help and towed him in. As trouble had developed in the back axle it could not be repaired until Monday, hence the majority went home by train. Thanks are due and herewith given to the various church authorities, Rectors and Vicars for their kind permission to ring, and also to the steeplekeepers. W. W.

THE SALOP GUILD.

The September meeting was held at Stanton-on-Hine Heath on Saturday, when 20 members were present. During the afternoon all Standard methods were rung in short touches. Ringers were glad to see the Vicar (the Rev. Holmes) among them whilst ringing was going on. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and afterwards the Vicar was thanked for his kindness in allowing the Guild to hold this meeting there, and also for the trouble he had taken to provide the tea. On returning to the tower some further good ringing was maintained. At 8 o'clock the gathering broke up, and some of the members went to the next village, Moreton Corbet, where, after getting permission to use the tower, a 360 each of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were well rung.

CREWE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 10th the ringers connected with Christ Church, Crewe, had their annual outing, the place selected being Woolton, near Liverpool. The party arrived about 3 o'clock, and were met by the Rector, the Venerable Archdeacon Howson (a former Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe), who showed them round the beautiful church, after which they proceeded to the tower, and rang several short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major until 5.30, when they were welcomed and entertained to tea at the Rectory by Archdeacon and Mrs. Howson. When tea was over, a ramble round the grounds was enjoyed, after which the ringers thanked the host and hostess for their kind hospitality. Returning to the church, a short service was held, conducted by the Archdeacon. Afterwards the ringers again visited the tower until 8.30, when the return journey was made to Lime Street Station, leaving Liverpool at 10 p.m. Crewe was safely reached, all agreeing that a very pleasant time had been spent.

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LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When our present-day experts will leave off talking of forward and backward hunting and get down to the true fundamentals, they will begin to understand—(1) What a method is; (2) how it is obtained, (3) and what are the correct extensions.

The following method, discovered by myself many years ago, gave me the clue, and it will give anyone else the clue if they are willing to accept the truth, instead of backing their own opinions against what can positively be proved a fact, not only so far as this particular method is concerned, but of any method, principle or system whatsoever.

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The above method is produced from what I call the Quick primary principle by three bobs which shift nine bells, but as the 3rd makes all the bobs, the result is that seven bells only are shifted, and we obtain the proof in the lead-head: 13527486.

The merest novice will surely have no difficulty in following the above argument; and it is just as easy, when you know how, to prove that London Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus are produced by Bobs and Extremes from the Slow and Quick primary principles in combination.

The Rev. E. B. James can see no likeness between London Surprise Minor and Major. I wonder if what follows will convince him?

The shunts of London Surprise on all numbers consist of Slow Bobs, Quick Bobs, and Quick Extremes: they are distributed as follows:

	Slow Bobs.	Quick Bobs.	Quick Extremes.
Minor	8	5	3
Major	12	7	3
Royal	16	9	3
Maximus	20	11	3

In Treble Bob and Surprise Methods, the shunts affect all the bells just as they do in Principles and Systems. The following is a true table of the numbers of bells shifted in London Surprise from Minor to Maximus:

Minor: bells shifted ...	54—1 total 53.
Major: bells shifted ...	96—1 total 95.
Royal: bells shifted ...	150—3 total 147.
Maximus: bells shifted ...	216—2 total 214.

N.B.—The Minuses are the bells that are in the same position at the lead-head that they occupied in the fundamental row.

Mr. James being a mathematician will know all about casting out the nines in proving arithmetic. I will now show how a similar rule can be used in proving the above figures to be correct.

In Minor, 53 bells have been shifted; cast out the sixes, and you have a remainder of five working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 142635.

In Major, 95 bells have been shifted; cast out the eights, and you have a remainder of seven working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 14263857.

In Royal (the seven part touch), 147 bells have been shifted; cast out the tens, and you have a remainder of seven working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 1083564927.

In Maximus (the five part touch), 214 bells have been shifted; cast out the twelves, and you have a remainder of ten working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 12e97058364. This row is on a par with the lead-head of the true extension of Double Norwich Royal, because, although you have ten working bells, the cycle is finished in 5 leads.

If Mr. James is not satisfied now that his method is not London Royal, there are other ways of proving the truth of my statements: but this is enough for this week, excepting we will just compare the Bobs and Extremes of Mr. James' method with the proved true touch of London Royal given above.

London Royal.
16 Slow Bobs.
9 Quick Bobs.
3 Quick Extremes.

Mr. James' Method.
20 Slow Bobs.
11 Quick Bobs.
3 Quick Extremes.

The number of bells shifted in Mr. James' Method is 170—1: total, 169: if we cast out the tens, we have a remainder of nine working bells, which is proved by the lead-head of 1426380597.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—It may interest Mr. Taylor to compare the shunts of his latest Royal method with the true shunts of London Royal given above, they are as follow:—

18	9	2	1
Slow Bobs	Quick Bobs.	Slow Extremes.	Quick Extreme.

these shunts have shifted 160 bells minus 1, total 159, cast out the tens, and there is a remainder of 9 working bells which is proved by the lead-head, 1426380597.

FORMULÆ NEEDED.

Sir,—I have just read with much interest the able controversy now appearing in your columns on the subject of the extension of London Surprise. (I regret that I have had no time to do so before.) On the particular method I do not propose to speak; but I should like to put forward a theory of my own that I have held for some years, but lacked the opportunity to work up.

Some of the arguments just put forward are very ingenious—especially that of Mr. Bankes James; but all that has been done in any of these controversies so far is to formulate empirical rules to suit particular cases; and as a result much ingenuity runs to waste, because owing to the lack of a general basis it is bound to produce conflicting results. Some years ago, for example, I attempted to prove that Stedman was illegitimate; I still think it is; but on the lines I (and my opponents) used then I believe I could prove with equal definiteness that it is perfectly legitimate.

Change ringing is a mathematical science—there is none more definitely and exclusively so; and I, therefore, venture to think that: should be possible to get a watertight mathematical proof of these problems, if anyone could only hit on the lines to work on, instead of having to rely on empirical generalisations, which, however obvious they seem, must in the long run be based on nothing less variable than personal interpretation. What I have long thought we need is a collection of formulæ, in the form of algebraical series or otherwise, and a system of expressing methods algebraically: the whole to be such that—

- (1) Given a half-lead (or half-division, or quarter-lead of a double method) we can immediately write down the method on any number of bells by using the formulæ.
- (2) Given a half-lead (etc.) of any method on any number of bells, we can immediately write down its true courses.
- (3) I should imagine that such formulæ would give at once the number of methods with any particular set of characteristics that could be obtained on any number of bells.

I cannot pretend to prove the existence of such formulæ: I only feel that as change ringing is a purely mathematical science they must exist; and they would solve many of the problems of change ringing just as Newton's discovery of the calculus solved those of ordinary mathematics. Exactly what to expect from the Newton of change ringing I am not sure. Whether formulæ can be devised by numbering changes and establishing general relations between their sequence, or whether by working on the places made, I do not know.

I feel fairly certain of one or two points, however. First, that the In-and-Out of course of the changes will have no place in the investigation. The In-and-Out of course is merely an empirical generalisation—a very useful one, but none the less empirical for all that. From the mathematical point of view, we might as well work on the number of multiples of seven that pairs are interchanged from rounds. Secondly, I think that what must be dealt with is the places as they are—not any theories, however correct, as to their function; and thirdly, it seems quite probable that everything could not be discovered synthetically, but that much work would have to be done on analysing the possible orders of the changes, all taken in.

With this I must at the moment, sir, leave the suggestion. I ask your permission to commend it to those qualified to judge its worth. If there is anything in it, it would be premature to pronounce one extension right and another wrong until these formulæ have been discovered.—Yours faithfully,
H. W. FRIGHT.

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(University of London).

ACROSS THE BRISTOL CHANNEL.

All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., ringers, had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 10th, going by steamer to Weston-super-Mare, where a most enjoyable time was spent. After a ring on the Parish Church bells a charabanc was chartered, and a visit paid to Kew-stoke and Uphill Churches, and touches rung in different methods. Opportunity is now taken of thanking the incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells, and more especially to Mr. Stubbins and Mr. Parker of Weston, for making the necessary arrangements.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

A PARTING GIFT.

On Sunday, Sept. 11th, before ringing for morning service a little ceremony took place in the belfry at Tring, Herts. The curate, on behalf of the ringers and himself, presented Mr. T. W. Wright with a framed photograph of the ringers. Mr. Wright, who is leaving Tring to take up a business appointment at King's Norton, will be greatly missed in the belfry, where he was a great help and most regular in his attendance for service ringing. Afterwards a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by: H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, F. Keen 3, F. C. Reeve 4, F. Waterton 5, T. W. Wright 6, H. Heley 7, W. Redman 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Hawkes 1, F. J. Cook 2, C. W. Woolley 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, J. B. Woolley 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6, Geo. Crisp 7, L. A. Cook 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge), first quarter-peal in the method, 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, W. Rushton 4, J. R. Gammon 5, R. G. Chapple 6, W. H. Pickett 7, W. E. G. Newson 8.

THAME, OXON.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: D. Chapman (first quarter-peal) 1, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. 2, W. Henley 3, R. J. Ricketts (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, G. Miles 6, T. Jakeman 7, H. Clarke (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Gilbert.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, 1,260 Minor, in 47 mins., being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 144 Oxford Treble Bob, 36 Plain Bob; A. Clarke 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 18th, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six, in 26 mins.: A. Best 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, F. Draper 3, G. Lingham 4, H. Barnes (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. Ware 6.

OXFORD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Ebbe's Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: F. A. H. Wilkins (first 720) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, H. Tolley 3, F. Beckitt 4, G. Stone 5, F. Clinkard 6.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, and on the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: E. J. Dowler 1, G. Cartwright 2, V. Hemus 3, H. Stanley 4, H. J. Dowler 5, J. Eaton 6, S. Grove (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—For evening service, on Sept. 18th, the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss Rose Thomas (Merham) 1, Fred Hodges (Kingsnorth) 2, Fred Good, conductor (Charing) 3, Sid Hopper (Ashford) 4, Harry Parkes (Merham) 5.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,312 changes), in 50 mins.: O. Fenn (conductor) 1, H. F. Parker 2, G. Jackson 3, T. Faulkner 4, G. H. King 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise

Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Jackson 1, H. K. Parker 2, T. Faulkner (conductor) 3, E. Andrews 4, G. H. King 5, A. C. Hardy (composer) 6, R. Fenn 7, O. Fenn 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 11th, for morning service, 360 St. Clement's Minor: E. A. Sueath 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day (conductor) 5, J. Landon 6. For evening service, 720 of St. Clement's: E. A. Sueath 1, A. Riggall (first in the method) 2, J. Landon 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Skinner 1, P. J. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, A. James 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, F. Scott 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Underwood 1, P. Gridley 2, A. Maxim 3, W. P. Gridley 4, G. More 5, T. Chinnery 6, G. Maxim 7, S. Evans (conductor) 8.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llanfaff Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Page 1, F. Lasbury 2, H. Davies 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wires 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. From 'The Ringing World' of August 28th, by F. W. Rogers.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at St. Iltyd's Church, for morning service, 392 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Wright 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, B. J. Toby 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. J. Toby (longest length away from tenor) 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, O. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evensong, 720 Violet Treble Bob: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, F. Triner 3, E. E. Johnson 4, J. E. Wheldon 5, J. Walley 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Cooper (first 720 of Minor) 1, H. Ridgway (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, T. Roberts 3, F. Case 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, a 720 Double Court: H. Ridgway 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal, being 120 Double Oxford, 360 Double Court, 360 Oxford Bob, 420 Plain Bob: A. Birdsey 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green 6. First quarter-peal in four methods by all except 4th and 6th.

KEWERTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: R. Harris 1, A. Wallace 2, E. Devereaux 3, O. Attwood 4, W. Crooks 5, W. Ricketts (conductor) 6.

FRAMPTON, near BOSTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Lakin 1, H. Lakin 2, G. Coleman 3, J. W. Lakin, junr. 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, senr. (conductor) 6. Also 360 Plain Bob: J. W. Lakin, senr. 1, P. Lakin 2, H. Lakin 3, G. Coleman 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, junr. (conductor) 6. The Lakins are from Benington; W. Houghton from Wrangle; and Mr. G. Coleman from Frampton.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Members are hereby reminded that the annual subscription of 1/6 from all resident ringing members is now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective District Secretaries. All lapsed members will be reinstated without prejudice on payment of subscriptions in arrears.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 'The London Tavern,' Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers invited.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Todmorden on Saturday, Sept. 24th.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Kewstoke (near Weston-super-Mare) on the 24th inst. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's will be available from 3 till 4.45 and during the evening. Service at the Parish Church at 4.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Barnby Dun (G.C.) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.30. Motor buses run from Silver Street, Doncaster. The practice at Doncaster St. George's is now suspended.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Ladies' Guild of Church Workers of Cookham, has kindly offered to entertain the members and friends of this branch, at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, September 24th. Evening choral service will be held at the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.D., will give an address to the ringers. Tea on the Vicarage lawn will be provided at 5 o'clock, followed by a social, when it is hoped the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., will preside.

Tower bells will be available at 2.30 and after 7, subject to the supervision of the belfry keeper.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The district annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Cave on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Albion Hotel at a charge of 1/9 each. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Calverleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2.30; service, with address by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, at 4.45; tea 1s. each, at 5.15.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovinger on Saturday, Sept. 24th, by the request of the Rector (Rev. G. Ernest Day). Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, 5.45. Nearest station Blake Hall, G.E.R. Trains leave Leytonstone 1.50 p.m. and Stratford 2.23 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9. Short service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting.—A. D. Stone, 10, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. Perry's at 5, 1s. each. Service in church at 6, with an address by the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar. A motor bus will be engaged to leave Station Drive (L. & N.W.R.), Wolverhampton at 2, 2s. 6d. return.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting will be held at Stanmore, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 per head at 5.30. Harrow Weald bells open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on September 29th at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will take place at New Mill on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Teas will be provided for those who notify on or before Monday, Sept. 26th. (1s. 6d. each). Draw for order of ringing 2.45. Entries for contest to be sent to W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Berkby, Huddersfield.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 2.30. Cathedral 10, St. Sidwell's 10, St. David's 8, Heavitree 8, St. Petrock's 6. Tea 4.30, St. Sidwell's Institute. Tea 1s. each. All members of the Guild are welcome.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.50 at "Nag's Head," to be followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Sept. 26th?—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The ancient ring of eight at Finchfield will be reopened after rehangings on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist at 3 p.m., preacher Rev. Dr. Evans (Rector of Sible Hedingham). Tea, 1s. each, will be provided in the Schoolroom to those only who let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 27th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., The Street, Rayne, Braintree.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cratfield on Saturday, Oct. 1st. The fine peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: Bishopsgate, Sept. 26th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at St. Thomas', Pendleton, not Flixton as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5. Tea at the Rectory (provided by the Rector) at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Monday, Sept. 26th, and oblige.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.; also a practice at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Thursday, Oct. 6th. All are welcome. Ringing from 7.30 p.m.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at

Reepham, Salle and Heyden on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Meeting at Salle at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, District Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. and 7.30 till 9 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Please notify me by Thursday, Sept. 29th, all those who intend being present.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 for those who acquaint me by Sept. 26th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A District meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church, with a short address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Dronfield on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Six bells. Mid. railway station near church.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Taxal on Saturday, Oct. 1st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Hushorne Crawley on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells at 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 4.30. Bells (8), and also Llanblethian (6), available. Tea provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornaby on Saturday, Oct. 8th. All subscriptions for the current year should be paid before or at this meeting, the end of the financial year being Sept. 30th. Further particulars with regard to the meeting will be published next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Putney (by permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, from 3 p.m. Will try and arrange tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early. —John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of memorial bell at All Saints', Hereford (by the Bishop), will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31st. The reopening of this grand peal following day, Nov. 1st. Particulars later.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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