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**BELLS,
CARILLONS,
CLOCKS.**

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

A subject of very considerable importance, as well as of interest, to ringers, is raised by a correspondent's inquiry with regard to the wedging of wooden bell frames. It arose out of a previous question in relation to the same matter, and in order that our readers shall have the most authentic opinion, we have submitted the enquiry to one of the best-known experts and give his reply. We direct special attention to what he says, because there are probably hundreds of towers up and down the country where the pernicious habit prevails of wedging a loose frame to the walls of the tower.

Ringers are, after all, the actual custodians of the bells, and it should be realised that the care does not end with the good 'go' of the bells themselves. The tower, as well as the frame, should be their responsibility, and it is gratifying to know that in these more enlightened days ringers generally stand fast for the calling in of an expert bellhanger when defects begin to reveal themselves in the way the bells respond to the rope. But there are many cases, such as that which has led to the present inquiry, in which in days past the village carpenter, or some similarly inexperienced person, has been called in, and his handiwork is beginning to show itself to-day. The danger that arises from wedging is that the thrust of the bells is conveyed to the walls in the form of hammer blows, which must eventually have the effect of weakening the tower. The sooner this is realised in the case of all towers where there are wedges in existence, the better it will be, for attention now and the application of the proper remedy will be the cheapest method in the long run.

It does not follow, by any means, that every loose frame, or one that is tightened up by being wedged to the walls, need be scrapped. By means of good and careful workmanship, many old wood frames could be made thoroughly good and sound structures, without danger to the fabric of the tower. Indeed, there are even advantages in utilising the old frames, for, when this is possible, the timber is so thoroughly settled down that no further shrinkage is likely to take place after it has been tightened up. But it is not a job for the local blacksmith or carpenter. There is nothing to which the old saw of 'a stitch in time' can be more aptly applied than to the restoration of bells. Church authorities are too prone to consider that bells are things which require little or no attention, and there are numerous instances where the ringers have to provide even the necessary grease out of their own funds. It should be the aim of every tower band to bring home to the authorities, where the responsibilities are not already realised, the importance of maintaining the bells in good condition, if only for the fact that the longer they are neglected the more expensive will be the cost of restoration.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER... .. Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 6
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2	JOSEPH HERRBERT... .. 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	FRANK BALL 8
WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 9
ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 5	HORATIO J. GUMMER Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by A. D. BARKER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* WILLIAM H. PICKETT Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE CARD 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	HORATIO J. GUMMER 7
* ISAAC ATTWATER 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER Treble	EDWIN J. BROWN 5
† WILLIAM ABRAHAMS 2	† FREDERICK TYLER 6
† SIDNEY ABRAHAMS 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	* OLIVER HARDWIDGE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE Treble	HARRY BUNGAY 5
FRANK MILLARD 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR 6
EDWARD LLOYD 3	EDWARD WYATT 7
GEORGE SIBLEY 4	JAMES HUNT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

The peal was arranged to oblige the ringers of 4, 5 and 6, who hail from Ilminster.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD T. OSBORNE Treble	RICHARD RUNHAM 5
GILBERT GOODSHIP 2	† HORACE OSBORNE 6
* GEORGE WIGGIN 3	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 7
† ROBERT BISHOP... .. 4	* WILLIAM SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD RUNHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire with bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung after the wedding of Mr. H. P. B. Hoare to Miss K. M. Manning. All are members of St. Giles' Society. G. Wiggin was elected a member of Oxford Guild before starting.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	JAMES T. SHAW 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	WILLIAM HARRISON 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

Contains the 6th the extent wrong and home without the 2nd and 3rd in 6th's in the minimum number of changes, and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Brookes, who is leaving for Hutfeld, and as a birthday peal for J. T. Shaw, and a wedding peal for A. Helliwell.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	GEORGE ILLMAN 5
*ALBERT GEAR 2	WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 6
ALBERT WOOD 3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 4	HENRY W. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN H. WHITE Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
*GEORGE COOK 2	GEORGE MARRINER 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	JOHN HOYLE 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* First peal of Major with a bob bell.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

*FREDERICK COLL Treble	JOSEPH J. POWERS 5
*DANIEL ELLINGHAM 2	WILLIAM NASH 6
†STANLEY HONOUR 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JOHN SHEPHERD 4	GEORGE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Marquis of Salisbury.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*JACK HAIGH Treble	*STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
RICKS PAINE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM HAIGH 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

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BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
JOHN H. EDWARDS 2	ALBERT F. EDWARDS 6
JOHN SINDEN 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
*ROBERT CURTIS 4	TRAYTON BOOTH Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal for 27 years. Messrs. Curtis and Sinden belong to the local band, the rest to Salehurst.

BIRCH, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*P.C. GEORGE PYE Treble	*P.C. JOHN CARTER 5
ALFRED FROST 2	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 6
FRANK STONELEY 3	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON 7
*P.C. WALTER BILLINGE ... 4	*P.C. JAMES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal. The above police constables are members of the Manchester City Police Force.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	WILLIAM WILCOX 5
*JOHN A. WEBSTER 2	MISS EVELYN STEEL 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Miss Steel (Bedford) was elected a life member prior to starting the peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BOLTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE Treble	JAMES COTTERELL 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
JOHN BODDY 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 4	JOHN PALFRAMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of Bradford to St. James and as a birthday compliment to Joseph E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, Tom Cotterell and the conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Treble	*WALTER RUFFLES 5
*SIDNEY ROWE 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Mr. Ruffles had only rung three courses of Bob Major prior to starting for the peal.

SAMBLESBURY, LANCs.—On Sunday August 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for afternoon service: R. F. Deal (conductor) 1, J. Armstrong 2, J. Bailey 3, P. Cave 4, B. A. Knights 5, R. Sanderson 6, E. Harwood 7, E. Armstrong 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CHURCHILL, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Oct. 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT STURDY Treble	WALTER BUSBY 4
HERBERT SHAYLER 2	WALTER LARGE 5
JACK KEYTE 3	ALFRED SHAYLER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

This is the first peal upon the bells since they were rehung.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 different six-scores.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* WILLIAM H. BRIGGS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
CHARLES H. BRIGGS 2	* EDGAR CHAMBERLAIN 5
GEORGE WOOD 3	* LEONARD B. HINCKS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. The peal was arranged for these ringers.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandall, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholar's and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAS. FERNLEY Treble	* H. HALLWORTH, JUN. 4
† J. P. FIDLER 2	H. LANGLEY 5
W. FERNLEY 3	J. W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., B.D.) and the Curate (Rev. A. B. Waggett, L.Th.), who have both entered the parish during the past twelve months. † First peal away from the treble. * First peal. All are members of local band.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT Treble	JAMES HOWARD 4
* EDWIN R. GOATE 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
† ERNEST COOK 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on an inside bell. Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Beccles.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	* JOHN T. FREEMAN 4
GEORGE FLINTHAM 2	ARCHIE C. STOKES 5
GEORGE CHESTER 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in March last, the old treble being recast and a new treble added. The bells are now a fine ring, fitted with ball bearings throughout, and hung in a new iron eight-bell frame, the 'go' being excellent. The same band rang the first 720 on the bells on March 14th last on the occasion of their dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK NORRIS Treble	WILLIAM H. NEWELL 4
FREDERICK REEVE 2	OWEN BAYES 5
* WILLIAM C. BRUTON 3	* WILLIAM M. BATCHELOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

* First peal and first attempt. The tenor man is the first North-church ringer to ring a peal.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob Minor.

HUBERT BOORMAN Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
GEORGE BELL 2	LEWIS NEWMAN 5
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE 3	HARRY BELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ELDRIDGE.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Oct. 25, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of the following seven methods: 720 each of Roystone Delight, Morning Pleasure, Nelson's Delight, Duke of Clarence, Sandal Exercise, York Minster and York Delight. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT CHAMBERLIN Treble	* THOMAS HILTON 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	CHARLES WALSH Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
MAURICE SMITHER 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 14 in D.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and ETHEL WOOD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Clapham.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

W. H. J. HOORON (Queens') 1-2	* B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) 3-4	H. G. BENSON (King's) 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal on an inside pair.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MID-WEEKLY GATHERING.

A mid-week meeting at a six-bell tower was held on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, quite a large gathering of ringers being present, the attendance numbering just over 30. For about two hours the bells were kept going in short touches, so that everybody had an opportunity to ring, amongst the methods rung being Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At a short business meeting held in the tower, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. H. de G. Rayner) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. C. Ringrose for the welcome given to the society. It is to be hoped that as a result of this meeting the local band will be encouraged to further improve themselves in change ringing.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that he was very sorry to have to report that since the last meeting they had lost, by death, two of their members, both of Walthamstow: Mr. George T. Clayton, of the St. Mary's Society, who died on October 8th, and Mr. Oliver L. Twist, of the St. Saviour's Society, who died on October 10th. Mr. Clayton was a few years ago the author of some interesting articles on Stedman Variations. He had been ill for some time, which had prevented him doing any sort of ringing. Mr. Twist had been hon. secretary to the St. Saviour's Society, and had died suddenly from pneumonia. Only on the Sunday previous to his death he had rung two quarter peals at St. Saviour's and St. Mary's Churches.—A sincere vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the deceased members by all present standing in silence for a few moments.

KETTERING RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Wm. Horden, of Kettering, who for many years was leader of the local band, and was much respected by a large circle of Northants ringers. Sixty-two years of age, Mr. Horden carried on business as a watchmaker and jeweller. For 40 years he was sidesman at the Parish Church, and he remained foreman of the ringers until just prior to the war. Owing to the pressure of business, he rang only six peals, viz., three of Grandsire Triples, one of Stedman Triples and one each on the treble of Superlative and London Surprise, but he was always regular in attendance for service ringing.

At the funeral four ringers acted as bearers (Messrs. D. J. Nicols, F. Sawfoot, A. V. Inns and A. E. Payne). The service was choral, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on hand-

bells by: A. V. Inns 1-2, J. E. Chapman 3-4, D. J. Nicols 5-6, C. Chapman 7-8, F. Sawfoot 9-10. In the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells, but this was unfortunately lost by a shift course, after an hour and a half's ringing. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 62 times to denote the deceased's age. Mr. Horden will be sadly missed by all who had enjoyed his friendship.

THE MAKING OF A CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having following the correspondence appearing on this subject, and knowing the importance of bands being guided to do the best thing and so give every member a fair chance, it appears to me that the one best thing to do is to have some practical suggestions. To that end I wish to explain the system adopted at Halesowen (an eight-bell tower), and started by our late Ringing Master, Mr. Raybould. We had at that time several young conductors, and a weekly rota for four conductors for the quarter was made out. The weekly ringing comprised Sunday services, 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.: weekly practice, 1½ hours; occasional ringing for festivals, weddings, etc. This rota was hung in the belfry, and the ringer whose name appeared for the week had the right to conduct whatever came along. Of course, difficulties arose, sickness, holidays, etc., but this system has been followed for nearly 20 years, and has been quite successful and satisfactory to the band. The four conductors that started have successfully conducted peals of Stedman Triples and other methods, and at present we have five conductors on our rota out of a band of ten.

I give our system, in the hope that it may help and encourage leaders or Ringing Masters, and also young aspirants, and ringing bands to try it. I feel sure, with an enthusiastic leader and a loyal band, success will come.

Halesowen.

G. CORKIN.

MORETON CORBET.—The Salop Guild.—On Sunday, August 29th, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor but the bells were allowed to run round after four 720's had been rung, owing to one of the band feeling ill. The four 720's were one 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and one 720 Grandsire Minor (2,880 changes). Longest length of Minor on the bells: E. V. Rodenhurst 1, W. D. Wase 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, S. Wood (of Ashton-under-Lyne) 4, W. Weatherby 5, W. Saunders 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Name' peals are not a recent innovation, for on Nov. 3rd, 1796, ten Williams, including, we believe, William Shipway, rang a peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

Mr. John Smith, ringer and verger at St. Martin's Church, Tipton died on Tuesday of last week, after a short illness. He was first secretary of the Worcestershire Association (1885 to 1904), and a member of the Dudley Guild and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs.

The two last-named associations have also sustained a loss by the recent death of Mr. Albert Little, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Society.

The ringer of the 9th in the peal at Southwark Cathedral, published last week, was Charles W. R. Grimwood, not R. S. Grimwood, as printed.

The anniversary of the first double-handed handbell peal fell on the 30th October. On that day in 1811 a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Sheffield. Many of our readers will remember that a centenary peal was rung in 1911.

THE WEDGING OF BELL FRAMES.

DANGER TO TOWER WALLS.

The question replied to in our issue of Oct. 22nd, as to the advisability of wedging loose bell frames to the tower walls, has prompted the further inquiry, 'When a peal of bells are to be relung in the old frame which has been wedged to the walls of the tower and become loose, is it wise to take out the wedges and make the frame good by other methods, or to insert new thin wedges, between the old wedges and the walls?'

This matter is one of great importance, and we append the opinion of one of the leading practical experts of this country, to whom the question was submitted. He writes:—

'If the bell frame has been wedged to the walls of the tower, it is evident that this was necessary on account of the loose or weak condition of the framework. To merely make the wedges (which are said to have become loose) fast, would, in the great majority of cases, be a dangerous thing to do, as it would be throwing the whole strain of the bells direct upon the tower walls. A properly constructed bell frame, whether in wood or metal, is so braced that it is rigid in itself. It absorbs the strains, and by the time they are conducted to the foundation members, they are evenly distributed, and reduced to a minimum. A weak frame tied to the walls at the top timbers simply acts as a battering ram. Many old timber frames can be satisfactorily restored with tie bolts and angle cleats. In the majority of old bell frames, the diagonal braces between the top and bottom timbers have their tenons merely pinned, and there are no vertical tie bolts fitted to tighten up the joints. After the natural shrinkage of the timbers the joints become loose, and the framework develops lateral movement. If the timber is sound, of proper proportions, and supported by good sound floor beams, vertical tie bolts can be fitted by boring through the whole depth of the frame (top timbers, braces and bottoms). These bolts are usually fitted with a nut and plate at each end for convenience in insertion. A bolt should be inserted through every diagonal brace, and when all are tightly screwed up, the framework is made rigid and can be kept so. If, however, the framework is weak, and poor in construction, it is most inadvisable to try and patch it up. Any bell frame, however strengthened, which has to depend upon wedging to the walls, ought to be scrapped. A careful examination should, however, be made by an expert before this could be decided upon.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the N.E. Division was held at Tollesbury on Saturday, October 23rd. The Vicar took a rope in the ringing, conducted the service, and gave an address, in the course of which he referred to the history of the bells. Two are by Miles Gray, dated 1604 and 1661; one by T. Gardner, of Sudbury, 1728; another is by T. Mears, 1794, while the 2nd is dated 1872, and treble 1796, recast 1904. An entry in the register states that bells were hung in the tower and oak beams placed there on November 26th, 1633. These beams still remain.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and at the business meeting Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, presided, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Carter), and Mr. H. T. Pye, district secretary. The following new members were elected: Mr. H. B. Gardner, Goldhanger, hon. ringing member; Messrs. Arthur Appleton and S. J. White, G. Clarke and F. Clarke, Wormingford; J. R. Girling and A. C. Girling, Thorington; F. Garraod and T. Frost, Tollesbury, ringing members and probationers.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. Carter for his able address, for arranging and superintending the tea, and for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, also to the organist and those assisting at tea.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange.—The following towers were represented: Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Colchester, Chelmsford, Goldhanger, Little Horkesley, Maldon, Great Tatham, Tollesbury and Rettendon.

THE LATE MR. BOWEN COOKE.**CLOSE OF A LIFE OF INTENSE ACTIVITY.**

As briefly recorded last week, the Exercise has to mourn the death of one of its honoured members in Mr. Charles Bowen Cooke, of Crewe, president of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Owing to work of national importance during the war—additional to the great responsibility of his position as chief mechanical engineer of the L. and N.W. Railway Company—Mr. Cooke recently developed heart trouble. His doctor prescribed a complete rest, and accordingly he withdrew to his holiday home in Cornwall. From reports received he seems never to have gained any appreciable recovery, and, unfortunately, when influenza supervened, it proved too great a strain upon the enfeebled heart. The end came on the 18th inst., Mr. Cooke being 61 years of age.

Mr. Cooke was a 'son of the Manse,' and became interested in bells in his earliest years in his father's parish. He brought his interest to Crewe when he moved there to serve an apprenticeship in the engine shops. It was then that he met the late Mr. R. T. Holding, and through him gained his knowledge of practical change ringing. He occupied the position of chairman of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, and in 1914 he succeeded the late Archdeacon Barber as Master of the Guild. In this capacity he proved a powerfully inspiring and unifying force. Always accessible, he won the confidence and respect of the members, and increasingly so as the years passed. In one way or another he was in the habit of comparing his position as director of the activities of thousands of men with his position as being under the direction of a conductor when ringing, and would then enforce the necessity of a guiding authority in social matters generally, and of prompt surrender to it if progress was to be made and success achieved. He rang five peals—his last, Grandsire Caters, during his Mayoralty in 1919. A real gentleman, an attractive personality and a safe guide, his death is a keen loss to the Guild and a cause of deep sorrow to every member. Conscious of that loss, we are the better able to appreciate the greater loss sustained by his wife and family, and, in sincerity, to sympathise with them. One married daughter sailed for the Malay States only a few days prior to her father's death, anticipating that he was well on the road to recovery.

Educated at Cheltenham, King's College, and on the Continent, Mr. Cooke served an apprenticeship in the Crewe shops, of which he was subsequently to become the chief. After occupying various posts of importance, he was appointed chief mechanical engineer in 1909, and was responsible for the design of some of those wonderful engines which have maintained the L.N.W.R. in the forefront of railways in this country. Mr. Cooke was a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and apart from his professional position, fulfilled an important part in the social life of Crewe, where he devoted himself to the welfare of the townspeople, whose prosperity is so much dependent upon the railway. Mr. Cooke was a member of the Town Council and Mayor in 1917-18; he was also a borough and county magistrate; a member of the Cheshire County Council representing the South Ward of Crewe; president of Crewe Cottage Hospital; president of the Crewe Men's Brotherhood; president of the Crewe Mechanics' Institution and Social Club; president of the Crewe Alexandra Athletic Club, and officially connected with other local organisations. Mr. Bowen Cooke led a strenuous life during the war, when the greater part of the Crewe engineering shops were utilised for the manufacture of munitions. In June, 1916, he was gazetted a major in the Engineer and Railway Staff Corps. At the end of 1917 he went on a mission to America, and several times visited France in connection with railway engineering matters. He served on several committees appointed by the Government, and it was conferring honour where honour was due when, in January, 1918, he was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

From this brief summary, it will be seen what an intensely active life Mr. Cooke led, and yet, as far as his duties permitted, he was present regularly Sunday by Sunday to take his part in ringing for service at Christ Church.

The funeral took place at Falmouth, and a memorial service was held at Crewe.

Both before and after the memorial service, the bells at the above church were rung muffled by the Crewe ringers, all of them being L. and N.W. Railway employees.

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To celebrate the wedding of the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Hertford College Youths (Mr. Herbert J. Gray) on Sept. 22nd, members of this society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., conducted by the Master, Col. H. Baker: B. Tyler 1, R. Dore 2, A. E. Creasey 3, W. Greenaway (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Wright 5, J. Ludley 6, H. Baker 7, A. E. Akers 8. The wedding took place in Sussex.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Monday, August 30th, at St. Nicholas' 1260 of Grandsire Caters: G. Clayton 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, D. Heywood 3, C. Harding 4, W. J. E. Jones 5, A. Webber 6, A. Wright 7, W. J. Lee 8, B. Thompson 9, C. H. Thain 10.

DEATH OF MR. V. SEAR.**A PIONEER OF RINGING AT BLETCHLEY.**

One of the oldest and most respected of North Bucks ringers, Mr. Valentine Sear, of Yew Tree Cottage, Bletchley, passed suddenly away after a short illness at No. 3, Waterloo Rd., Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, where at the time he was on a short visit to Mr. J. Sear, his only brother. Mr. Sear, whose age was over 70, had on the previous Sunday taken part in the ringing at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, for evening service. He had been for a number of years a well-known member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was the pioneer of change ringing at Bletchley, and the oldest member of the St. Mary's band. He had always taken a great interest in ringing, and was one of the very few who have 'pricked' out a full peal of Grandsire Triples. He took part in 23 peals, his first being rung at Harrow-on-the-Hill in 1899, and his last (a peal of Stedman Triples by the local band) on July 5th, 1919, rung in commemoration of the signing of peace at St. Mary's, Bletchley. He had held the position of sexton at St. Mary's for a great number of years, and was always a willing worker in any other branch of Church work. Not only will he be greatly missed in the belfry and by his fellow churchworkers, but also by his numerous friends and by all who knew him.

The funeral took place on October 23rd at St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, amidst many expressions of respect and regret. The service was choral, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Bennett). Ringers, chosen from the St. Mary's band, bore the coffin from the church to the graveside, a most impressive service being brought to a close by the choir singing a portion of hymn No. 401. Amongst the various bodies represented were the churchwardens, the Parochial Council, ringers of St. Mary's, and various neighbouring towers, the railway electrical staff and the telegraph section, with all of which he had been connected in the past.

After the service, the 'whole pull and stand' and a touch of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled.

On Sunday, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. E. Reader, Loughborough (brother-in-law of deceased), and for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 224 Double Norwich and 336 Stedman Triples, Mr. A. G. Crane, Southgate, and Mr. J. D. Mathews, London, taking part.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION**MEETING AT HUNTINGDON.**

A very successful meeting of the Hunts District of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association was held at Huntingdon on Oct. 16th, when the three towers of St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (8), Huntingdon, and Godmanchester (8) were open for ringing, and in them various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. About 30 ringers were present from Huntingdon, St. Neots, Great Staughton, Chatteris, Everton, Long Stanton, Newmarket, Melbourn, Cambridge Town, Cambridge University, Peterborough, and one from far-off Grantham. There were three lady ringers present.

A service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Neil Smith, who gave an excellent address.

Tea was followed by a meeting, at which the Rev. Neil Smith presided. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ely on January 29th, subject to the convenience of the authorities.—Messrs. G. E. Harfield and E. Herring, of Huntingdon, were elected members, and Mr. J. J. Jutson, of Peterborough, a life member of the association.—Mr. Jutson expressed a hope that the members of the Hunts District would pay a friendly visit to Peterborough before long, and the District Secretary (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) said that he had no doubt they would be pleased to do so.—Votes of thanks having been passed to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and to the Rev. Neil Smith for his address, the Vicar, in reply, observed that he was very pleased to welcome the ringers to Huntingdon.

Altogether the meeting gave the impression that ringing was looking up in the neighbourhood, and friendly interest extended to a wide circle.

H. B. W.

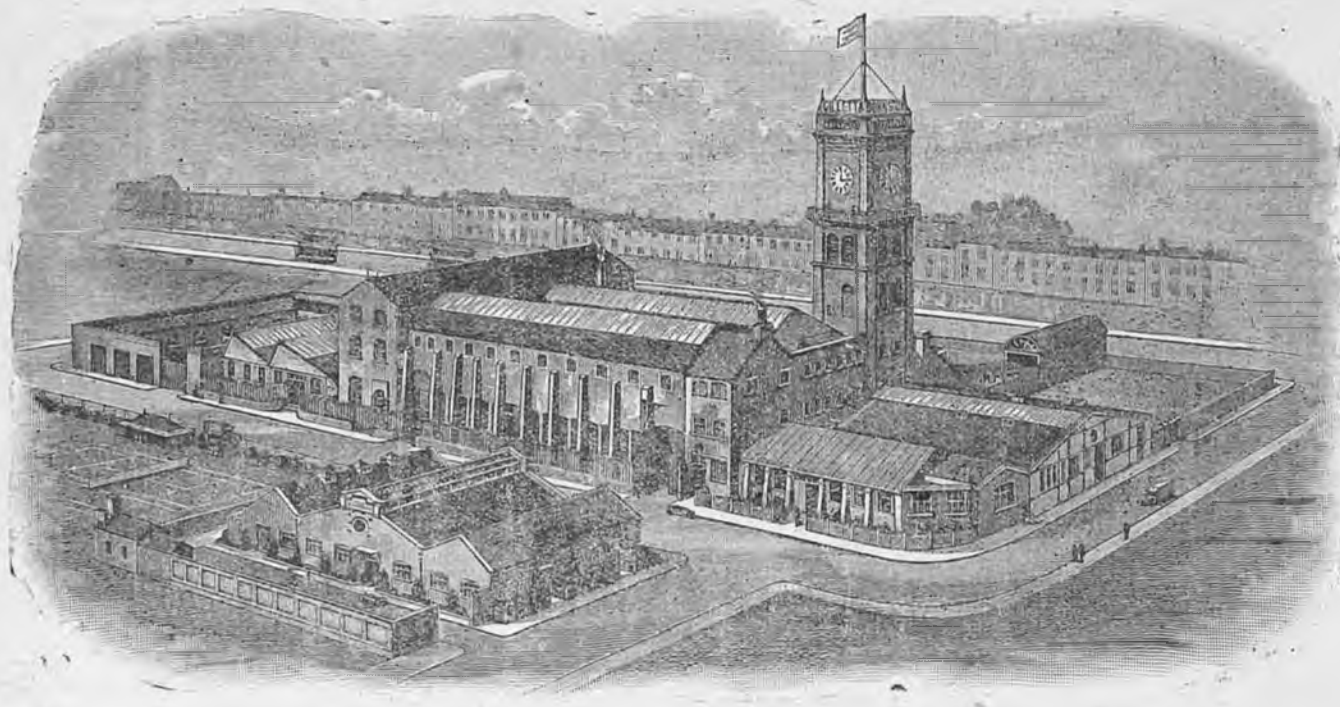
BROCKLEY'S SILENT BELLS.

A correspondent writing to the 'Kentish Mercury' last week says: 'It was with surprise that I heard that St. Peter's Church, Brockley, possessed a complete peal of bells, which have never been rung owing to local opposition. Possibly this information will be news to a large number of your present readers in the neighbourhood. It would be interesting to know whether these bells still exist, and, if so, whether the prejudice of thirty years ago persists to-day, as, otherwise, there are surely many, like myself, who would delight in hearing the peal at suitable times and on special occasions.'

We are informed that a parishioner of St. Peter's, the late Mr. T. H. Fry, who learned to ring at St. John's Church, Lewisham Road, a church in close proximity to St. Peter's, offered to defray the cost of a ring of eight bells, but encountered a very large amount of opposition on the part of residents, who presented a petition to the Ecclesiastical authorities. This was heard at Southwark, and to the great regret of ringers and sympathisers, was upheld.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT BARKING

A very pleasant meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday, October 16th. Some very excellent touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative were brought round before tea. At the business meeting held in the tower presided over by the District Master, one new member was elected, viz., Mr. A. C. Chaplin, of Dagenham. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. Fenn for having everything in readiness. The association wishes to express special thanks to Mr. Fenn and the Barking band for the welcome extended, and will look forward with pleasure to the next visit.

After the meeting several more touches were successfully concluded, those members who turned up being delighted with the 'tone' and 'go' of this beautiful old peal.

FOUR QUARTERS AT ACTON.

At St. Mary's Church, Acton, London, four quarter-peals of Grand-sire Triples have been rung as follows:—August 22nd: A. E. Smith 1, *S. D. Breeze 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Boddington 4, Arthur Shepherd (Hatfield) 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Vickery 7, H. E. Easton 8. October 1st, harvest festival: H. Wincote 1, J. W. Frith 2, C. Brown 3, J. E. Rootes 4, C. Edwards 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Vickery 7, S. D. Breeze 8. Oct. 3rd, harvest festival: J. Smith 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Boddington 4, *R. A. Fardon 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, C. Edwards 7, S. D. Breeze 8. Oct. 3rd, after evensong: Mrs. Dobbie 1, H. Wincote 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, J. E. Rootes 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, C. Dobbie 7, H. Easton 8. † First quarter peal. * First quarter inside.

READING RINGERS AT BRISTOL.

Ten members of St. Mary's Society, Reading, recently had an enjoyable two days' excursion to Bristol. Leaving on Saturday, they reached the western city soon after 10 a.m., and were met by Mr. A. E. Reeves, who conducted the party to St. Phillip's, where Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. After dinner, the visitors made their way to the Suspension Bridge and Clifton Downs, and later met at St. Andrew's, Clifton, and rang Grand-sire, Stedman and Double Norwich. In the evening, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and Stedman Caters at St. James's.

On Sunday morning, touches of Stedman Caters were rung at St. Nicholas' Church before and after morning service, while the afternoon was spent with Mr. J. B. Tyler, mine host of the Swan Hotel, with the handbells. Reading was reached again at 8.50 p.m., after one of the most enjoyable outings the society has ever had. The best thanks are due to the various steeplekeepers and other Bristol friends who did so much to make the outing such a success, more especially to Mr. A. E. Reeves, who was responsible for all arrangements and acted as guide and friend of the party for two days. The ringers who made the journey were: Messrs. W. P. Routh, J. Swain, F. Hopgood, H. Hopgood, A. Watmore, W. A. Webb, R. Sawyer, J. Goodenough, A. Jeffery, E. Holloway and C. Giles.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL WAR MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can I appeal through your columns for support in our object of adding two bells to the present ring of eight, at Berkeley Parish Church, Gloucester, as a memorial to our fallen members? As indicated below we have made a wonderful collection notwithstanding the fact that only about 30 per cent. of the collecting cards have been returned. I should like to appeal to all those who have cards to get them filled in as quickly as possible, and I am sure that the association would be extremely grateful for assistance, large or small, from life members, even though they reside far from us. Any donations would be acknowledged through the post and in these columns from time to time.—Yours faithfully,

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Tickets, 8/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, A. R. Macdonald, A. S. Miller, H. R. Newton, A. E. Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, R. Sanders, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing will be St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 5.30 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea 6.15.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Soham (10 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, Newmarket.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 4 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Panther, Sec. (pro tem.), 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, 1/3 each. Election of officers after tea.—H. Dickins, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Weekley on Nov. 6th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston (by kind permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be served at the Church Room at a reasonable charge. Business meeting to follow.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Working Men's Club. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. St. Mary's bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Deanery Class Room at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting.—W. H. George, District Sec., 1, Newtown Road, Eastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at SS. Phillip and Jacob's, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in the schoolroom. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Nov. 9th those requiring tea.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—George Stacey, Minehead.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th (election of officers). *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Nov. 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The November meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 13th. Bells (12) open at 3 o'clock. Short service in the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea will be served in the Wostenholm Hall at 5.45, to those who notify me not later than the 10th, at a charge of 1/3 per head. As this meeting will give us an introduction to Archdeacon Lisle Carr and Bishop Heddy Burrows, a full attendance is very desirable.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne and Hoddesdon on Nov. 13th, when the bells of both towers will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 'The Welcome' at 5 o'clock, 1/-; business meeting after. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready 4.30. Meeting 6.30.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells at 4. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nutfield on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Ringing 2 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 1/6 if ordered from Hon. Sec., Rev. F. Tennison, Shrewsbury, before Nov. 9th.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Isham, Northants, on Nov. 20th. Further particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East district will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow. All requiring tea should advise me by the 17th inst. The charge for same will be 1/6.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Michael's tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 to be followed by the annual business meeting. 6d. allowed for tea to all members informing me not later than 16th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society) (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th, at St. Alfege, Greenwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

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

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HIGHER SUTTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. W. L. Slack 1, W. Matthews 2, T. Taylor 3, S. Cardell 4, H. Davenport (conductor) 5, J. Manifold 6.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING AT WOMBOURN.

At St. Benedict's Church, Wombourne, Staffs, on October 6th, 1920, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Devey, junr., 1, Rev. C. Holroyd Barker 2, J. Corns 3, G. H. Sadler 4, W. Devey, senr., 5, J. Apse 6, Horace Sadler (conductor) 7, C. Holden 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Nicholas, widow of the late Prob. Nicholas for 18 years Vicar of this parish. At the same church, on Oct. 21st, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples (a) in 46 mins.: W. Devey, junr., 1, Isaac Purser 2, Herbert Knight (conductor) 3, Rev. C. H. Barker 4, G. H. Sadler 5, Horace Sadler 6, J. Apse 7, B. Fullwood 8; (b) in 47 mins.: W. Devey, junr., 1, J. Corns 2, T. Thorpe 3, Rev. C. H. Barker 4, W. Devey, senr., 5, J. Apse 6, Horace Sadler (conductor) 7, B. Fullwood 8. Both rung, with bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of Albert Little for many years a ringer at this church and at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke recently. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung by ringers from Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport, Curdridge, Fareham, Havant, Wickham, Newport, and the local band, augmented by Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master), the Rev. E. B. James, Messrs. Hazell and King, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and visitors from Southampton and Fareham.—The Rector conducted the service, and gave the Guild a very hearty welcome.—Forty members, including the Rector, partook of tea in the Parish Hall, and at the subsequent meeting, presided over by the Rev. Guy Landon, several items of interest were discussed.—A very hearty vote of thanks (proposed by the Rev. E. B. James) was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service, and for allowing the use of the Parish Hall for tea.—The Rector, in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to be with the Guild members, and he was pleased to hear the bells being rung. As an hon. member he wished to forward the interest of the Guild, and hoped they would soon meet at Alverstoke again. He paid a great compliment to his foreman, Mr. Coombes, for the way in which he had instructed the local ringers.

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