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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES.

Not many of our ringing associations, we think we are right in saying, have done much in the way of establishing a library for the use of members. Yet such a library has some obvious advantages. In the first place its educational side is not unimportant. It gives those who have access to it the opportunity, not only of improving their knowledge of practical ringing and the theoretical side of the art, but also of receiving a good deal of enlightenment from the experience of others who have patiently laboured to unravel some of the mysteries of campanology. Then, too, they may learn more of the history of bells and ringing, of the story of the one, extending back through the centuries, of the evolution of the other. For the average individual, much of this interesting material is beyond reach, and for that reason he makes no effort to learn. He is content with the one or two text books which enable him to acquire as much of the art as is necessary to enable him to take his place in the belfry. He cannot afford more, yet had he the opportunity he would, in many cases, be glad to improve his knowledge.

But while it is beyond the ordinary ringer to accumulate anything like a comprehensive collection of books upon bells and ringing, the building up of such a library, open to the use of all its members, is well within the realm of possibility for an association. The best collection by an association which we know of is that in the possession of the Hertford county organisation, which has a library of over 40 volumes, some of them of value on account of the early date of their publication, others modern and more instructive from the change ringer's particular point of view, some of especial local connection, others of greater value by reason of their wider scope, but all full of interest to the man who loves bells, not only for the pleasure he gets from the ringing of them, but also from their connection with our churches and the part they have for centuries played in the religious and civil life of the nation.

What the Herts Association has done, other societies could do. The library in St. Peter's belfry at St. Albans is the growth of years, many of the volumes having been added through the generosity of individuals. The books are at the disposal of members whose frequent applications for the use of them, betoken their appreciation of the facilities offered. A library, and encouragement to read, should tend to increase the interest of members in their art, and the effect is then bound to be reflected in a greater interest in the association. We should like to hear that all over the country associations were doing something on the lines of what the Herts Association has been doing for years. It does not involve heavy outlay, but just a steady purposeful resolve to add suitable volumes to the collection whenever opportunity arises.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANC.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 4, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANCES.

EDWIN MORGAN Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
CHARLES BOWER 2	FREDERICK PAGE 8
JOSEPH MELLOR 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
CHARLES BROADBENT 4	ALBERT ADAMS 10
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 5	BENJAMIN THORP 11
SAMUEL WOOD 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung by request of Mr. Joseph E. Sykes,
recently returned from Canada.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE VICARAGE LIBRARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor Size, 15 in E.

THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES 1—2	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES 5—6
THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4	JOHN W. WOOD 7—8

Conducted by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 3, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

* ARTHUR PAYNE 1—2	JAMES E. GOFTON 5—6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3—4	COLIN GRESTY 7—8

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal on handbells.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further donation has been received to-
wards the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund:—

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
York Minster Society, August collection (per	113	18	3
Mr. G. Horner)	0	4	6
Total	£114	2	9

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M.
Forces:—

- Pte H. Parkes, of St. Mary's, Selly Oak, R.A.M.C.
- Pte O. Bowers, of Widford Parish Church, 2/5th Batt. Essex Regiment.
- From St. Michael's, Blackburn, Lancs.:—
 - Pte A. Tomlinson, R.A.M.C.
 - Pte F. Ramsbottom, R.A.M.C.
 - Pte T. J. Dinsdale, Royal Marines.
 - Lance-Corpl. R. Bradley, East Lancs Regt.
 - Driver T. Standliffe, R.F.A.
 - Bombardier E. Standliffe, R.F.A.
- From Springfield, Essex, Parish Church:—
 - Pte C. Cook, 2/6th Batt. Essex Regiment, at Tring, Herts.
 - Corpl. H. Dawson, 9th Batt. Essex Regiment, in France.
 - Pte C. Weship, Essex R.E.
 - Pte J. Dow, 2/5th Batt. Essex Regiment.
- From SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge:—
 - Ernest Leigh, Royal Engineers, now at Gillingham.
 - Herbert Leigh, West Kent Yeomanry, at Maresfield, Sussex.
 - James Heasman, junr., West Kent Regt., in India.
 - Roger Thornby, Dorset Regiment, wounded, and in hospital at Boulogne.
 - Richard Jenner, West Kent Regiment, at the Dardanelles.

SPALDING RINGER KILLED AT DARDANELLES.

LANCE-SERGT. RICHARD MACKMAN'S FATE.

An intimation has been received by his parents that Lance-Sergt. Richard Mackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mackman, of Spalding, and a member of the Spalding Parish Church company of the Lincoln Guild, has died of wound sustained in action in the Dardanelles. Physically a fine specimen of humanity, Lance-Sergt. Mackman was every inch a soldier, and he saw fighting in Flanders as well as against Turkey. When a young man he tried several times to enlist, but was rejected on account of a hammer-toe. But the martial spirit filled him, and, after voluntarily undergoing an operation for the removal of the offending member, he entered the 2nd Batt. Lines Regiment. When war broke out, he was with his battalion at Bermuda. They were ordered to France, and arrived in the fighting line on November 14th last year. There they had to fill the gaps made in the ranks of the 1st Lines on the retreat from Mons. About Christmas time, while on outpost duty, about thirty or forty yards from the German trenches, Corpl. Mackman, as he then was, was wounded in the ankle by a machine gun bullet. He, however, went back into the trenches and stuck to his post for another nine or ten days, until on Boxing Day his foot became so much worse that he was removed to hospital, and subsequently brought back to England.

On returning to duty he was promoted to Lance-Sergeant, drafted to the 6th Batt. of the Lines Regiment, and, about six weeks ago, was sent out to the Dardanelles, where, like so many other heroes, he has met his fate, his death occurring on August 17th.

He was 22 years of age, and was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Mackman, two of his brothers being also in the Army. One of them, as we recorded at the time, was wounded in the fighting at Mons. Although he had only rung one peal, Richard Mackman was a good and painstaking striker. His father has for 40 years been vergar and leader of the ringers at Spalding Parish Church, where, on Sunday week, the bells were rung muffled as a token of respect, and the choir of which Lance-Sergt. Mackman had formerly been a member, sang his favourite hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," while at the close of the service, the Dead March in "Saul" was played.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING AT LAMBERHURST.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association was held at Lamberhurst on Saturday week, and was attended by about 25 members from Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Kildown, the local tower, and by Mr. T. Groombridge, hon. secretary of the Lewisham district, and Mr. O. Tribe, hon. secretary of the Ashford district. The members were kindly entertained to tea on the lawn at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Boyd.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) explained that the reason he had arranged the gathering was because the business meeting at Speldhurst had to be postponed owing to his absence, and he had had a hint that the Vicar would welcome them to Lamberhurst. He, therefore, thought he could not do better than arrange it (hear, hear).

The Vicar (Canon Boyd) was elected a member of the Association, as were also Messrs. R. Jenner and R. Thornby, of Edenbridge, and A. M. Hawkins, of Tonbridge.

The District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Boyd and Mrs. Boyd for their kindness in entertaining the members to tea, and also for the use of the bells, etc.—The Vicar, in reply said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to welcome them to Lamberhurst. He was glad that they had arranged the meeting, for, although this was not a time for outings, he did not regard these meetings in that light. He was keenly interested in ringers and ringing, and although he was not very far advanced in the art, he hoped to become more efficient.

A special service was afterwards held in church, which took the form of an intercession for our sailors and soldiers, instead of the usual association service.

The Vicar then personally conducted the members through the beautiful grounds of Court Lodge, which had been kindly opened to them by Squire Morland, and, with ringing on the bells of the church, and on handbells in the grounds of Court Lodge, a very enjoyable time was spent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable bye-meeting of the South Western Division was held at Dagenham on Saturday last, and was attended by about 30 members and friends, including Corpl. G. H. Gale, Pte L. E. Moore, and Pte F. Nipper, of the Somerset Light Infantry, the two former belonging to Easton-in-Gordano, and the latter to Wrington, now stationed at Purfleet. The bells, a handy ring of six, were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held at 5 o'clock, the Rev. Jones giving an eloquent address. Tea, at which the Rev. Jones presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was served in the Church Hall.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church Hall, to Mr. E. Hawkins for making the arrangements for the meeting, to the choir men and boys for their services, and to Mr. Palmer for catering.

THE ERITH PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Exercise I have read with a certain amount of pain, and I can assure you that I do not speak for myself alone, the controversy over the Erith peal. To me it appears quite a personal matter, and surely a time like the present is not a period for petty squabbling through the Press. I know both Mr. Groombridge and Mr. Barnett, and can honestly say they are both capable of writing better articles for publication that would be of service to the Exercise, but if they write for twelve months as they have during the last month it will not increase their standing in the eyes of their brother ringers. This quibbling is far from edifying, and must bring down the standard of ringers which has risen during the past 25 years. What can our clerical ringers think on the subject? I hope the matter will soon drop and be forgotten.—Yours truly,

A DISGUSTED MEMBER OF THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Coaley on Saturday week, when 34 members were present representing eleven towers. Touches of Grandsire were brought round before the service, the latter being conducted by the Rev. J. A. Lindam (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, ex-Master of the Guild, who read the lesson.

Tea and the business meeting were held at the Fox Inn, the Rev. J. A. Lindam presiding, supported by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Mr. F. K. Howell (Master of the Association).—Yate and Chipping Sodbury was selected for the next monthly meeting on September 25th, and Berkeley for the quarterly meeting on Oct. 9th.—One new lady member was elected.

Mr. F. K. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, after which touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung at the tower until after 8 p.m. The bells were lowered, as most of the visitors were cycling away to their respective homes, after a pleasant outing.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the Parish Church, Oldbury, on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended by members from the following towers: Bilston, Dudley, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldbury, West Bromwich, Tipton, Sedgley, Wednesbury, Birmingham, Blakenhall, etc. The weather was all that could be desired. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock, and kept going until 5 p.m., when the beautiful service of the Guild was said in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Birley), who also gave a very interesting address on bell ringers and their work as church workers.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle) presided in the absence of the Vicar, who unfortunately had to leave on other business.—Four new members had been elected. Mr. W. Rock Small invited the Guild to hold their next meeting at Tipton, and the offer, it is needless to say, was gladly accepted.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness in conducting the service and his address in church, and to the organist for his services, also to Mr. S. Spittle for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. F. G. Burleigh for making the necessary arrangements, and another successful meeting was thus brought to a close.

PERFORMANCES OF PAST CENTURIES.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the early peals of Grandsire Triples. On a tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's, Coddanham, Suffolk, is recorded the following:—

"On Thursday, September ye 10th, 1741, was rung in this steeple by ye Crowfield Society of ringers, a complot peal of Five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two Doubles only, it was completed in three hours and seven minutes by ye men whose names are underwritten:—

Theodore Ecclestone, Esq. ...	1	Samuel Keeble	5
Daniel Horsham	2	John Leggett	6
John Foster	3	Stephen Garnham	7
Samuel Cullum	4	Samuel Anderson	8

John Foster call'd the bobs."

Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., was a gentleman who resided at Crowfield, and took much interest in ringing. He gave the eight bells to Coddanham and also the ten to Stonham Aspell. After this, says Mr. Jasper Snowdon, in his "History of Grandsire Triples," his estate at Crowfield was sold, and his ringers, who worked there, were dispersed.

Can any of our readers tell us whether they have come across the name of Theodore Ecclestone in any other tower?

On Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1807, a peal of 6140 "Bobb Major Royal" was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry.

On Sept. 9th, 1750, a peal of Bob Triples was rung at St. George's, Southwark, by the Union Scholars, one of the ringers being John Holt.

HORBURY.—At St. Peter's Church, prior to Sunday School Festival procession, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): H. Pickles 1, G. F. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, W. Downing 8.

AN UNIQUE CELEBRATION.

GREAT DAY AT ERDINGTON.

On Saturday last a good muster of campanologists, belonging to the Midlands, and several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheshire, were invited to spend the afternoon at Rose Cottage, Erdington, Birmingham, to again celebrate the ringing by the same band, with an interval of twenty years, of two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major at Coseley Parish Church, Staffordshire.

The day opened auspiciously, especially after the wet weather that had been experienced previously in the week. As the day wore on it grew brighter and warmer, and at the time of meeting—3.30 p.m.—the weather was ideal. At the time mentioned some of the veterans put in their appearance. Mr. W. Rock Small, accompanied by Mr. John Smith, of Tipton, was the first to arrive, followed, soon after, by that wonderful "young" man, Mr. James George, carrying a large bag of handbells, and Mr. Harry Mason, who had been motoring in South Wales with his wife and friends, but who left his party at Cardiff on the Friday night so that he could be amongst the "noble eight" once again. These gentlemen were met by Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire and Mr. Ben Gough (who had had the arrangements in hand).

J. George and J. T. Perry, who sat together, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Little, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. W. H. Godden, Mr. A. E. Law, Mr. T. Horton, Mr. John Smith, Mr. G. Poppell, Mr. W. Ladds, Mr. G. Garrison, Mr. A. Marsden, Mr. C. Lake, Mr. Bert Lavender, and others. After tea, grace was said by Mr. A. E. Law, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett was voted to the chair. Afterwards, "smokes" having been handed round by the host, the National Anthem was heartily sung, accompanied on the piano by Mr. W. Ladds.

Alderman Pritchett said they had met on that occasion to congratulate the band of ringers who rang those two memorable and unique peals of Kent Treble Bob at Coseley on November 24th, 1893, and 20 years after—a most wonderful performance. He was pleased to see them again together that afternoon, and glad to see some of them looking so well, that they appeared as if they would be ringing 20 or 30 years hence. He was, however, very sorry to see Mr. James Jones looking so poorly. Since they last met he had had a very long and serious illness, but he hoped he would be spared for a long time, and that he would recover his health and strength so that he could once again enjoy the pleasure of ringing. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett mentioned that when they met at Coseley on Jan. 9th last, Mrs. Cheshire had the honour of unveiling the handsome marbette



COSELEY CHURCH WHERE THE PEALS WERE RUNG.

The visitors were escorted round the gardens and grounds, which consist of over two acres. Before 4 o'clock the party had increased to 50 or more. The magnificent grounds were open to all. On the spacious lawn some of the visitors occupied themselves with a game of bowls, watched over by several of the veterans comfortably seated. Others of the party enjoyed a stroll through the garden, where they admired the beautifully-scented roses (had the visit been earlier these would, indeed, have been a sight to behold). Did Mr. George start to count the rose trees? If so, he would have been there almost until now, for there are nearly 3,000 (about the same number as the peals, which, we believe, he contemplates having in his new peal book). Then the photographer put in his appearance, and soon got to work, "snapping" the veterans and the whole of the party. This being over, all adjourned to the large marquee, erected specially for the occasion, where a bounteous tea was waiting, and over 50 sat down and enjoyed the delicious things provided.

THE COMPANY.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire, Mrs. and Miss Gough, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Ladds, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. J. E. Groves, Miss Margery Jones, Miss Voyce, Misses Downing, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the eight veterans (Messrs. B. Gough, H. Mason, J. Jones (accompanied by his son Harry), J. E. Groves, J. Carter, W. R. Small,

peal tablet at the church recording the peals. At the tea, which followed the ceremony, it was the desire of the veterans that Mrs. Cheshire should be presented with a large framed photograph of the tablet she had unveiled, but as it was not completed it was then hoped that it would be presented to her at her residence later on in the summer. That honour had had to be postponed until that afternoon. Since the meeting at Coseley, Mrs. Cheshire, he was sorry to say, had had a very serious illness, and a "near shave," but he and all the party were very glad she was with them on that occasion, and they hoped she would fully regain her health and strength again (applause). He would ask Mr. Small, as the senior veteran, to present the photo of the tablet to Mrs. Cheshire (applause).

Mr. W. H. Godden also congratulated the veterans on their unique performance, and said how pleased he was to be with them on that interesting occasion. He endorsed all that Alderman Pritchett had said.

PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. Wm. Rock Small (who was heartily cheered), on behalf of the veterans thanked all for their cordial congratulations, and said a great honour had been conferred upon him in being asked to present Mrs. Cheshire with the photograph of the peal tablet, recording these two remarkable peals, which she had the honour of unveiling at Coseley. He said he had known Mr. Cheshire a very long time, and probably a

good many round those tables did not know that he had been a bell-ringer and an enthusiast. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Tipton, when he was in his teens, in 1888, and also two peals of Bob Major, and a peal of Stedman Triples. All these were rung at Tipton in 1889, the Stedman being the third peal for the Worcestershire Association. He also rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at Bromsgrove in the same year, and he was the first Coseley man to ring peals of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. He had also rung peals at several churches in the Midlands—ringing about twelve in all. He congratulated Mrs. Cheshire on her recovery from her recent illness, and trusted she would enjoy her health and strength and be as robust as she was before her illness. In presenting the photo to Mrs. Cheshire, he hoped she would accept it in the same spirit in which it was given, and would value it as a memento of the unveiling and the happy gathering at Coseley.

Mr. Harry Mason added a few felicitous remarks, expressing pleasure at seeing Mrs. Cheshire among them again.

Mrs. Cheshire then accepted the gift amid great applause, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. T. Perry 1—2, J. Carter 3—4, J. E. Groves 5—6, J. S. Pritchett 7—8, and J. George 9—10.

A second presentation then took place. Mr. A. E. Law, on behalf of the Coseley ringers, referred to the object for which a peal board had been given. Many years ago, he said, Mr. W. Pardoe introduced change ringing into Coseley, and Mr. W. Cheshire, together with Mr. Ben Gough, used to travel about to different bellfries for the purpose of getting instruction in the different methods, with the result that good progress was made, and soon after Messrs. W. R. Small and Goodman were appointed as instructors to the band. Since then the interest in change ringing had been maintained, and several peals accomplished. Mr. Cheshire promised them a peal board when they could ring a peal of Major, and this was rung at the second attempt. The board recorded one peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, on Friday, May 26th, 1911; a peal of Oxford Bob Triples to commemorate the 28th year of the late Rev. W. Spencer's incumbency as Vicar of Coseley (which was the first peal in the method on the bells), and a peal of Bob Major in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. The peal board was unveiled by Mrs. W. H. Hawthorne, wife of the Vicar's warden, on Saturday, April 17th, 1911. He (Mr. Law) had very great pleasure in asking Mr. W. Fisher, ringing master of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, to present Mr. Cheshire with a photograph of the peal board as a memento of the occasion.

In making the presentation, Mr. Fisher said it was not necessary for him to add very much, as they had already heard from Mr. Law all the details. He had very great pleasure, on behalf of the Coseley ringers, in asking Mr. Cheshire to accept the photograph, which, he hoped, would be appreciated.

MR. CHESHIRE'S THANKS.

Mr. Cheshire, on behalf of his wife, thanked the veterans for the handsome photo of the tablet she had the honour of unveiling at his native church, at Coseley, where he was a chorister and bell ringer for many years. He said it would be greatly prized. He also thanked the Coseley ringers, on his own behalf, for the photo of the peal board he presented to them at Coseley. He would hang the photographs side by side, and take great care of them. He said his ambition, when a ringer, was to make progress, and had all the others been as interested as he was Coseley would have had one of the best bands of ringers in the Midlands. With reference to his wife's illness, he thanked all for the kind words spoken, and for their good wishes.

Mr. Harry Mason, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire for the kind way they had entertained the party that afternoon, said what a delightful time had been spent, and how everyone had enjoyed the hospitality extended to them. It had been a great pleasure to ramble through the beautiful gardens and grounds. He did not think there was such a delightful situation at Erdington, although it was such a pretty district.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in seconding, said he had enjoyed himself, and he was sure everyone else had, as everything had been so bright and cheerful, and the proceedings had gone off so happily. He hoped they would have the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire's company at the next Henry Johnson Memorial dinner.

The vote was enthusiastically carried, the company joining in singing "They are jolly good people."

Mr. Cheshire, in replying, said he was pleased everyone had enjoyed themselves, and he hoped that it would not be the last time they would meet.

Mr. Mason proposed, and Mr. George seconded, a vote of thanks to Ald. Pritchett for presiding, and the Chairman briefly replied.

This concluded the speech-making, and the party then adjourned to the open, where bowls were again played until it was too dark to see "who was who." The majority then proceeded indoors, where Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire kept "open house." The gentlemen enjoyed the fragrant weed and refreshments in the spacious dining-room, while the ladies chatted over coffee in the drawing-room. The gathering broke up about 9 p.m., after one of the most enjoyable times imaginable.

THE TWO PEALS.

It is not out of place, perhaps, to recall the peals which were celebrated in so royal a fashion last Saturday. On November 24th, 1893, eight men met, as eight men often had done before and have done

since, for just an ordinary peal of Kent Treble Bob, and they were successful. Twenty years later, they were still not only all in the land of the living, but all residing within easy reach of Coseley tower, where they were successful in 1893. What more natural, then, than that they should desire to meet and try their hand again as a fitting commemoration? The record of the second performance, published in "The Ringing World" on December 5th, 1913, can be left to speak for itself: "Coseley, Staffordshire. The Midland Counties Association and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. On Monday, November 24th, 1913, in three hours and eleven minutes, at the Parish Church, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5088 changes). Tenor 11 cwt.: Benjamin Gough treble, Harry Mason 2, James Jones 3, James E. Groves 4, John Carter 5, William R. Small 6, James George 7, John T. Perry tenor. Composed by William Sottenstall, and conducted by John Carter. This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the same peal, rung on the same bells and by the same ringers standing in the same order. They are the only two peals of Treble Bob rung on these bells. This second peal was rung in connection with the 60th birthday celebration of Mr. James George."

The number of peals rung by these "veterans" is over 2,200, Mr. James George heading the list with 556.

COMPOSITION.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VIEWS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The useful hints to young composers contained in your issue of September 3rd might well be supplemented by the reminder that, while those who are sufficiently advanced to prove their compositions with certainty may properly ring them if they please, there is much more extensive and laborious study necessary before any such productions should be put into print for public use.

For thirty years and more a plethora of peals has appeared in the ringing journals. By far the greater part of these compositions, when true, are identical with well known ones, or so near them as to forfeit any claim to originality. It has always been a puzzle to me why editors of ringing papers, who should be competent, either themselves or vicariously, to distinguish the meritorious from the plagiarised, do not exercise the same discrimination as most other scientific journals in regard to the admission of worthless technical matter.

The young composer may be assured that it is well nigh impossible to compose a really original peal in any standard method because:—

- (1) Almost every conceivable plan has been already exploited.
- (2) Only those conversant with every existing plan are in a position to attempt a new one.
- (3) In legitimate Triples, where peals are less abundant, their composition is too difficult for any save those who are beyond the need of advice.

It has often been pointed out that the calling of any peal which is a round block (i.e., one which, if continued after rounds have come up, would exactly repeat itself) can begin from any course-end. Thus the same peal can be written out in nearly as many differing ways as there are courses in one of its parts. Many such "transpositions" would look different and produce different music to the original peal, but none the less they are the same composition.

Again, any such peal can be called backwards (I need not here explain this process) and such "reversal" can likewise be prolifically transposed. Many peals can be freely altered by taking out courses in one place and inserting them in another. But, unless the effect is to obtain some advantageous quality non-existent in the original, no credit whatever attaches to such variations.

So, then, I would counsel the young composer, if he values a possible future reputation, to submit his productions to some competent friend before publishing them.—Yours faithfully,

September 6th, 1915.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

A BIRMINGHAM CELEBRITY.

MR. HARRY WITHERS AND HIS DULCIMER.

Although Birmingham has produced many men who have made an imperishable name for themselves in connection with the Exercise, none have been more remarkable than Mr. Harry Withers. He has earned for himself a place on the scroll of fame, not by clever composition, or conducting, as did those giants of other days—Thurstans, Lates and Johnson—but in an entirely different sphere. He is known more by what he has done outside the belfry than in it.

Born in Birmingham on August 14th, 1875, his ringing career commenced in 1896, and he rang his first peal in 1897. Unfortunately he has kept no record of his peals, but they run the whole gamut from Grandsire to London



MR. HARRY WITHERS.

Surprise and Stedman Cinques. He has conducted peals in various methods, one of which was on the occasion of the Coronation of King Edward.

In 1903 he was practising London, and rang his first peal in this method at All Saints', Bristol, in 1904. Shortly afterwards he rang in a peal in this method at King's Norton, conducted by the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in which he was the only man who had previously scored a peal in London.

As we have said before, Mr. Withers is more renowned for what he has done out of the belfry. Among other attainments he has a wonderful ear, and in this connection one of his most remarkable feats was the taking down of every lead-end of the record length (14,112) of London Surprise rung at King's Norton in 1903. When

it is remembered that this peal took eight hours and 45 minutes to ring, and that Mr. Withers had not got the composition before him to refer to, and that every lead-end was absolutely correct at the finish, it will be realised what a stupendous undertaking this was. As an illustration of concentration of mind we should think it has never been equalled, for it is much more difficult for one outside the tower to keep his mind on the ringing than it is for the man who is taking part in the tower.

Another of his extraordinary performances was the "calling" (one cannot say conducting!) of a peal of Superlative Surprise at Selly Oak, from outside the tower, the "calls" being made by means of a bell rigged up in the belfry for the occasion. The "conductor" stood about 30 yards from the bottom of the tower, and pressed the button when a bob was reached. Another attempt for Stedman in similar fashion came to grief after about three-quarters of an hour's ringing through the "call-bell" failing to act.

But it is by his dulcimer that "Harry" is known best of all. He has delighted thousands of ringers (and others) in all parts of the country by his astounding skill with this instrument. In fact, he is such a feature on the musical side of any social gathering of St. Martin's Guild that the members of that Guild would almost lynch the secretary if by any mischance he should omit to have Mr. Withers' name on the programme.

It is futile to attempt a description of the seemingly impossible things Mr. Withers does on his dulcimer, but it may be mentioned, for instance, that he "rings," among other things, and at a moment's notice, a course of London Major! He "rings" it in the true sense of the word, for he does not do it by memorising the changes, but actually by doing the work of every bell by method. Fancy ringing eight bells in London! There is absolutely no doubt as to the genuineness of his method ringing, for on many occasions he has rung touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., called by anyone, who liked to try it on, and he has never failed to satisfy his critics. On Whit-Sunday, 1913, Miss Edith Parker "conducted" a quarter-peal of Stedman performed on the dulcimer by Mr. Withers, and which was "rung" to her entire satisfaction. The usual methods are tapped as though by a machine, but among the real "brain-twisters" of which Mr. Withers has tapped a course may be mentioned Carter's "Annulose," "Scientific," "Shifnal Bob," and that most intricate of all methods, "Carter's Principle." His ability in this department is absolutely marvellous, his gift bordering almost on the uncanny.

And our friend does not stop at change-ringing; he can play almost any tune, secular or sacred, putting in every note as it is written. Pieces differing as widely as the "Hallelujah Chorus" and a selection of popular airs are performed with equal skill and accuracy, and there seems no limit to his repertoire.

Mr. Withers is now carillonneur at Bournville, where there is a carillon of 22 bells by Taylor, and his performances there on Saturday afternoons and on special occasions are quite a musical treat. He has frequently met M. Josef Denyn, the famous Belgian carillonneur, now a refugee in this country, who has complimented him on his ability, and he was not long ago invited to play on the carillon at the Loughborough foundry on the occasion of a visit of the Leicester municipal officers.

Mr. Withers is a member of St. Martin's Guild, Worcestershire, Gloucester and Bristol, and Midland Counties Associations, and the Dudley and King's Norton Guilds.

AN ANCIENT FAMILY OF FOUNDERS. THE ELDRIDGES OF CHERTSEY.

In these days when bell founding is associated principally with a few famous firms, it is really little known that in by-gone centuries some of the most active founders carried on their operations from small provincial towns. Many of them were, of course, itinerant, and cast their bells in the villages where they got their work, for in those days it was oftener easier to take the foundry (or rather the necessary implements) to the bells, than it was to take the bells to the foundry.

The ancient foundry at Wokingham, in Berkshire, is one of the most celebrated, at any rate, in the southern counties, of those early years, and from that foundry, carried on in the latter half of the sixteenth century by Thomas Eldridge and his son Richard, there sprang another, from which many bells were sent out, but whose history is practically unknown among ringers. This foundry was the one established at the Surrey Thames-side town of Chertsey, in those days, probably an important country market town.

350 YEARS AGO.

Thomas Eldridge, the first of the family who has been traced, was casting bells at Wokingham in 1565. Bells cast by Richard Eldridge, presumably Thomas's son and successor, are to be found in considerable number, bearing dates extending from 1592 to 1623, also the product of the Wokingham Foundry, but this enterprising founder seems to have gone further afield and to have set up a branch establishment—a very small affair probably—at Horsham, in Sussex. Antiquarians are inclined to believe that Richard Eldridge took over the business of some other Horsham founder, but in any case his establishment was not an extensive one, for the fact is recorded that in the year 1611 two-thirds of the annual rental, or 6s. 8d., was covered by "casting of a pair of Brasses for the great Bell," which shows that the "Bell Howse" was probably little more than a shed, retained for the convenience of executing local orders. In those days of bad or no roads the element of nearness would weigh much with parsons and churchwardens having bells recast or seeking new ones to add to their peals. Richard Eldridge, who spelt his name "Eldridg" on many bells, adopted almost invariably the inscription "Our hope is in the Lord," with his initials and the date, but one bell at Chobham cast by him is inscribed "In trouble and adversitie the Lord God heare thee." As no bells of his are found of later date than 1623, it is concluded that he died in that year.

THE FIRST CHERTSEY FOUNDER.

He was succeeded by his son Bryan, who was probably the first to settle at Chertsey, although he, too, seems to have cast bells both at Wokingham and Horsham. His earliest bell, probably cast at the last named town, is dated 1618, and is at Ifield, Sussex. It was in the following year that, probably, he set up his furnaces at Chertsey. From 1619 to 1621 he put his full name on the bells he cast, in the same "black letter" that his father used. From 1623 to 1629 he used the ordinary Roman capitals, and put the inscription in Latin, spelling his name "Eldredge." From 1631 to the end of his life—he died in 1640—he placed only his initials on the bells with the motto: "Gloria Deo in Excelsis."

The site of his foundry in Chertsey cannot now be identified, but it is thought to have been in Guildford Street, where, according to his will, his house stood. This

house was bequeathed to his youngest son William, but he bequeathed "to Brian my eldest sonne my Bell howse scituate in Chirtsey with all my workinge tooles," with certain allowances to his daughter and widow.

The business thus passed into the hands of his eldest son, Bryan, the younger, who carried it on for twenty-one years. In spite of the troublous times in which he lived, he, like his father and grandfather, had a large business, if it may be judged by the numerous examples of his bells still in existence. Among others he cast an entire peal of five for Lingfield in 1648—a rather unusual thing for the time of the Civil War. Bryan, the younger, discarded all mottoes, inscribing his bells with only the date and his name. He died in 1661, and in his will said "I give & bequeath unto my loveing brother William Eldridge of Chertsey aforesaid Belfounder all my working tooles implements & vtensells thereunto belonging with my furnices."

— AND THE LAST.

William, the brother, into whose hands the business then fell, had previously been connected with it, for the names of both brothers appear on some bells. William carried on the foundry for over 50 years, and died at the age of 82 in the year 1716. It is probable that his eldest and only surviving son, William, had for some years conducted the business, even if he had not actually succeeded to it, and, there being no bells extant bearing the family name later than 1714, it is considered not unlikely that the foundry, in view of the opposition of the London foundries at this time, was given up.

The Chertsey foundry thus lasted close upon a hundred years, and probably saw many vicissitudes. It must have come in practically on the flood tide of revival in bell founding, which began about 1570; it doubtless had its setbacks in the Civil Wars, but boomed again when peace settled on the land, only to be severely hit and finally extinguished by the trade rivalry which emanated from London, although it is surmised that Barbara Eldridge, a daughter of the first William Eldridge, was the ancestress (probably grandmother) of Thomas Swaine, who succeeded Robert Catlin in the Holborn Bell Foundry.

INTERESTING MILITARY RECORD.

At St. Mary's Church, Wendover, Bucks, on Sunday week, an interesting performance was put up by a band of ringers all belonging to H.M. Forces, stationed at Halton Camp. They rang a quarter-peal, consisting of ten and a half six-scores (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles for evening service: Pte T. Gregory, Berks Regiment, 1; Pte J. Snow, 4th Devons. 2; Pte R. Holder, 4th Royal Sussex (conductor), 3; Pte P. Worgan, 5th Somerset, 4; Pte W. H. Sleeman, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 5; Corpl. Canson, 5th Gloucesters, 6. It will be observed that the ringers belonged to six different regiments. They came from six different counties, and are all on active service. This surely must be a record.

5060 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

By SAMUEL WOOD.

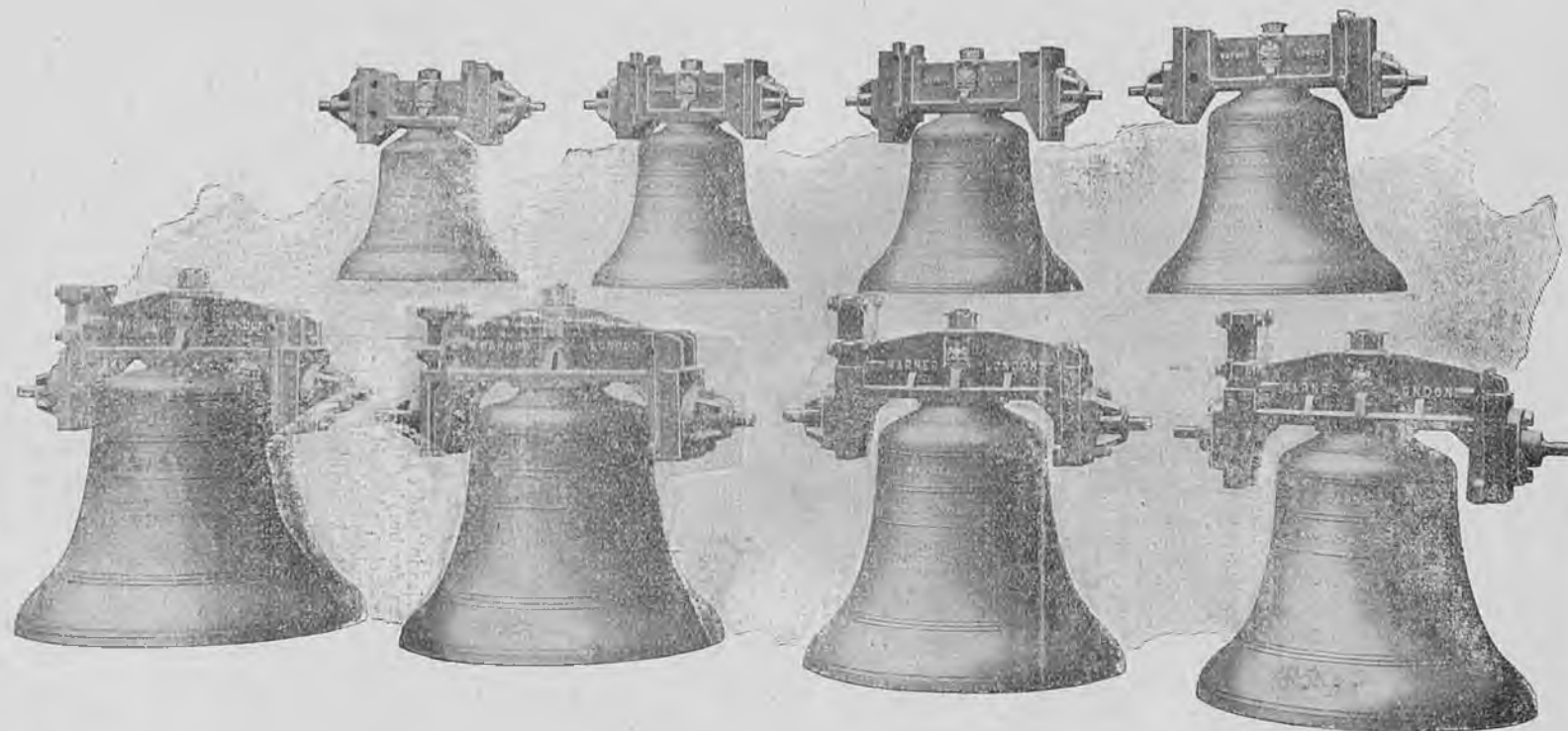
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52436	11 in 4	52364	11 in 4 *	52346	11 in 4
45236	7 in 4	35264	7 in 4	35216	7 in 4
24536	7 in 4	23564	7 in 4	23546	7 in 4
43526	11 in 4	36524	11 in 4	34526	11 in 4
32546	11 in 4	62534	11 in 4	42536	11 in 4
53246	7 in 4	56234	7 in 4	54236	7 in 4
25346	7 in 4	25634	7 in 4	25436	7 in 4
54326	11 in 4	53624	11 in 4	53426	11 in 4
42356	11 in 4	62354	11 in 4 S	32456	11 in 4
34256	7 in 4	36254	7 in 4	42356	7 in 4
23456	7 in 4	23654	7 in 4	24356	7 in 4

Brought round by bobs at 1-1-2-1S-1-1-2-1-1 leads.

* Single on 9-10.

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The old bell-frame, which was of metal, has also been cleared out and replaced with an entirely new one on the best engineering principles, consisting of massive steel girders and heavy iron castings to support the bearings, strongly braced together and so constructed as to obviate any undue thrust upon the walls of the tower.

The frame has also been constructed to carry eight bells on the one level, but at present it only contains the six old bells with their new fittings. It is, however, part of the present scheme to have the six old bells recast into a new peal of eight when the European War is over.

The bells, as mentioned in our last issue, were opened on Saturday, August 28th, and are now giving great satisfaction to the town of Devizes.

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY

231456	6	19
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413265	—	
314562	—	
312475	—	
213564	—	
214365	—	

Repeat the last six courses five times, calling first course in each part respectively, as follows: A—S2, 6, S13, S15, 19. B—S2, 6, S10, S13, S15, 19. C—S2, 6, S13, S15, 19. D—2, 6, S13, S15, 19. E—S2, 6, S13, S15, 19. It will be observed that A, C and E have the same culling, and that B and D are very similar. All the six course blocks contain the 7—8 and 8—7 inverted titlums, the titlums and the hand-stroke home position respectively, with the same consecutive order of course-ends in each block. The 5th and 6th bells are uniformly 'o-geller, and 2—3—4 the only three bells before.

* Call opening course—2, 5, 8, 9, S10, S17, 18, 20.

NO RINGING AFTER DARK IN LONDON.

The Bishop of London has issued a request that church bells in the Metropolis should not be rung after dark. In consequence the present arrangements for practices at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are suspended, but ringing for Divine service will take place as usual. We understand Saturday afternoon practices are contemplated, but at present nothing has been definitely settled.

FRENCH BELLS.

One well known English ringer, who is serving with the Army somewhere in France, tells us that he has heard a good many bells out there, but the large ones have been poor, except one or two. The small, single bells, however, are mostly good.

THE SEXTON'S CHARGE.

The issue of "The Observer," of Sept. 3rd, 1815, contained the following paragraph:—

"The sexton of a parish church in Shropshire insisted on a poor man who had his leg amputated paying sixpence for burying it in consecrated ground. The pauper appealed to the Rector, who said he could not relieve him in the present case, but would consider it in his fees, when the remainder of his body came to be buried!"

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins.: Pte C. Cook (Essex N.R.) 1, D. Dawson 2, W. Hawkes 3, W. Sharpington 4, Sergt. E. Dawson (Metropolitan Police, Westminster) 5, H. Sharpington (conductor) 6.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Sept. 4th, 720 Oxford Bob: P. Whire 1, *P. Matthews 2, A. E. Austin 3, *S. Nunn 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Hurry 6. *First 720 in the method. Also 360 College Single: E. Finch 1, F. Matthews 2, W. H. Carr 3, A. B. Austin 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Hurry 6. First touch of College Single by all but the ringer of the 5th.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.—Central Northants Association.—For morning service, on June 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hopper 1, T. Law 2, A. Andrews 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. W. Sharp 5, A. J. Mawby 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, J. C. Dean 8. A short touch of Grandsire Triples were also rung.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On August 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Hulme (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, S. Churton (conductor) 3, C. Woodward 4, T. Austin 5, E. Landon 6, C. H. Page 7, J. Simister 8. This quarter-peal was arranged to celebrate the marriage of C. H. Page, which took place recently.

NOTICES.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 21st; and for service on the 12th at 6 p.m. At the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on the 23rd, and for business on the 14th and 28th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, 6d. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in Schools, to all giving notice to G. Drake, 3, Empsall Row, Bonegate Road, Brighouse, not later than 7th prox. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Leighton Buzzard on September 11th. The Leighton bells will be available at 2.30 and the Linsdale bells at 6.30. Tea at Woods and Co., High Street, at 5. Service at Leighton Church at 6, with an address by the Rev. J. J. A. Stockton. — A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stockland on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; service at 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m.; meeting to follow. Cannington bells will be available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 5 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run to Trysull will take place on Saturday, September 11th. Meet at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittwell on Saturday, September 11th. Service 5 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. Tea 9d. each to members, and meeting at Blue Boar.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moor-side on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. — Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alvechurch on Saturday, September 18th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Tea in the schools, 10d. each, will be provided for all who let me know on or before Wednesday, September 15th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, September 18th. Bells open at 3 p.m., service at 5, tea at 5.30, kindly notify early.—George W. Tomkins, 35, Monk Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) available all afternoon and evening. All subscriptions due should now be sent to me as soon as possible. — H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bus leaves Town Hall, Northampton, 2.30 for Yardley. Will all who require tea please notify me by Tuesday, September 14th.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, September 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Meeting and tea at the Bath Arms Hotel to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Leonard Brightman, Honorary District Secretary pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, September 25th. The bells (8) will be available; service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous. Election of branch officers at this meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, September 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Reuben Sanders has removed to 61, Moody Street, Bancroft Road, Mile End, E.

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