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Yorkshire has been the home of many pioneers of ringing, and, for a century past, there have sprung up from time to time in the county men who have made a name, either for their researches or their practical work. It is to a Yorkshireman that the present generation of ringers owes more, probably, than to any other individual, for the standard text books of to-day are the works of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. He adopted a method of explaining the mysteries of the art which has enabled thousands of ringers to make their first step in change ringing, and for this reason he stands pre-eminent among writers upon the subject. His name is known wherever change ringing exists, it is revered in the county of his birth, where there are still many who enjoyed personal contact with that man of athletic frame, unbounded enthusiasm and active mind. He was one of the founders and the first president of the Yorkshire Association, and it is fitting that, in establishing an annual gathering of ringers in the North, to correspond in type with the functions held in London, Birmingham and Bristol, Yorkshire ringers should seek to associate with it the memory of Jasper Snowdon.

Other great names in ringing, like those of the Hattersleys and the Lockwoods, now gone to their rest, have been household words in Yorkshire ringing circles; and the debt which the Association owes to these departed giants, will now find expression at the annual gathering which was so successfully initiated on Saturday week. The dinner at Leeds drew men from all over the broad county and a good sprinkling of visitors from outside. It was a most enjoyable function, and after such an admirable beginning, will doubtless grow into one of the most important social gatherings for ringers in the Kingdom. There has been nothing of the same kind previously north of Birmingham, and there was ample room for such a function in that part of the country. Yorkshiremen will, naturally, be always ready to do honour to those departed friends with whom they have had such close and endearing ties, but the opportunity of paying homage to the memory of men like Jasper Snowdon and Charles Hattersley will appeal to many, far beyond the borders of the county. Their work was universal in its scope. Ringers, wherever change ringing is known, have benefited, and will continue to benefit, from the result of their ungrudging labours; and it is good to know that not only have old companions the opportunity of gathering together to keep green the memory of such men, but that, if it is continued, this dinner will serve in the years to come to remind future ringers of what has been done by some of their predecessors in the past to extend the art and spread knowledge.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS... ..	Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN	7
REGINALD BROUGH	2	ALFRED H. WINCH	8
*JESSE TYLER	3	GEORGE CARD	9
ARTHUR N. HARDY	4	HARRY SEAR	10
JOHN SPARROW	5	†WALTER AYRE	11
WILBY J. HAZELL	6	FRANK SMITH	Tenor

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

* First peal on 12 and first attempt. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES	Treble	WILSON RUSHION	6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	7
CHARLES HAZELDEN	3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	THOMAS LANGDON	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SAWLBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALLEN R. HICKTON	Treble	ALBERT H. WARD	5
CHARLES E. HART	2	ARTHUR BRAINES... ..	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	W. RICHARD DRAGE	7
W. A. JAMES	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES F. GEORGE	Treble	A. B. MOSS	5
ALLEN R. HICKTON	2	JOHN C. DICKEN	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	ALBERT H. WARD	7
W. A. JAMES... ..	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY	Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

BOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED TOMLINSON	Treble	*JOHN H. HUMPHRIES	5
*BERNARD DITCHER	2	CHARLES SEVERN	6
HARRY GREAVES	3	PERCY J. JERVIS... ..	7
*CYRIL BOOTH	4	WILLIAM H. TURTON	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. H. TURTON.

* First peal in the Oxford Variation.

DOWNE, KENT. — On Thursday, August 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack (conductor) 3, O. Gilbey 4, F. Keech 5, J. Brown 6.—720 Merchant's Return: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader (conductor) 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. STENNING ... Treble	GEORGE LUCAS ... 5
ERNEST BISH ... 2	WILLIAM C. HART ... 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
JOHN FRIST ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BIRSTAL, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5
*RICHARD THOMPSON ... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 6
JAMES R. KEMP ... 3	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells at short notice.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED HOPPER ... Treble	FRED WILFORD ... 5
MAURICE SMITH ... 2	JOHN HENSMAN ... 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... 4	ALFRED MONK ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SEELEY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. The band wish to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Barker for their kind hospitality after the peal.

TORQUAY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(MID-DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BABBACOMBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

E. SHEPHERD ... Treble	J. C. OKE ... 5
*MRS. F. T. GOVER ... 2	F. T. GOVER ... 6
†A. L. BENNETT ... 3	H. J. HOLE ... 7
*J. S. COLLINGS ... 4	*F. E. PARNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. SHEPHERD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Ringers of treble and 5th hail from Exeter, 3rd from Buckfastleigh, the remainder from Paignton. Mrs. Gover is the first lady ringer to ring a peal of Triples on tower bells in Devon. The band were afterwards kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gover at their residence to a high tea, which was much appreciated by all.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM EDGE ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 7
*RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

C.C. Collection 32.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*EDWARD CAUNCE ... Treble	FRANK SHAW ... 5
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	WILLIAM RILEY ... 6
JAMES SHAW ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. Treble and 2nd ringers hail from Liverpool, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th from Oswaldtwistle, tenor from Blackburn. Arranged specially for the Liverpool men.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT HARDY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
FRANK H. DAVEY ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
TONY PRICE ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell by the ringer of the 4th.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 2	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 6
OSWALD J. HUNT ... 3	WILLIAM T. COX ... 7
*JOSEPH F. SIMPSON ... 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the patronal festival and on the eve of the harvest festival.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE WINES ... Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN ... 5
GEORGE CROSS ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 6
FREDERICK LASBURY ... 3	HARRY PAGE ... 7
JAMES CROSS ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

This peal was rung to welcome home the Vicar and his bride from their honeymoon.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, the last 700 of 'Holt's Original': T. S. Knight 1, P. Spice 2, A. James 3, G. Hasnip 4, G. Durling (conductor) 5, G. Huxley 6, R. Brett-Smith 7, F. F. Scott 8.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES V. HARE Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 5
*ALICK CUTLER 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ALAN M. HICKMAN Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 7
HARRY OVERTON 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY GREAVES Treble	CYRIL BOOTH 5
BERNARD DITCHER 2	T. A. HOWES-SMITH 6
GEORGE BURNHAM 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
PERCY J. JERVIS 4	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. G. Marsden, widow of the late George Marsden.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	*HECTOR G. BIRD 5
*WALTER H. EVANS 2	*CYRIL WINWOOD 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal.

PERRY BAR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RICHARD INGRAM Treble	†FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS W. NADNTON Treble	HARRY HALL 4
*ALFRED H. WAYSON 2	GEORGE LEE 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3	ALBERT J. LINCOLN Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES WOODYAT Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM LEWIS 3	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by CALEB FENN. Conducted by the performer.
Witness: R. GARNETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ERNEST S. BAILEY 1—2	JAMES M. BAILEY 5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3—4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7—8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9—10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
Witness: H. PEARSON.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1—2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5—6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOOTHAM 3—4	*CYRIL PEASE 7—8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells and first in the method. The composition, a one-part, contains the 6th 20 times W. and 24 times R.

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THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

By W. H. F.

(Continued from page 621.)

Sunday evening was spent in a visit to a prominence — Tunnell Hill—midway between Old and New Linlade, commanding fine views of the Dunstable and Luton district. Towards dusk we were to be found preening our fine feathers at 'The Plume' round the supper table, preparatory to taking to our feather beds, fortified by the arrival of Mr. J. H. Shepherd.

Leighton Buzzard, Monday, Sept. 11th.—The church entrance gates form one side of a rectangle, with the High Street opposite, and commanding business premises on either side. The Golden Bell brought a group of men together near its doors at 10 a.m., the hour of assembly; not to enter it, but to visit the post office adjoining so that distant friends and relations might have local view cards. Residents unaccustomed to Monday groups of men in their square guessed that their bells were to be set ageing, and afterwards spoke favourably of the performance here. The Golden Bell, a gentle reminder of bygone days—of Moses and his outer garment—served a good purpose in recent centuries. One of its private rooms was wot to be used for choir practices, to the accompaniment of a viol or clarionet, presided over by the Vicar. We wondered if they had in those days to clear their throats so frequently as the bell ringers are credited with the habit.

Before starting to ring it was mutually agreed by those visitors who did not belong to the Bedford Association to apply for the privilege of membership. This was formally proposed by Mr. Sharman, and seconded by Mr. Novard, and the necessary fee for seven men handed over. Judging by the peal boards in the belfry, and the fact that a good many of the local men belong to it, this district would appear to have been one of the happy hunting grounds of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, London, and it was only on booking up our Royal that I found the majority of the team to-day were also members. At an adjacent village, called Hockcliffe, is a garage named 'The Dug Out,' needless to say, run by one of the little army of contemptibles, and at 3.30 we were supplied by a vehicle which held our party—excepting two members, Hart and Williams, who cycled—and we left the town with 'three plumes up.'

Woburn.—Rev. W. V. C. White, Vicar. Mr. S. A. Avis, foreman. We duly arrived here safely—via Hockcliffe, with its pretty church and set of pre-Reformation bells—in good time to begin preparations for our fourth attempt. Met by the Brothers Herbert, and several local ringers, we received favourable comments upon the Stedman accomplished here. The church is a most beautiful modern building erected by the Duke of Bedford in the grounds of his park. Kept scrupulously clean, the condition of the belfry and its approaches equals that of the chancel. The large bell—55 cwt., cast in 1868—was re-used with the ring of bells from the old church to make the present grand octave in 1910. The Simpson tuning is absent, and the architects wisely adopted an old process when putting in a 'plaster' ceiling to the ringing room. The peace, the comfort of ringing here can only be appreciated fully by those who have rung at Woburn. District change ringers are meeting here in good numbers for 'Surprise' practices, and Mr. Editor will be asked to publish a local peal of 'London' in the near future.

Bletchley.—Rev. F. W. Bennett, Rector. Mr. H. Sear, foreman. We reached the town of Bletchley in time for supper, and dividing our forces between the Eight Bells and the Park Hotels, as one house could not accommodate us all, our numbers having been augmented by the arrival of Mr. Jas. George, of Edgbaston. The brothers Harry and Walter Sear joined us for a chat and final arrangements for the stay of two nights, and we were indebted to Walter, hon. secretary of the North Bucks Branch, for much assistance in this end of the county. The handbells were brought out before going to bed, and an octave used; it would have been uncorsetous to Mine Host of the Eight Bells not to have done so. Bletchley Church bells are out of repair, and in deference to the wishes of the Vicar, the strong restoration committee, and the local ringers, the peal question was abandoned. St Mary's Church is approached through a fine avenue of very ancient yews, and is built of stone, mostly in the Perpendicular style, some portions being early 12th century. There is a fine embattled western tower with clock and eight bells. The peal was renovated at a cost of £125 in 1893, the tenor bell, 18 cwt., being recast.

Olney, Tuesday, Sept. 12th.—The Rev. H. Beacham, Vicar. Mr. Frank Boswell, foreman. A very bright morning, too much so to last. We went out with an enjoyable view of the valley of the River Ouse, and returned in the dark and a drizzle, with a couple more peals to our credit. In Domesday this ancient place was called 'Olnei,' and consists of one long main street and a market-place midway. Near the railway station the town has much grown, its prosperity being due to the boot and shoe trade. The stone spire is 185 feet high. The trebles to complete the octave of bells were added in 1903 from a bequest of £250 by Thomas Eyles for this purpose. A very fine Perpendicular roof was destroyed in about 1800, for the

sake of its lead, which was sold to pay for repairs. William Cowper, the poet, on leaving Huntingdon, resided here 1767 to 1788. According to tradition the poet composed his ballad of 'John Gilpin' whilst living at Olney. We had an interesting chat with the Vicar, examined the fillet holes and the gudgeons of the bells, etc., and raised the peal whilst waiting for the cyclists. Mr. Hart was delayed at Newport by brake trouble, several constables having been much interested in his motor bike on the highway for two days past, but Mr. Hart did not know Inspector Callaway was a 'Slough' (slow) man, like Keith himself, when he is calling Thursans. During the peal I noticed our 'bantam' weight, Mr. Williams, was occasionally off his feet a few inches. My own bell 'went' when it was pulled—there was no need to say 'pull it,' or pulling—but it refused to come back if my neighbour George was anywhere near. Mr. Brooks, a confectioner in High Street, provided a hot lunch, and we were not exactly dry, although the peal was not ended till long after 'closing' time. We all sincerely hoped that Brooks would never run dry, and came away smiling at 3.40 p.m. The only resemblance to a 'pussyfoot' was our organiser, who endeavoured to leave Olney without paying the bill.

Newport Pagnell.—Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar. Mr. F. C. Tompkins, foreman. News of an abandoned attempt recently, owing to a bad going bell here, did not comfort anyone. After 20 minutes' going to Superlative we found the peal running well, and one of the best performances during the week was brought round. This peal of bells was new in 1911, most of the expenses being borne by the late Mr. Fred Taylor. Had the local ringers thought fit at the time, the ring could have been made up to ten. Mr. Taylor, who died in his 83rd year, was a great lover of the bells (chimes were originally instituted in 1887, when there were nine bells). He would always have the windows of his house open on ringing nights so that he might hear them better, even up to the last.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF A COALBROOKDALE RINGER.

On Monday, the 18th Sept., the sad news reached Coalbrookdale that Mr. Herbert Bailey had passed away at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Orpington, Kent. The deceased, who was 31 years of age, was one of the Territorials for several years previous to 1914, and when war was declared he at once volunteered for active service. He was drafted to Hong Kong, and from thence to India. While there he contracted fever, which developed into a severe nervous breakdown. He was eventually invalided home, but up to the time of his death never fully recovered.

Mr. Bailey joined the Coalbrookdale ringers in 1907, when the band were at a very low ebb. It was about this time that a real effort was being made to raise the standard of change ringing at the tower, and the first peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung by a complete Coalbrookdale band was rung on July 17th, 1909. Mr. Bailey rang the treble to this peal. He rang six peals in all, four of Grandsire and two of Stedman. One of the Grandsire peals was rung half-muffled to the memory of the late King Edward. He was a most regular and consistent ringer of the band till joining up for war service.

Mr. Bailey was buried at Orpington on Thursday, Sept. 21st. During the afternoon the flag was at half-mast on Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale. As a mark of respect to his memory, his old colleagues met on Wednesday evening and rang, half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 minutes: Bert Rixom 1, R. Evans 2, J. Hanley 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, J. Garbett 7, A. Garbett 8. Composed by John Carter, and conducted by William Wase (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor). Also 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 37 minutes, composed and conducted by W. Lago. A very fine course of Grandsire Caters was also rung, double-handed, on handbells by Messrs. Rixom 1—2, Wase 3—4, Lago 5—6, Saunders 7—8, Bayley 9—10. It is interesting to note that twelve local ringers were present on this occasion, all remembering how many happy hours their deceased brother ringers had spent amongst them. Mr. Bailey, besides his work as a ringer, also did much to brighten the ringing chamber of Coalbrookdale.

A SUNDAY PRACTICE MEETING.

A useful practice meeting, arranged by Mr. J. Larter, was held at Cratfield Parish Church, Suffolk, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Thirteen ringers attended, representing eleven parishes, viz.: G. A. Wightman and J. Gardner (Cratfield), C. Parnell and G. Baxter (Beccles), J. Larter (Henham), J. Hall (Framlingham), W. Emery (Laxfield), J. Garrett (Badingham), J. Jolly (Bramfield), W. Kerrison (Wissett), J. Ford (Brampton), E. Cook (Stoven), A. Lee (Halesworth).

Touches of Kent, Oxford and Worcester Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Court Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung, conducted by J. Hall and J. Larter, and finishing with a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by A. Lee. Six of the company then journeyed to Halesworth, and took part in short touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major and Grandsire Triples for the evening service.

NEW BELLS AT GREASLEY, NOTTS.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT OPENED.

Greasley Parish Church is now in proud possession of a fine peal of eight bells, which, from the ideal position of the church, will send out their melodious sounds over the lovely countryside for many years to come. Up to November of last year there hung in this tower, on a wooden framework bearing the date 1699, a peal of five bells. Through the course of time the framework had become dilapidated, and on calling in expert advice it was deemed unsafe to ring the bells. The Church Council agreed to rehang and refit the peal, and placed the work in the capable hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough fame.

Through the generosity of Mr. C. W. Phillips, of The Grange, Eastwood, a new bell, in memory of his mother, was given, augmenting the peal to six. The bell experts of Loughborough advised the recasting of the old treble and second to make a good peal. After a great deal of consideration by the Council, and several visits to Loughborough, it was decided to recast those two bells. Mrs. Hanson, of 'Cloverlands,' Kimberley, kindly defrayed the cost of recasting the old treble, and the church arranged for the recasting of the second.

The peal was further augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles, given in memory of their brother, the late John William Fryar, by the generosity of the Misses Fryar.

The old 3rd bell did not give satisfaction to Messrs. Taylor, and a visit to the bell foundry by a representative body of the Church Council was paid. On hearing the bells tapped it was agreed to recast this—the 3rd—bell, the cost of which has been borne by a person who, at present, wishes to remain anonymous.

Now that the work is completed and the bells are ringing forth in their rejuvenated state, there is no doubt that they are a beautiful, sweet and pure-toned peal, the effect of which can only evoke admiration from all.

The fittings are of the latest design, and contain all those improvements which have been introduced by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in recent years, including the patent ball bearings in which the bells revolve. The framework carrying the bells is very strong and massive, but at the same time neat, and a great improvement on the unsightly old wooden framework. It is constructed of cast iron on stout steel foundation girders, all designed so that the strain placed on the tower by the oscillation of the bells is reduced to a minimum.

THE BELLS.

Two of the old bells bore inscriptions, and these have been reproduced on the recast bells. These and other inscriptions are as follows:—

- Treble.—To the glory of God and in loving memory of John William Fryar of this parish. Died August 19th, 1915.
- 2nd.—Same as the treble.
- 3rd.—To the glory of God this bell was given by C. W. Phillips in memory of his mother, 1922.
- 4th.—Recast 1922. By Mary Ann Hanson, of Kimberley.
- 5th.—G. Hedder, of Nottingham, made me 1793. Recast 1922.
- 6th.—Dulcis O Sisto O Males O Vocor O Campana O Gabrielus O William O Founder.
- 7th.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1869.
- 8th.—Same as 7th.

The opening of the bells took place on Wednesday, September 27th, and the church was packed to its utmost capacity. The Lord Bishop of Southwell dedicated and blessed the bells. After the dedication and blessing a few rounds were rung on the new peal. The service was then continued, and the Bishop gave a most appropriate address.

After the service the bells were rung by a mixed band, including several local men, the first touches being conducted by Mr. J. E. Hobbs (Greasley), 252 Spliced Treble Bob Major and 112 Bob Major, conducted by Mr. E. C. Gobe, followed.

On Saturday, September 30th, the bells were available for ringing from 2.30 until 9, and over 50 ringers assembled to enjoy the new peal. Mr. A. Coppock, of Beeston, acted as Ringing Master, and fulfilled his duties most efficiently. At 4.30 the ringers present were photographed by Mr. Hunt, and following this a short service was held in the church. Mr. Coppock contributed a solo, and the service was much enjoyed. Tea was then served in the Parish Room, and everyone did full justice to a fine spread, kindly given by the Vicar and his sister.—Mr. Coppock proposed, and Mr. Flint, of Bolsover, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and his sister for their hospitality, and also one to the ladies for their work.

A course of Grandshire Cafers was rung on handbells by Rev. F. R. Wilkinson 1—2, A. H. Ward 3—4, A. Braines 5—6, J. Oldham 7—8, J. Hunt 9—10. The belfry was again visited, and some well-struck touches rung. The company present came from Bolsover, Beeston, Cotgrave, Derby, Mansfield, Arksey, Selston, Ilkeston, Breaston, Sutton, Swanwick, Basford, Bulwell, and the local ringers. The touches rung ranged from Grandshire Triples to London Surprise. All who rang greatly admired the peal, their musical qualities and the 'go' being excellent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HARWORTH.

Harworth is a township, and situated two miles E.S.E. of Tickhill, and 2½ miles W.S.W. of Blyth. It is principally the property of Viscount Galway, who is lord of the manor. The church, dedicated to All Saints, is an ancient fabric, with a tower in which are six sweet-toned bells (tenor 10 cwt.), a new treble having been put in in 1893. The church was built about the 12th century, except the chancel, which was erected in 1672. In repairing the building in 1828, an arched recess was discovered in the wall, with a cupboard containing a garland, a cribbage board, and several other articles of a more sacred character. At the same time a handsome cross was found in the churchyard, and is now placed above the east window. In 1856 the interior was repewed and furnished with a new pulpit and reading desk. There is accommodation for about 200 people. In the churchyard lies an ancient stone coffin. The Church of 'Harewade,' with the Chapels of Serleby and Morton were granted by King John to the Church of Roan, with many others, as part of the Chapelry of Blyth, but in the 6th year of Edward VI.'s reign they were granted to the Earl of Shrewsbury.

It was at this picturesque spot that the North Notts ringers assembled on Saturday week, in response to the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. R. D'Arblay Burney), and to welcome the initiation of the Harworth ringers as members of the Association.

The day was gloriously fine. Business duties kept some faithful members away, but the muster nevertheless was a good one, some of the most enthusiastic arriving on 'Shank's pony.' Thirteen towers were represented, viz., Anston, Barlboro', Blyth, Harworth, Shireoaks, Tickhill, Gainsboro', Tuxford, Lancham, East and West Retford, Ordsall, and Workop, and there were also non-resident members present. Anston tower was well represented, Mr. Turner bringing with him his most promising and enthusiastic son, Gordon, aged 11 years, who conducted most of the touches and 720's from Treble Bob to Surprise. It was a pleasant surprise to a large concourse of onlookers in the tower to hear the shrill treble voice calling out the bobs so accurately, and pointing out errors to those who made mistakes. He conducted very cleverly indeed, and it is hoped that more will be seen of him at the meetings now that he has been made a member of the Association.

At 5 p.m. the ringers were met at the new Institute by the Vicar and Mrs. O. Revill, and her staff of assistants, who had prepared an excellent meat tea, to which 40 sat down.

The Vicar subsequently presided over the business meeting, and in the course of a neat little speech, gave a most hearty welcome to all. He said that was a day looked forward to by him, a day of gladness, and one to be proud of. He quite willingly joined the Association as a vice-president about ten years ago, at the solicitation of the present hon. secretary, and now he rejoiced because his ringers had fallen into line, and added another tower to the Association (applause). He also thanked the hon. secretary for what he had done in providing them with an instructor, and looked forward to good results. He spoke of the good work the Association was doing, as it brought people together, who might never have met otherwise. Speaking of Harworth, he said all would have noticed the great change and alteration which was taking place, and the population was rapidly increasing. He was afraid the tower would not stand the peal being increased to eight bells, so they would have to be content with six; but several good ringers were coming amongst them, one of whom was present at the meeting.

Two new members were elected, Master Gordon Turner, of Anston, and Mr. William Russon, of Shireoaks.

The next meeting will be held at Anston in November. The Secretary brought forward the question (of which previous notice had been given) of making a grant to the Sutton-on-Trent Bell Restoration Committee, on account of the most trying period through which they passed on August Bank Holiday, when the Sports and Gala Committee were giving the proceeds for the new bells, and when everything was a complete 'wash-out,' the deluge causing the fête to be a miserable fiasco.—Mr. Haigh proposed, and Mr. Stenton seconded, that the sum of £5 be granted, and it was unanimously carried.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding over the tea and meeting, and for the use of bells.—The Vicar suitably responded, and this concluded the business.

The ringers attended evensong which followed, and the bells were again utilised until 9 p.m. The following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Killamash, Kitchener, and Cambridge and Wells Surprise, the last of the day being a 720 of Kitchener Surprise, conducted by Gordon Turner. H. Haigh 1, W. Platts 2, H. Stenton 3, H. Turner 4, S. Smith 5, C. F. Fowler 6. The bells were lowered beautifully in peal by the Harworth ringers. Afterwards one or two toasts were honoured, and ringers' birthdays celebrated, and another red-letter day was added to the Association's record.

MANSFIELD.—On Sept. 10th. 504 Stedman Triples: C. Carr 1, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 2, J. Bleby 3, A. Dent 4, F. May 5, H. Allsop 6, T. Bettison (conductor) 7, C. Randall 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at West Grinstead on Saturday week. It was most successful, and despite the threatening weather members were present from the following towers: Brighton, Billingshurst, Heene Shipley, Horley, Slinfold, Hove, Itchingfield, and the local band. The meeting was also favoured by the presence of the Master of the Association (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman). Some very good courses and touches were rung during the afternoon, including the following methods: Violet, Woodbine, Kent, London Scholars, Carlisle, Cambridge and London Surprise.

At 5 o'clock the party adjourned to the Burrell Arms, where an excellent tea was provided.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector of West Grinstead (Canon Irton Smith) presided. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Alfred Rice and Edward Mills, of Itchingfield, and Canon Irton Smith was elected an hon. member.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Chichester.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and for presiding.

The members then made their way back to the tower, where various methods were rung until the time arrived to depart by bicycle and train to their various destinations. It is always a pleasure to hold a meeting in that part of the county, members being always sure of ringing a variety of methods, and thanks are due to Mr. H. Turrell for making the necessary arrangements for the gathering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., with Plain Bob. Fourteen sat down to tea, members being present from Biggleswade, Sandy, Northill, Roxton, Polton, Bedford, and Turvey.

Mr. W. Inskip, of Polton, presided at the business meeting, and referred to the great loss Polton ringers had sustained by the death of Mr. W. Compton, who for many years had been a member of the Association.—A vote of condolence was passed by all present, standing.

One new member was elected, and Northill was chosen for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Vintner for having everything ready, was passed, and the

tower was then again visited, the bells being kept going till 8 o'clock. The methods practised were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Double Court Bob, and Grandsire Doubles, for the benefit of the young members.

A most pleasant meeting of the Bedford District was held at Wootton on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Mr. F. Webb presided, and members were present from Bedford, Woburn, Turvey, Cranfield, Roxton, Clifton, Elstow, Clapham and Kempston.—It was proposed to hold the annual district meeting at Bedford on Saturday, November 18th, for the election of officers, etc., and notice will appear in due course in 'The Ringing World'.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a good meeting to a close. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Emberton on Saturday, Sept. 9th, when a fairly representative gathering of members attended considering that the tower lies very wide, in the extreme north of the branch. The following bands were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Olney, and the local ringers. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and later a service was held, when an address was given by the Vicar of Emberton (the Rev. C. B. Hulton). The chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell) also attended. Tea was held in the School Room, and had been prepared by the wives of the ringers. Full justice was done to the good things provided.

After tea, the Secretary reported that there was no special business to be transacted, and after a few questions had been asked, and satisfactorily answered by the secretary, the Rev. C. B. Hulton was elected an honorary member of the branch, with two more ringing members from Olney.—The Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. B. Hulton for kindly allowing the meeting to be held, also to the ladies for providing the tea, etc.—The motion was suitably responded to, and an adjournment made to the towers of Emberton and Olney. The methods rung on the six and eight bells were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788.

On October 6th, 1849, died William Booth, of Sheffield, born in the year 1783. He was the grandfather of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and rang 3-4 to the first handbell peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, the Major being the first 'double-handed' peal ever rung. That was in 1811.

The first 'clerical' ten-bell peal was a peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910.

The new peal of twelve at Taunton will be opened at 3 p.m. on October 21st.

In the only triangular tower in England, All Saints', Maldon, Essex, there now hangs a peal of eight bells. Formerly there were six, but Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, has added two trebles and rehung the whole in a massive steel frame. The dedication took place last week.

There are now a limited number of the Central Council's publication upon the preservation of bells to be obtained from the hon. librarian, the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham. These copies are the surplus from those placed in the hands of association secretaries for sale, and ringers desirous of obtaining a copy are advised to make early application. The list and prices of the Council's publications will be found in an advertisement.

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, is just recovering from an operation for appendicitis, and ringers will wish him a speedy return to health.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, who has done so much splendid work for the Salisbury Guild, in the Dorchester Branch, is still at Ashton Court Hospital, Bristol, where he has been for many months suffering from the effects of the late war.

The attempt by Mr. E. Morris, of Harwich, to tap 10,000 of Bob Major on Saturday next, has had to be abandoned for the present. On Sunday he slipped and fell on the belfry steps, and so badly bruised his back that he has had to keep his bed for two or three days. Curiously enough, a few moments before the accident, Mr. Morris had warned two probationers against slipping on the steps.

600 PEALS.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at High Wycombe, rung during the Oxford Guild tour, was Mr. James E. Groves' 600th peal, of which no fewer than 161 have been rung on twelve bells. These include 147 Stedman Cinques (including the record of 11,111), of which Mr. Groves has conducted 64; 2 Erin Cinques (conducted 2), 5 Grandsire Cinques (conducted 1), 1 Grandsire Maximus, 1 Forward Maximus, 3 Kent Treble Bob Maximus and 2 Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

THE NEW BELLS FOR EXETER.

A THANKOFFERING.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the contract for the two new treble bells which are to be placed in Exeter Cathedral to complete the ring of twelve.

As we mentioned in our last issue, the bells will be the generous gift of Mr. Arthur Thomas, a well-known tradesman of Exeter. Some time ago he was seriously ill, and he has offered the bells to the Dean and Chapter as a thankoffering for his recovery. When considering what form his thankoffering should take, Mr. Thomas saw a reference to the Exeter Cathedral bells in the 'Devon and Exeter Gazette,' and at once decided that, if the offer were acceptable, he would present two extra bells to the Cathedral. He communicated his intention to the Bishop of Crediton, who placed the matter before the Chapter. Naturally before the offer could be accepted, the Chapter were anxious to ascertain whether the tower was sufficiently strong to stand the addition of the two bells. Mr. Harbottle, architect to the Chapter, reported that he could assure them that the tower would be strong enough, and it will be a source of delight to all lovers of the Cathedral, as well as to ringers generally, that the Chapter were able to accept Mr. Thomas's splendid offer.

The existing bells at Exeter is, as is well known, the heaviest peal in the world hung for ringing, the tenor 'Grandison' being 72 cwt. in B flat. The new bells will, therefore, be F natural and E flat. It is hoped that the augmentation of the bells will give a further fillip to the local bands, and to the Devon Guild in general.

PEAL BOARD 'OPENED.'

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, on Thursday evening, September 28th, on the occasion of the opening of a peal board to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on June 3rd, 1914, the same band, with one exception, rang 1,277 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: W. T. Prior 1, F. Bird 2, W. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, T. Jordan 6, T. J. Watts 7, W. W. Tucker 8, H. Dew 9, P. Springham 10.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT LEEDS.

The first annual dinner to honour the memory of the late Mr. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, was held at the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, on Saturday, September 23rd, and was a great success. A company, numbering 117, sat down to a splendid repast, visitors coming from all parts of the county. The Association was also honoured by the presence of the Newcastle Cathedral ringers, Mr. J. Oldham (Loughborough), Mr. C. Dean (Croydon), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (London), representing the College Youths, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood (St. Martin's, Birmingham). Ringing took place during the afternoon at the churches at Headingley, Far Headingley, Armley and Hunslet, the visitors entering heartily into the proceedings, which left no doubt of their desire to make the day a memorable one in the annals of the Association.

After 'The health of the King' had been proposed by the President, and duly honoured, a well-struck course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. R. Kemp, J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson, W. Barton, J. Ambler.

Mr. McKell, of Gargrave, then proposed 'The Church and State.' Mr. McKell said the good old Church of England is worthy of all our support and devotion, and he thought they all felt that their art and science were sanctified by connection with her. As a body, ringers were not deficient in loyalty either to Church or State.

The Rev. C. Elsee, Vicar of St. Outhbert's, Holbeck, responded, alluding to the fact that his brother, Canon Elsee, was President of the Lancashire Association. He said he had often been struck by one curious little fact: in England our bells are pre-eminently connected with the Church; in Belgium, on the other hand, they were connected with the State, being hung in the famous town halls. The bells in England have always spoken of the great ideal of Church and State, and it was noticeable that 400 years ago, when the monasteries were, so to speak, on their last legs, they seemed to think they might possibly save themselves by putting up belfries. At both Kirkstall and Fountains the tower was the latest addition to the building, and at Bolton, as everyone knew, the monks only got half-way before the Dissolution, and there it stands to this day.

The President then read a list of apologies for absence from ringers at Gloucester, Chester, Birmingham and London; also a message from the Vicar of Leeds: from Mrs. Snowdon, who expressed great interest in the Association, and issued a cordial invitation to members to visit her at Cartmel. She also alluded to the continued success of the Snowdon series of ringing books. The President said he was sure he would be carrying out their wishes if he wrote to Mrs. Snowdon, expressing the cordial hope that she and her daughter may long enjoy health and prosperity. The President also asked, on behalf of a Norwich correspondent, for news of a portrait of Hubbard, the Norwich ringer, who died in Leeds in 1881.

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

The President then rose again to propose the toast of the evening, 'The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and the past Officers of the Association.' 'Upon me has devolved,' he said, 'the hardest task, and as so often happens it is the most responsible and honourable. I appreciate deeply the honour which has befallen me of being President at this our first dinner, and of putting into words the payment of respect to the memory of our founders, the great men who have passed away, especially Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. I have always felt that when the Association asked me to be President in succession to William Snowdon and to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, no greater honour could have been paid, and I have also been sorry that no one could have been selected more fitted to carry on the tradition of great names in the annals of change ringing. As you know, my title is not as an expert ringer. But you have chosen me, and during the eleven years that I have held the office I have found members most kind and the officers most helpful. It is my dearest wish to uphold the great traditions of the Association to the best of my ability. First in the list of names of those to whom it is our purpose to-night to do honour must, of course, come Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, a name which must go down to posterity in the ringing world, for our science of change ringing owes more to him than to anyone else. May I remind you of some of the salient points in his career, which are known to many, some indeed of those present having been personally connected with him, including Mr. Rowbotham, of London, who rang his first peal next to him at Sheffield; our old friend, Jim Barracough, George Bolland, our Vice-President, and our old and valued friend, John Whitaker. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was born at Ilkley, the son of the Vicar of that place, in 1844. In Ilkley, then a small moorland village, were sown the seeds of that strength and gentleness and openness of mind

which were his chief characteristics. He was educated at Rossall, where his character began to show itself in his untiring efforts to overcome difficulties, especially in climbing and swimming. Like many boys, he was not particularly assiduous in his studies, but he became gradually attracted to problems in mathematics and engineering. He very early attempted to join the ringers at Ilkley, and was put in the way of learning. But the method of teaching was not one to be recommended, nor did it appeal to him. It consisted in learning by heart a plain course and a 720, and then going up and ringing them. He gave up the attempt for some years, and took to walking and athletics, for he was gifted with great physical strength and a desire to excel. Not till 1870 did he again make an attempt to master the real intricacies of the Exercise. He started the Ilkley Amateur Society. So quickly did he progress that he very soon became highly proficient in change ringing, and in probing its intricacies and mathematical problems. He rang his first peal in 1872, seven Minor methods, conducting himself. At this time, through the following of his example, there arose a desire to start an Association, and meetings were held to discuss the proposal at Bradford, York, and finally at Leeds, at which Mr. W. H. Howard, of York, took the chair.

THE FOUNDING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

'The first meeting of the Association was at Birstall, my own old Parish Church in 1875, and Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was elected as President. It is hard for us to realise the untiring work and devotion to the interests of the Association, and the still more important work in the science and art of change ringing. He gave to both the best of his mind and energies. The Association has progressed until it is what we see to-day, and its success is almost wholly due to this one man. Now as to his peal ringing. He rang in his short ringing life 129 peals, his last being at St. Lawrence, Pudsey, in 1884. It is interesting and encouraging to know that he also made 127 fruitless attempts. His greatest performance was at St. James', Bolton, Bradford, a 10,000 of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday, November 16th, 1878. I may perhaps here tell how he spent a little holiday once in walking from Leeds to London in five days, arriving in London about one o'clock, and catching the three o'clock train to take him back. It is, of course, in the literature which he left that he chiefly excelled, and it is for that that his name will live. We need to remember that the art of change ringing is very ancient and very English. We hear of a Westminster Guild of Ringers in the time of Edward the Confessor. By the middle of the XVth century change ringing was pretty well known, but not very scientific. The really scientific study of the art can be traced back to the middle of the XVIIth century, the Ancient Society of College Youths being founded in 1637, and the first treatise, that by Fabian Stedman, appearing in 1667. But it is not till we come to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon that we get our most complete treatises, and, which is most important, the easiest to comprehend. Anyone who knows his books will certainly agree to this. In 1878 he published Part I. of the "Treatise on Treble Bob," and the 2nd part later in the same year. In 1879 came "Rope Sight," in 1881 "Standard Methods," and in 1884 the well-known book on "Double Norwich Court Bob." His last work, left in manuscript, was the treatise on "Grandsire." It is for all this that we desire to voice our respect for his memory. The esteem in which he was held was shown in the 10th year of the Association's existence at a great meeting held at Sheffield, where there were present over 300 members. The remarkable scenes of enthusiasm when he came forward to receive the presentation will never be forgotten by those who were present. Very soon afterwards he was stricken with illness, and he died in the fever hospital in Leeds on November 16th, 1885. He was buried in Ilkley Churchyard, the service taking place in the church where he had been baptized and married, and in the town where most of his life had been spent. I should like to quote to you the lines on his tomb:—

"Year by year, the bells so softly
O'er the graves shall music pour,
Where the dust of saints is garnered,
Till the Master comes once more."

In Ilkley Church in his memory we placed the ringers' window, of which the predominant idea is praise, and I think we may say that Jasper Whitfield Snowdon's one desire was to praise his Maker through his abilities. William Snowdon, in his account of his brother's life, says, "thus passed away the merriest, brightest and most upright of men." He was a man full of the joy of life, full of merriment, straight and upright in all his dealings, devoid of all shams, and he gave of his best to his life's work.

OTHER VETERANS.

'William Snowdon succeeded his brother in the presidency, and held office for twenty-five years. Nothing better shows the spirit which he brought to the work than the fact that throughout the whole period he never missed a meeting, either general or committee. His name will go down to future generations as the finisher

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and editor of his brother's book. He was a genial man, extremely painstaking, showing great zeal for the Association which he loved very deeply. He died in 1916, five years after relinquishing the presidency, and was buried at Cartmel. I was glad to be able to be at the funeral, and shall never forget the beauty of the scene in that grand old Priory Church.

William Horner Howard was born in 1821. He was one of the most respected of veteran ringers. He began ringing in very early life, and he remained connected with York Minster to the end. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Association, was elected Vice-President at the first meeting, and held office till his death. He was one who could not fail to inspire respect and love. He was a man, godly, true and upright, as were all the men who so truly laid the foundation on which our Association is built.

The next names I shall mention are those of the brothers Hattersley, of Sheffield, Charles Henry and Tom. Charles Henry, who was born in 1844, began ringing at the age of 19. As a peal ringer he had many notable successes, and rang in 200 peals, many of them composed and conducted by himself. His greatest achievement was in 13,041 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888, in 8 hours 20 minutes; at one stage for a period of five hours not a word was spoken by way of correction. He was a great composer, and left behind him compositions in almost every method. As a man he was remarkable for the combination of a genial and kindly disposition with the most entire integrity and uprightness, and a hatred of all shams and slipshod ways, whether in business or in the Exercise. He died in 1915, and was buried at Ecclesall, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung over his grave by a little band, representing his own district of Sheffield, the Yorkshire Association, Lancashire and the College Youths.

Next I come to James and Tom Lockwood, father and son, whom we remember especially for their knowledge of and composition in Treble Bob methods. They were ringers at Otley, and afterwards at Leeds Parish Church, sterling men of great ability, who gave themselves to the advancement of the art.

Charles Jackson was one of the founders of the Association, most zealous as both steward and trustee. He rang over 300 peals. His great interest was in Grandsire Triples. He was a keen and accomplished ringer and an engaging personality.

Robert Tuke, who died as the result of an accident in Philadelphia, William Whitaker, the first secretary, who has recently died; J. H. Harcastle, whose son is one of our stewards; Ben Copley; William Stamthorpe, my own old tutor, and Robert Binns, are other names which we gratefully think of. As one looks back, what strikes one is that the characteristic of the work of these men was thoroughness. They undertook as an outside interest in their lives this art, and they fostered it as a definite part of the life of their Church. It is the kind of example we want to remember. Are there to-day giants comparable with these giants of old? The Association calls for united action and unselfish work; the Exercise calls for acute brains and persevering effort. The best way to honour the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and these other men is to go from this gathering determined to devote ourselves ever more and more to the Association which they founded, and the art and science which they loved.

Mr. Marshall resumed his seat, amid enthusiastic applause, after speaking for an hour.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

Mr. George Bolland, Vice-President, then proposed the toast of 'Kindred Societies.' There was in his pocket, he said, a letter from Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, written 40 years ago, asking him to take part in an officers' peal at Drighlington, and also one from Charles Henry Hattersley, who was one who never went on a holiday without remembering to send to his friends a card with a bit of ringing on it. They were glad, he continued, to see represented that night the Ancient Society of College Youths, who on more than one occasion had welcomed them to London, and made it a deal harder to get away than it was to get there. Also the Surrey Association, with whom they spent one of their happiest times; the Midland Counties; Birmingham and Newcastle and Durham, who gave them a great welcome when they visited them (applause). — The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Rowbotham, of the College Youths, who replied, said he was an old member of the Yorkshire Association who migrated south many years ago. The Ancient Society, which he represented, asked him to express their very good wishes. Mr. Rowbotham added that he was taking part in a practice when the news came of Mr. Jasper Snowdon's death. 'We rang no more that night,' he said; 'it caused consternation and heartfelt grief. I had the honour of representing my society at the unveiling of the ringers' window, which I hope to see again to-morrow.' Most of the names mentioned by the president were members of the College Youths, and it was one of that society who said to him of Mr. Snowdon, 'No man has done more for change ringing.'

Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, also responded. He said, when the annual outing of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers was being discussed, a member drew attention to the notice of that

function, and he could assure them that there was no more discussion (applause). He met Mr. Snowdon once as a lad. He used very often to go down to a house in Pilgrim Street, where Mr. Francis Lees used to conduct handbell practices, and after the tunes were over he used to join in a course of Grandsire Doubles or Triples. It was on one of these evenings that Mr. Snowdon walked in unexpectedly. He was on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Archer, and usually mentioned that he had just walked over from Durham. When he died, all of them seemed to feel that a blackness had fallen on the ringing world. In the Durham and Newcastle Association they had always had a very brotherly feeling for the Yorkshire Association, whose methods they had closely followed. They had managed, as an Association, to survive the war, and were now making good progress. He just wanted to say how sorry they were not to be able to ring a peal at Bradford Cathedral, and the more so because of the sad cause. He would like to say how deeply grateful they were for all the excellent arrangements made for their comfort during the week-end. He thanked Mr. Bolland very much for his kind words, and could assure him he would have quite as hearty a welcome at Newcastle next time as he said he had when last he visited them.

In the absence of Mr. Willey, Vice-President, who had to leave early, the Secretary, Mr. Percy Johnson, proposed the toast of 'The Bell Founders.' Bell founding, he said, had reached a very high pitch of excellence, and they had moved very far from the day when it used to be said in a district that one bell of a particular founder was quite sufficient. They owed the bell founders a great debt, if for nothing more than for the rigid frame. They were honoured with having with them representatives of two great firms, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. In no art that he knew of were the makers so bound up with the performers as in theirs. He hoped that they would go on making more improvements, both in bells and frames, but will stop short of the point of producing a bell which would ring itself (laughter and applause).

Mr. Dean, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, replied. His chief, Mr. Johnston, had asked him to convey his good wishes, and desired to be remembered to his many Yorkshire friends. He believed they all felt that the managers of that gathering were to be very heartily congratulated upon the result of their work (applause).

Messrs. J. R. Kemp, P. J. Johnson, W. Barton and J. Ambler, here rendered a course of a Double Norwich on handbells, which was heartily applauded. Songs were contributed during the evening by Messrs. W. Birdsall, J. Townend, J. E. Carter and P. J. Johnson, these being much appreciated by the company.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and officers, proposed by Mr. Cordingley, seconded by Mr. Dean, and responded to by the Chairman, brought a pleasant and memorable evening to a close.

BRISTOL RINGERS' LONG TRIP.

The annual outing of St. James' Society, Bristol, was a very enjoyable affair. Starting from St. James', Barton, at 8 a.m., the charabanc made the first stop at Corston, about nine miles from Bristol. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the light peal, with tenor of 9½ cwt. Bradford-on-Avon was the next stop, and the scenery en route was much appreciated. Arriving at the Parish Church the party found their friend, Mr. Stafford, waiting to show the way to the ringing chamber. The fine peal of eight were soon going, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The Parish Church of St. James, Trowbridge, was next visited, the bells being a very good peal with a 24 cwt. tenor. The visitors indulged in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also a course of Cambridge Major. A touch of Stedman, with some of the local ringers, concluded the ringing. Lunch having been partaken of at the Parade Cafe, a move was made in the direction of Westbury, where Mr. Hart had everything ready. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also a course each of Plain Bob and Cambridge Major were rung. A visit was made to the belfry to inspect the bells and frame. The tone and 'go' of this heavy peal will give pleasure to all who have the privilege of ringing them. The next item on the programme was a visit to Longleat House, which amply repaid the visitors for the walk up the drive and the discomforts of a wet afternoon. Continuing the journey, their next stop was at the George Hotel Frome, everyone being quite ready for the good tea which had been prepared. After tea St. Mary's Church, Wanstrow, was visited, the peal of six were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman. A six-score of Grandsire Doubles, with one of the local ringers, concluded the ringing. The next move was to Shepton Mallet. On arrival at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Mr. Richards was quite ready for the visitors. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, with Mr. J. W. Pemberton, of Birmingham. A touch of Grandsire Triples with Mr. Richards concluded the ringing for the day. With hopes of having more time for ringing on the next occasion, the last stage of the journey commenced, and home was reached at 10.45 p.m., after a most successful outing. The society wish to thank the incumbents of the churches for giving permission to ring, and all the local ringers for their hearty welcome.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cutler, E. J. Runter, C. Gentry, J. Tarbun 4, P. Timson, A. Tarbun, junr., H. W. Kirtou (conductor), A. Bewers.

BATH.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, at St. Saviour's, Bath, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Taylor 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, J. W. Bell 3, G. Janes 4, T. Grant 5, H. Miles 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, J. Hallett 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, at St. Margaret's, 396 Grandsire Cinques: T. Bent 1, F. Sharman 2, W. Whitehead 3, A. Cattell 4, A. Ballard 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, E. Whitehead 7, F. Cotton (Hinckley), first touch on 12, 8, C. Cattell 9, H. Lock 10, J. Morris 11, J. Vernon 12.—For evening service, 594 Grandsire Caters: G. S. Morris 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, T. Bent 4, H. J. Poole 5, E. Whitehead 6, J. Morris 7, H. Lock 8, E. Morris (conductor) 9, J. Grant 10.

BLENCHELEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for harvest festival, 252 Stedman Triples: A. Crane, W. Mead, J. Mead, H. Morris, W. Sear, E. Marks, F. Stenton (conductor), F. Whitehead.—350 Grandsire Triples: D. Goodman, R. Nichols, H. Sear, H. Morris, W. Mead, E. Marks, W. Sear (conductor), F. Whitehead; and 180 Stedman Triples.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evensong, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Ayres 1, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 2, H. Aitken 3, P. Giles 4, J. H. Blake (Bosham) 5, A. Garrett (Petersfield) 6, W. J. Read (Petersfield) 7, W. Scaife 8. Arranged for ringers of 5, 6 and 7.

QUINTON, GLOS.—Four Shires Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Terry 1, C. Matthews 2, F. Boswell 3, C. Sabin 4, G. Hands (conductor) 5, S. M. Russell 6. These ringers are service ringers of St. Mary's, Ilmington.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 24th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: B. Foskett 1, R. A. Watts 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. Lankester (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, F. Barrett 5, H. Kilby 6, T. Newman (conductor) 7, P. Norton 8.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.—On harvest festival Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: W. Barnett 1, J. H. White (conductor) 2, F. Sanders 3, G. Bates 4, F. Boxall 5, A. Plackett 6.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Lindridge 1, F. Ely 2, W. H. Dyson 3, G. Melbourne 4, H. Redgwell 5, G. H. Howard (conductor) 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, *E. J. Watson 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, *F. H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8, A. Harding 9, H. A. Folkard 10. * First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. J. Tricker 1, G. Spencer 2, H. T. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, W. H. Lidbetter 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Harvest Festival Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Ayre (conductor) 1, A. E. Weedon 2, R. S. Cook 3, A. E. Dollimore 4, A. G. Cook 5, G. Perry 6, A. Hill 7, F. Dollimore 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Huckle 1, L. A. Walker 2, A. E. Weedon 3, A. E. Dollimore 4, W. Ayre (conductor) 5, R. S. Cook 6, A. Rogers 7, F. Dollimore 8.

BATHEASTON.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Taylor 1, F. Green 2, J. W. Bell 3, G. Janes (conductor) 4, J. Hallett 5, H. Mills 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church for morning service, 720 Double Court: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorkin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Woodbine Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, W. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Oxford Treble Bob.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at the Church of St. Giles, at evening service, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: W. Barnett 1, J. H. White (conductor) 2, F. Sanders 3, C. G. Bates 4,

F. Boxhell 5, A. Plackett 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the second. Also after service, 240 in same method, with L. Sanders treble.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Honeybourne 1, W. James 2, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 3, F. Spalding 4, J. Ward 5, A. Moor 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, F. Stevens 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Hind 1, H. Jordan 2, G. Gabbittas 3, S. C. Walker 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, E. Clark 6, J. T. Wilson 7, S. Eastland 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2 and 3.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Jordan 1, A. Johnson 2, Miss A. Taylor 3, S. C. Walker 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, G. Harwick 6, J. T. Wilson 7, E. Clarke 8. First quarter-peal by Miss Taylor, who has devoted much zeal and devotion to learn the art, and rang her bell cleverly throughout.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, W. V. Webb 2, W. E. Napper 3, H. K. White 4, A. H. Webb 5, T. East, senr., 6, J. S. Napper (conductor) 7, W. Goodenough 8.

BRISTOL.—For harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): F. J. Porch 1, E. J. Brown 2, W. Landsdown 3, F. E. Tyler 4, I. Long 5, P. C. Williams 6, F. W. Wade 7, H. T. Howell (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. R. Pye (conductor) 1, F. Rainbird 2, W. Watson 3, H. Dawkins 4, R. J. Dawe 5, J. Dale 6, E. Riseley 7, E. Butler 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Cherrett 1, F. Tubb 2, E. Tubb 3, B. Tubb 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, G. Blake 3, F. Cherrett 4, B. Tubb 5, E. Tubb (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Cherrett 1, W. Webb 2, B. Tubb 3, F. Barker 4, P. Blake 5, E. Tubb (conductor) 6.—After evening service, a quarter-peal (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): F. Cherrett 1, W. Webb 2, E. Tubb 3, B. Tubb 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

PRITTLEWELL.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at St. Mary's, for morning service, 647 Grandsire Caters: *A. V. Corden 1, S. W. Corden 2, *R. Pictou 3, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 4, G. E. Wilson 5, W. Dowsett 6, W. Bedwell 7, W. Dudley 8, W. H. Judd 9, W. Bacon 10. * First touch of Caters.

BATH.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 10th, at St. Saviour's Church, to welcome home the Rector, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Taylor 1, F. C. Rich 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, G. Janes 5, J. Hallett 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. Mills 8.

LATE NOTICES.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify me not later than Oct. 11th those requiring same. A social evening has also been arranged.—F. Barber, Dist. Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The bells of the ancient Parish Church of St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, are to be dedicated after rehanging on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Particulars next week.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—A District meeting will be held at Clare, Suffolk, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 12 noon. It is hoped that a good number will attend.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

WESTBURY BELLS.**SUCCESSFUL WORK NOW CONCLUDED.**

The final public meeting in connection with the restoration of the Westbury Parish Church bells was held on Tuesday, Sept. 19th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander) presided, and said that the occasion marked the closing of a great work. It was felt that the whole parish should have the opportunity of hearing the statement of accounts read, after 33 months of effort. The bells, now one of the finest rings of eight in the country, were recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the tenor is a bell of 35 cwt. The cost of the work was raised by donations: Rev. John Kaye, £100; Mr. A. W. Bane, £70; Capt. J. Callaway, £52 6s.; Mr. W. H. Laverton, £45; the Maby family, £28 10s.; church bellfries, £15 6s. 6d.; others, £637 0s. 7d. Grants: White bequest, £350; Marlborough Charity, £102; Westbury ringers, £45 0s. 10d.; Salisbury Board of Finance, £30; Ecclesiastical Commission, £50; Westbury Urban District Council, £10; balance War Memorial Fund, £10; Leigh Church Finance Committee, £5. Bazaar and fetes, £252 5s. 5d.; socials and plays, £127 17s. 4d.; dances, £51 17s. 3d.; whist drives, £46 12s. 7d.; organ recitals, £19 13s. 5d.; special collections in church, £50 19s. 1d.; boxes, £33 0s. 7d.; sale of buttonholes and miniature bells, £99 19s. 1d.; rummage sales, £36 13s. 11d.; bank interest, £74 4s. 5d.; contra current account, £48 12s.—Total, £2,392 8s.

The principal item in the expenditure was the sum of £2,063 to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and, after meeting other expenses, there remained a balance of £1 1s. 1d.

The Secretary (Mr. E. H. Arnold) expressed his gratitude to all helpers, and spoke of his great delight that the work had been brought to a successful conclusion. He should never forget the joy it had been to him to have been able to do something for the dear old church he had known for 25 years. It was no light task for the helpers, and he wished particularly to thank Mr. Braund, the secretary of the Ringers' Guild, Miss Harries and the school children, the clergy, collectors, churchwardens, members of Executive Committee, and the General Committee, and the ladies, for the help he had received in organising 'Bell Days.' That was something to remember. Another interesting point was that the work had been carried out under three Vicars, viz., Rev. W. H. M. Clarke, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, and the present Vicar. The Rev. O. E. Matthews, a member of the Central Council, had visited the tower, and expressed the greatest satisfaction with all he saw.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the secretary was proposed, seconded and carried.

The Chairman admitted that, before coming to Westbury, he had heard of the work to be undertaken, and had been sceptical of its being carried through. He thought the result of the work done by the secretary, the Executive Committee, General Committee, and of Westbury people and friends was amazing.

Mr. J. S. Marks and Mr. A. E. Holloway (churchwardens) each thanked the secretary and all in any way connected with the work, and others also briefly praised the work accomplished.

Mr. J. S. Marks (Vicar's warden) then asked Mr. Arnold to accept a cheque for £15, subscribed by those who recognised what the duties involved. He was sure every moment of spare time must have been taken up; all felt that Mr. Arnold had been the backbone of the movement. His best efforts had been put into it, all because he cared for, and loved, his church, and so, under God's blessing, the work had prospered. He understood that Mr. Arnold was desirous of obtaining a sideboard, and when he had got it the churchwardens wished to put an inscription upon it, recording the splendid work he had done.

Mr. Arnold said he assured them all that he had neither looked for, nor worked for, such praise and kindness. He felt honoured enough in having his name inscribed upon the tenor bell. 'Arnold' would be known in the Westbury bellfry for long years after he had left this earth. The sideboard would be something to hand on to his children. 'Thank you' was really all he could say.

REOPENING OF ANGERSLEIGH BELLS.**BISHOP OF TAUNTON TAKES PART IN RINGING.**

The Church of St. Michael, Angersleigh, has a very nice peal of five bells, and these have recently been rehung in entirely new fittings, the three back bells being provided with ball bearings. The bell frame has been strengthened, and bolts put in to give a rigid foundation. The work has been admirably done by Messrs. T. Doble and Son, the Taunton bell hangers.

On September 29th, the Bishop of Taunton performed the opening ceremony, and rang the fourth bell in some good rounds. After an excellent address by the Bishop the local band gave an exhibition of 'Up 1, down 2.' Then five members of the Bath and Wells Association from Taunton lowered the bells in peal, rang them up again, and brought round several 120's of Doubles in good style, again lowering in peal.

The genial Rector (the Rev. Horspool) invited the ringers to refreshments at the Village Hall, where the opening of the bells was celebrated by a dance. Needless to say, the young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves.—The Rector thanked the visitors for their exhibition of change ringing, and expressed the hope his band would

take it up.—The thanks were acknowledged and useful hints given to the local men upon how to make a start in the right direction.

VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, spent a very enjoyable time on the occasion of their annual outing, which this year consisted of a visit to Loughborough.

The weather, so disquieting for such functions of late, was ideal for the occasion, and the journey was made by rail, a circumstance which presented to the one railwayman of the party, the opportunity of expounding the advantages of this mode of transit, an opportunity which was gladly seized, for, by the time the destination was reached, the travellers knew all about the 'non-stops,' whose mileage per hour was made to compare very favourably with the time records established in the recent aerial race, and, but for arrival at Loughborough, it is fairly certain they would also have learned that they could loop the loop.

Like all such parties to the noted ringing town, the visitors first wended their way to the bell foundry, to which they had received the usual kind invitation from Mr. Taylor, and were conducted round the works by Mr. Pryce Taylor. These were both very interesting and edifying, for in addition to seeing several old peals now being recast, the party were privileged to inspect the bells now being made for the carillon which is to be erected as the Loughborough memorial to those who fell in the war, and which, when completed, will probably constitute the best set of bells in the country. The largest bell, which Mr. Denison Taylor is himself presenting to commemorate the memory of his nephews who were killed, was seen in the mould, and the magnificence of this was acclaimed by experienced craftsmen of the party. After a visit to the bell tower and the foundry carillon (where the one modest member of the party excelled in the tune of 'Blue Bells of Scotland'), the company sat down to a very substantial tea inside the works, where, to their great delight, they were joined by ringing friends from Oldham (Lancs), and also by their old but ever-young friend, James George, of Rugby, with emphasis on the 'Rugby,' even if he does now reside at Birmingham. Next the party proceeded to the Parish Church, where touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were rung by mixed bands of Loughborough, Oldham and Rugby. On the journey home the railwayman came 'unstuck,' for the 9.4 express came in much nearer 10.4. Someone suggested engine trouble, but whatever the cause the party had a 'forced landing' at Rugby, and that with every hope of an outing just as pleasant next year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, September 23rd. Although it was a wet afternoon, over 20 members attended to ring on the peal of six. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Thomas Parker), who, in his address, welcomed the Association to Norwood Green. He also paid a great tribute to the late Rector (the Rev. — Macdonald, M.A.), who, after many years of labour, was rewarded by being able to place the peal of bells in that tower, and to-day, after many years, those bells were still pealing forth, thanks for the great work he did for that parish. After service, tea was served in the Church Hall, presided over by the Rector, and the business meeting followed. The chairman was supported by the Ringing Master and Mr. Beadle (vice-president). Thanks were accorded to the Rector, organist, steepkeeper, and others.

The meeting expressed regret at losing an active lady member, Miss Norah G. Williams, of St. John's, Hillingdon, who is leaving the district, and will be greatly missed. Her good work for the Association was acknowledged by a vote of thanks, and good wishes were expressed for the best of luck when she goes to her new abode.—Miss Williams, on rising to acknowledge the thanks, was received with applause.

The bells were set going again until 7.30, when the ringers went to Heston. The company was increased to close on 40, and several methods on eight were rung, and a most pleasant meeting closed with thanks to the Ringing Master for arranging for Heston bells.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, when 11 towers were represented. The bells were raised in peal soon after 3 p.m., and kept going in various methods until 4 p.m., when the Guild service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar of Burnham (the Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher) officiating, and giving an address.

After the service, a short business meeting was held in the Church Room, at which the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided, supported by the Vicar and two churchwardens.

Two honorary and two performing members were elected.

The next meeting is to be held at Corston, on December 16th.—The Rev. C. C. Parker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Preb. Porcher for arranging the service and officiating, and for the use of the bells, also to the churchwardens for their kind welcome.—Mr. Board (churchwarden) replied. The bells were kept going during the rest of the evening.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 285th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 7/6 each.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement's, Oct. 16th and 30th; Wilton Road, Oct. 9th, at 7 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Oct. 23rd. Sundays, St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abergavenny, Mon., on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available. Church service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 31st; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on the 12th and 26th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House at 5.30 for those who notify A. Panther, 25, Sandymount Road, not later than 3rd Oct., at 1/6 per head.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. M. Allen. Tea provided by the Association, at Cremer's Restaurant, High Street, and business meeting to follow. Tunstall (6) will be open after the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1922. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, Saturday, October 7th. Tea 1/3. Send numbers to Rev. A. G. Allton, Whiston Rectory, Rotherham. Special committee meeting.—J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th, at Todmorden Unitarian Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Annual party at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Tickets, 2/6 and 2/3, from local Secretaries.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/1 per head after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. B. E. Evans, to those who notify Mr. J. A. Townsend, Milton, before Oct. 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th. Distribution of reports.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (6) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Harptree on Oct. 14th. Charabancs leave Radstock 2 p.m. Those requiring seats and tea should let me know soon.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Brown. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. A. Bradley, Dodd's Farm, Fryerning, on or before Wednesday, Oct. 11th?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Weldon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 10th.—R. G. Black, District Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blewbury on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service and an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. W. Leachman) at 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available afterwards.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, by kind permission of the Rev. C. Matthews. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, 1/3 per head for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th. Half-railway fares, up to 2/-, allowed at this meeting. Will all members having collecting cards for the war memorial kindly return at this meeting, with any cash collected, and new ones can be obtained?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, Oct. 14th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) available from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saxmundham (6) from 4 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this Branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, Oct. 14th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk will be held at Ufford on Oct. 28th at 4 p.m. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at 4.30 for all members sending their names by Oct. 23rd to Mrs. Drake, Ufford Rectory, near Woodbridge, or to Charles Mee, Archd. Sec., Sproughton, Ipswich.

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