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WASHBROOK MEMORIAL SCHEME LAUNCHED.

The Committee entrusted with formulating a scheme to provide a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook has come to a decision, and subscriptions are invited towards a fund of at least £170 to place two treble bells in the tower of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford. That there should be provided a fitting memorial to so great a ringer is not questioned, and there is little division of opinion as to the form which, funds permitting, the memorial should take. James Washbrook did as much as any man has ever done in teaching young ringers, and in helping them over those first difficulties which beset the path of nearly all who enter the art. What better, then, than that his memory should be honoured by increasing the number of some peal of bells in a tower in his native city where they will be available for the use of those who seek to advance in the art?

It has only been upon the place where these new bells shall hang that there has been divided counsel, but the Committee, having fully weighed all the possibilities, have recommended St. Ebbe's tower. This particular phase of the question has been to a large extent a 'local' one, and, the Committee having, with all the views before them, come to a conclusion, the Exercise, which is to be asked to provide the money, will be content that the best scheme has been adopted. We have no doubt, too, that those who have advocated some other tower than the one selected will now loyally support the scheme which the Committee has launched, realising that the object is not alone which peal of bells can best be augmented, but how best we can commemorate one of the greatest men that ever entered the ringing Exercise.

The appeal, which we publish in another column, is frankly put forward as a 'venture of faith,' but there ought not to be any question of its success. True, James Washbrook was a giant of other days—a giant of the pioneer days when the ringing of bells as well as the scoring of peals was not as easy as in many cases it is to-day. There are still throughout the country, however, many men who knew James Washbrook in his prime, and it is to them that we must look to forward this appeal among the younger ringers. There are some forty associations affiliated to the Central Council, and if each would collect or guarantee the modest sum of four guineas the scheme from the outset would be an assured success. A promiscuous appeal to individual ringers might not have the desired result, although every ringer should consider it a privilege to contribute; but if the Memorial Fund Committee can see its way to making a direct

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approach to every association we feel that it will be the quickest and surest way of raising the amount required, and we trust that the associations will, every one of them, enter whole-heartedly into the scheme which, with very little effort on their part, can be made an immediate success.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	*ARTHUR BRAINES 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
ALBERT H. WARD 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	*JAMES PAGETT 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	JOHN NEAL 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Cinques, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Dickens.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	WILLIAM H. WILSON 6
*DAVID GIBB 2	CECIL G. HARRISON 7
WILLIAM E. LYNCH 3	*JOHN C. CHERRY 8
*THOMAS MCMORRAN 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT 9
*JOSEPH ATKINSON 5	WILLIAM GIBSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal was rung, muffled, as a memorial to the late Dean of this Cathedral, C. T. Ovenden, D.D. * First peal on ten bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	*FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES 3	W. RICHARD DRAGE 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	PERCY PRICE 9
J. CHARLES DICKIN 5	*FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by E. C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. Drage.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON Treble	JOSEPH BARRETT 6
GORDON A. BACON 2	*LEONARD H. BAYBUT 7
STANLEY W. BAYBUT 3	WILLIAM DUDLEY 8
ERNEST W. FURSANK 4	LIONEL H. PAGE 9
CHARLES P. CHALK 5	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the bells. * First peal. Rung on the 28th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NODDS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ALBERT W. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES T. COLES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF
ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILKS-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD (GT. BENTLEY) Treble	
WILLIAM L. GOFTON (MONKSEATON) 2	
WILLIAM ROGERS (NORTHAMPTON) 3	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL (SLOUGH) 4	
WILLIAM MILLER (LEYTONSTONE) 5	
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT (KELVEDON) 6	
WILLIAM T. BERSON, JUN. (WALTON-ON-THAMES) 7	
WILLIAM KEEBLE (FEERING) Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of London rung by a William hand. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Reg. Wm. Rogers, only son of the ringer of the 3rd, who was married the same day in Yorkshire, and to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliott, of Kelvedon. W. Rogers was elected a member of the Essex Association, and W. Elliott a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, previous to starting for the peal. The conductor's 400th peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	THOMAS JULL 6
HERBERT E. SIMPSON 3	LEWIS HEAD 7
GEORGE PODND 4	LARRY HALES Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS HEAD.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. A birthday peal for Larry Hales, and for the son and daughter of T. Jull.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES L. HAYWARD 5
JOHN W. DAVIES 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. ROSTRUM. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method, and hails from Wellington, Salop.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	*GEORGE HAWKINS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	*ERNEST NOY Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
ROBERT J. DAWE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPPE 6
*ALFRED C. PANKHORST 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise, and the first peal of Major on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE F. STUBBS Treble	THOMAS ATKINS 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
WILLIAM PERVIN 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT 4	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with bells half-muffled, in deep respect for Miss Hilda Thorley, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Thorley, a much-respected member of the local band, who has passed away at the early age of 21 years.

GRIMSBY.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

F. OVERTON Treble	J. B. BUDD 5
*F. METCALF 2	C. TAYLOR 6
T. FITZJOHN 3	H. MINGAY 7
R. S. LONG 4	S. BROMFIELD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. MINGAY.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. * First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Kennington, on the occasion of the birth of a son.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt

JOHN HOSGOOD Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
ALFRED MONKLEY 2	JAMES MOSS 6
E. W. BIPPIN 3	CHARLES ROOTLEY 7
T. J. STOKES 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

First peal on the bells. First peal for 3rd and 7th ringers. The ringer of the 6th is 78 years of age, and it is his 70th peal. All are members of St. Thomas's band except the conductor.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

DERBY.—On Wednesday evening, at 81, Roe Street, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: E. Summerside 1—2, Geo. Freebrey 3—4, A. Gamble (conductor) 5—6. First 720 by all. Also 336 Grandsire Triples, with P. Tate on 7—8, conducted by E. Summerside.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

SYDNEY G. FLOWERS Treble	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	JOHN W. WOOD 6
GEORGE LADD 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
ARTHUR RIGGALL 4	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The composition is adapted from Thurstan's 6,160. First peal of Double Norwich by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 7th.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary's, Lambeth, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
*ERNEST J. KING 3	HARRY MANCIE 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	*EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

First peal as conductor in this method.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES HAZEL Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*EDGAR HUMFREY 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
Miss STELLA DAVIS 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MATT. HOBBS Treble	FREDK. H. PEARCEY 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
HARRY BAXTER 4	ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

First peal on eight by Fredk. Pearcey. The ringer of the treble is from Barton Seagrave; 2nd and 3rd from Isham; 4th from Broughton; 6th from Kettering; 7th from Gedding; 5th and tenor from Market Harborough. The best thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
†ALFRED RUSHTON 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
FRANK BERRY 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells, hails from Maund, Bodenham, Herefordshire, and was elected a member previous to commencing the peal.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR INGHAM Treble	JOHN WATSON 5
*MISS CLAYTON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JOHN BROWN 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
WM. MARGERISON 4	JAS. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. JOINER ... Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
JACK CARMAN 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who was prevented from standing in on account of a cold.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the (R.C.) Church of St. Marie.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*CHAS. H. LAKE Treble	JAMES EVINSON 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	JOHN THORPE 6
THOS. G. SAREL 3	ROBERT HARRISON 7
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4	FRANCIS WARD Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. A. Dixon, who was married on the above date, and whose associations with St. Marie's company extend over 50 years. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd, who, although nearly 72 years of age, rang admirably throughout the peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 5
SYDNEY SADLER 2	ERNEST R. SIMPSON ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
JAMES R. KEMP 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

This peal was rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. J. R. Kemp, who, to the great regret of the ringers in the district, is leaving shortly for Dunedin, New Zealand. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. Brondley, of Bradford, and A. Hillier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*MAURICE NORTHOVER Treble	JOHN BEAMS 5
THOMAS MILES 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
ARTHUR BASFORD 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 4	*ALEC CHEASLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	FRED HUTTON 5
*ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 2	JOB GREENWOOD 6
*HARRY ATRINSON 3	MILLIGAN HARRISON 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	VERNEY BAIRSTOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by VERNEY BAIRSTOW.

* First peal.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

JAMES J. WILSON Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. JENKINS.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	BERNARD DITCHER 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
GEORGE LEWIS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Dixon, a much-respected member of St. Maries' tower, Sheffield.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, October 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS MARTIN Treble	HAROLD MILLS 4
RUBEN GOY 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY 5
RALPH HAZELL 3	ERNEST HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by T. MARTIN.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Oct. 15th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Canterbury and Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. James 1, W. Samuel 2, E. Thomas 3, Ed. Coles 4, A. Hannington (conductor) 5, W. Coles 6.—Also for evensong, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. James 1, A. Hannington 2, W. Samuel 3, E. John 4, Ed. Coles (conductor) 5, E. Coles 6. First attempt by ringer of treble, also for ringer of fourth on an 'inside bell.'

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings.

*J. BARFIELD Treble	H. HURD 4
*J. WRIGHT 2	J. TAYLOR 5
*A. LANGTON 3	*D. LANGTON Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

This was the first peal on the recently recast bells, and the first all Thurlaston peal on record. * First peal. J. Barfield was elected member previous to starting.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each o College Single, Plain Bob, and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON PAGE Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Roper Dixon, J.P., C.C., who was buried at Teynham on Thursday, October 9th.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods as follows, viz., 1 St. Clement's, 2 Double and Single Oxford, 3 Double and Single Court, 4 Cambridge Surprise, 5 Oxford Treble Bob, 6 Kent Treble Bob, 7 Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES OSBORN Treble	JOHN RODEN 4
*JOHN W. LAKE 2	ARTHUR J. HOLMES 5
*WILLIAM TILLEY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in nine methods.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 4
HENRY SQUIRES 2	HARRY BARNES 5
JOHN H. HAYNES 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble and 4th.

WENDEN AMBO, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

WALTER MANSFIELD ... Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 4
*WALTER F. SERMONS 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	HAROLD J. HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 5th and tenor whose birthdays were on the 23rd. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from Barley, Herts; 5th from Long Stanton; tenor from Cambridge.

* Elected a life member in the tower.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

As arranged by the REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HAROLD WHITFIELD Treble	* THOMAS HILDITCH 4
* ARTHUR PEAKE 2	* THOMAS HURD 5
* ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, Yorks, Mrs. T. Hurd, Mr. Hilditch, and the conductor. First of Cambridge Minor by the Guild.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 29 lb.

JAMES ABERY Treble	JAMES SMITH 4
JOHN BOWER 2	GEORGE ABERY 5
GEORGE PARSONS 3	ERNEST TIGWELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4
CATHERINE FIELDS 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

The peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who hail from St. Neots, and Eye, Northants, respectively. They were proposed and seconded members of the Guild previous to starting.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ... 4
ALEC J. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAYSOM 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and by all the band, except the conductor.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being to six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire, and 26 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* HENRY J. PEAKE Treble	EDGAR R. JONES 3
WILLIAM EVANS 2	* TREVOR JONES 4
JAMES P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John V. Ward (churchwarden), who had been a member of the above tower and Guild since 1904, when the bells were reopened after restoration.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, October 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2 six-scores of Stedman, and 8 six-scores each of Canterbury, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RANDALL ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 3
* MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 2	TOM TEBBUTT 4
HARRY BAXTER Treble	

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	* ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	JAMES E. GROVES 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSELY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Mr. T. RUSSAM.

Arranged for Messrs. H. J. Poole and E. Morris, of Leicester.

* Fiftieth peal this year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Twickenham on Saturday week. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., when several touches were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Cole Skeane), with the Rev. E. A. Jones presiding at the organ.

The Vicar choose for his text three words of everyday use: 'Nothing, something and everything.'

After service, an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, when 34 sat down to an excellent tea, as guests of the Vicar and churchwardens, with the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. T. Etherington (churchwarden), the Rev. E. A. Jones, Mr. T. Beadle (vice-president), and Mr. Holloway (Ringing Master).

At the business meeting which followed, one ringing member was elected, and the Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members.

Hillingdon (St. John's) was announced for the November meeting, and Acton was selected for January, 1925.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells, and for their kind hospitality (which had been much appreciated); to the Vicar for his excellent address, and the welcome he gave to the association; to the organist, steeplekeeper, host and lady assistants.

Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells by Messrs. R. Holloway, J. Herbert, F. Goodfellow, J. E. Cooper and C. V. Ebberson, who received the Vicar's best thanks. He also thanked the members for ringing the quarter-peal on the 11th when the Bishop of London visited their church.—This concluded the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary and Ringing Master extend their best thanks to all members for their attendance and support at the meeting.

More ringing was indulged in till nearly 9 p.m., when another pleasant afternoon came to an end. The company had by that time increased to 42.

DEVON GUILD.

On Tuesday evening, October 14th, the new president (the Rev. E. S. Powell) visited the North Devon branch. On his arrival at Combe Martin he was given a hearty welcome by the ringers in the church tower at 6 p.m. The bells were at once raised in peal, and 335 Grandsire Triples rung, with the Rev. E. S. Powell taking part, after which several practice touches were rung.

Leaving Combe Martin at 7.30, he proceeded to Ilfracombe, accompanied by Mr. A. H. Hayward, the branch secretary, and at the parish church he was met by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. H. L. Pigot, and the parish church ringers. The bells having been raised, a start was at once made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), which was brought round in 47 mins.: J. Sprague 1, Rev. E. S. Powell 2, R. Dodds 3, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 4, E. Sprague 5, R. A. Eaton 6, F. Blackmore 7, J. Richards 8.

Mr. R. A. Eaton, of Birmingham, was on a visit to Ilfracombe, and it was E. Sprague's first quarter-peal. — A vote of thanks to the president for visiting the branch brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

A RINGING HOLIDAY IN SUFFOLK.**THE PEALS OF A WANDERING 'CANARY.'**

Journeying as far as Diss by train, the old iron grid then came into use. It was a pleasant sunny day, and the ride from Diss to Debenham was an enjoyable one. On arrival I found the bells were being rung by some band or other. On inquiring I discovered the Lavenham company were on their annual outing. After a few minutes' conversation with these ringers and a course of Cambridge, I resumed my journey to Cretingham. I found it was not possible to cycle all the way to this village, owing to floods caused by heavy rains. However, after some manoeuvring through fields and over stiles, the Bell Inn was reached at last. After an early tea, away with friend L.C.W. to Helmingham to attempt London. For once I was early, so the time was spent in exploring the church. Although I had been there previously, for the first time I saw the monument to Tollemache, for which the roof of the church was not high enough, so a piece had to be removed. At last all the band arrived, and after three hours and 19 minutes' good ringing the bells ran into rounds. You may imagine how happy all were, there being seven 'firsts' in the band. As the company was a somewhat mixed one, and consequently had to go different ways, it was not convenient for all to partake of refreshments at the same place. However, a few celebrated the event at Framdsen.

The next day, Sunday, Cambridge, at Debenham, was on the programme. After ringing three courses, this came to an untimely end. But once again we commenced, and a fine peal was scored.

On Monday evening a fine peal of Superlative was rung, the course ends rolling up like clockwork. It is not yet known how many inhabitants at Framdsen and Cretingham are still asking who was murdered, as it was rumoured groans and shrieks were heard about 10.30 p.m. But let it be known it was the holiday maker's back pedal brake. This brake was removed the following morning, and a new one fitted.

Stedman Triples was rung at Coddanham on Tuesday evening, the ringers consisting of a mixed band, with a local ringer taking part.

On Wednesday another peal of Superlative was registered at Framlingham.

On arrival at Honley on Thursday, we were all heartily welcomed by the ringing Vicar. Cambridge was attempted, but as at Debenham, three courses only were rung before it came to grief. However, a second attempt was made, and the bells ran round at 10 p.m.

The next day, Friday, Cambridge should have been attempted at Grundisburgh, but a postcard arrived stating for some cause or other the bells were not available. The 'Canary,' therefore, spent the day touring Suffolk, informing the band there was 'nothing doing.'

Cycling as far as Ipswich on Saturday, a peal at St. Margaret's was the order of the day. But on commencing the peal something went wrong—maybe the bells were bad-tempered. Several attempts for Cambridge and Double Norwich went astray in a few minutes. However, another attempt was made, and a fine peal of the latter method was scored. The tenor ringer is to be congratulated on his performance. After a social hour with our Ipswich friends, our cycles were hauled out, and a damp journey made to Cretingham.

Sunday, the last day of the holiday arrived all too soon, and a dismal morning it was. At first it looked too wet to think of cycling to Worlingworth, where Superlative was to be attempted. However, at 12.30 the weather cleared up a little, so off we went. On arrival at the church we found four of the band had arrived, but after waiting half an hour nobody else appeared. Things had just begun to look like being a 'wash-out,' when up came one more. He apparently had found a shelter from the rain at the other end of the village. The services of old friend David were then sought, and a good peal of Oxford was rung, the later part of which took place during a thunderstorm.

This concluded the holiday, so far as ringing was concerned, and the average was good considering that we rang a peal on each occasion we met for one.

At the conclusion of the peal at Worlingworth, the holiday maker bid the other seven ringers a hurried good-bye, and proceeded to cycle 13 miles to Diss. It was a great ride, being commenced in a thunderstorm and heavy rain. However, the clerk of the weather took pity, and the last nine miles were done in the dry, if the roads were somewhat flooded.

Some have asked whether my holidays are at end, but it is whispered 'not quite.' I thank all who made my time such a happy one, especially my friends at Cretingham. G. H. C.

A DATE TOUCH.

On October 14th, at Dunmow, Essex, a date touch was rung at St. Mary's Church, consisting of 1,884 Bob Minor and 40 Bob Doubles, in 1 hour 15 minutes, by Bert Claydon 1, A. Bibbans 2, A. Smith 3, A. Perry 4, E. Richardson 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Worplesdon, Surrey, on Tuesday, October 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's Oxford Bob and 180 Plain Bob: T. Scholfield 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, S. Petter 3, C. Slyfield 4, E. Chandler (conductor) 5, H. Blackman 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Scholfield.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Over eighty ringers were present at Old Cleeve, when the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association held an 'opening' meeting there. Two trebles have just been added to complete the octave. Sheffield correspondents have written in reply to 'Normal Time,' and their letters will appear next week.

Ringers are reminded of the reopening of the restored peal at Bletchley at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

The reopening of the six bells at Higham-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire, is to take place on Saturday, November 8th.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was to have been held at Thornbury on November 8th, but it has been found necessary to bring it forward a week, and members should, therefore, note that the meeting will be held to-morrow.

Next Monday, Mr. William Rock Small, the Tipton veteran, will celebrate his 85th birthday, and ringers throughout the Exercise will extend to him their hearty good wishes.

Congratulations to the Williams upon their peal of London Surprise. After the disappointment of a few weeks ago, they met again on the 18th, in London, and brought off the job. The band travelled between them about 1,020 miles to ring this peal.

The first peal of London rung by a band of the same Christian name was accomplished at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on January 2nd, 1904, when the Johns put to their credit the first of the three peals they have rung.

To the Williams, however, belongs the credit of the first 'name' peal, for in Shipway's day they rang a peal of 5,129 Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

The anniversary of this peal falls on Monday next. Shipway called the peal, and eleven Williams took part, there being two men on the tenor.

'Listener' writes that with the birth of 'Marlborough' comes the death of 'Wigston.'

This week we record a peal of Double Norwich rung at Surfleet, the composition being an adaptation of Samuel Thurston's 6,160. It is somewhat of a coincidence that to-morrow is the anniversary of the first performance of that peal, which Thurston 'composed and expertly conducted' at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, on Tuesday, November 1st, 1831.

The tablet in the belfry records that the peal 'by reason of the intricacy of the composition might be properly called a performance of first-rate eminence, and with respect to the superiority of striking it was no less worthy of notice, the utmost regularity being retained from beginning to ending.'

On November 5th next year, Cambridge ringers will have the opportunity of celebrating a bi-centenary, for on that day in 1725 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Great St. Mary's by the Cambridge Youths. A record of this peal is to be found among the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on November 5th, 1821.

WHAT'S WRONG?

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leader of last week, dealing with meetings, and the discouraging attendances, you ask, 'What's wrong?' Is not the answer to be found elsewhere in your columns? You speak of these meetings as 'giving some ringers wider opportunities of practice than they can get in their own tower.' Suppose, then, a ringer goes to a meeting with that idea—perhaps cycling several miles to get there, what happens? Let me quote from your columns: 'Meeting 3 p.m. (often late). Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards.' That is to say, too many things are crowded into the time at disposal. Is it always necessary to have the service? Must the business meeting be held on that same day? No wonder the man, who has come some miles, goes home disappointed, and resolved not to attend another meeting. He has had little chance of ringing—especially if the meeting has been well attended—and actually ringing takes quite a secondary place at such meetings.

I write this with quite an open mind, for I am myself rarely able to attend Saturday meetings of any sort.—Yours, etc.

Bristol.

R. H. WHITFORD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch was held at Yate on Saturday week, when 40 members attended, representing twelve towers. Some excellent ringing was done on the heavy peal of six during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. H. F. Forster Morris) conducted the service, and presided over the tea and business meeting which followed.

Three new members were elected, and Thornbury selected for the next meeting, which will be on November 1st (not the 8th inst., as proposed). Canon Connwall is leaving Thornbury shortly, and wishes the meeting to take place before he departs.

The Rector and local ringers were heartily thanked for their welcome, and for providing tea.

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in Reading last July, it was resolved to take steps to erect in Oxford a memorial to the late James W. Washbrook, and to invite contributions towards this from all Guilds, Associations and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends.

It was further resolved, if possible, that the memorial should take the form of augmenting the peals of six bells in the towers of either St. Ebbe's, St. Giles' or Carfax.

A special committee was appointed to make the necessary inquiries and to carry out the scheme which should appear to them to be the best.

The committee met on Oct. 16th, and carefully considered the information which had been collected, the expert reports which had been made, as well as the personal opinions which had been expressed on this question.

It was, in the end, decided to appeal to the Exercise and to friends for the minimum sum of £170, in order to augment the peal of six bells at St. Ebbe's Church, and, in the event of a larger sum being forthcoming, to consider a larger scheme.

Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and A. J. Wright were elected joint secretaries to the committee. Mr. Wright also kindly consented to act as hon. treasurer. Subscriptions should be sent to him at 40, Hamilton Road, Reading, or paid to 'the Washbrook Memorial Fund,' at Lloyds Bank, Reading.

To launch this appeal is a venture of faith, inasmuch as the great days of Washbrook were at least a quarter of a century ago, but nevertheless it is a venture that should be made in order to perpetuate the memory of one who was perhaps the greatest ringer of any age. And there could surely be no more fitting memorial to one who was such a pioneer of change ringing than to provide for a musical though light ring of eight in a poor part of the city of his birth—a city not possessed of a handy ring of eight available for change ringing, in a parish where bell ringing is appreciated, and in a tower where ringers from all parts are always welcomed.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, Chairman of Committee.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

On Saturday last, members of the Nottingham district of the Midland Counties Association journeyed to Greasley for the usual monthly meeting, and were well repaid for doing so, in spite of the weather not being all that could be desired. The members on their arrival were welcomed by the very energetic leader of this young band of ringers, Mr. J. E. Hobbs, and his pupils, and the ladies, who were busy with the cups and saucers. This tower originally contained five bells, but in 1922 these were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough fame, who have made them a very handy ring.

Tea, served in the Church Institute, was kindly provided by the esteemed Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Galloway), and hon. member of the association. Representatives from the following towers were present: Beeston, Bulwell, Ilkeston, Cotgrave, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham, West Hallam, Southwell, and the local band.

After the 'inner man' had been well supplied, Mr. W. E. White moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. S. Galloway, and to the ladies for so well and kindly attending upon those present.—This, needless to say, was carried unanimously.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president), supported by Mr. F. Blood, hon. secretary. Three places were proposed for the next meeting, viz., Breaston, Old Basford and Ruddington, and on being put to the meeting Old Basford was selected, the meeting to be held on November 22nd.

One new member was elected, making a total of 27 for the year, which speaks well for the progress of the association. It was announced that the William Doubleday Crofts Memorial Dinner would be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on January 31st, 1925.

The Secretary addressed the members on the arrangements for the annual meeting, which were approved and left to the committee to carry out.

Mr. W. E. White then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, who had by this time arrived home and joined the members, for his great kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for enabling the meeting to be held at Greasley; also for the magnificent tea he had provided.—The Vicar replied, and mentioned what a pleasure it was to entertain the association. He hoped to meet them all again on many occasions.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs and the ladies were also joined in this vote of thanks.

The members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, and the bells were made good use of in methods up to London Surprise, the bells being lowered about eight o'clock, after a very enjoyable afternoon. It is hoped that the district will always be able to report such good meetings and fellowship as was evinced at this gathering.

THE FIRST MUFFLED PEAL?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst examining some books in the reference library, I came across an account of a peal in a volume called 'Old English Churches,' by George Clinch, F.G.S., p. 135. In this he gives a quotation from 'Hones' Table Book,' vol. ii., p. 527, as follows:—

The following was formerly exhibited in one of the inns at Bromley, Kent.

'Rang at St. Peter's, Bromley, on the 15th January, 1817, by the Society of Bromley Youths, a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, which is 5,040 changes, with the bells muffled, in commemoration of Wm. Chapman, deceased, being a ringer in the parish of Bromley 43 years, and rang upwards of 60 peals. This dumb peal was completed in 3 hours and 6 minutes: Thos. Giles 1, R. D. Chapman 2, Wm. Sanger 3, G. Stone 4, Wm. King 5, Jno. Allen 6, Wm. Fuller 7, Jno. Green 8, being the first dumb peal of this kind ever rung in this kingdom, and conducted by J. Allen.'

The book also showed the design of a bell in a floral wreath, crudely drawn at the head of the above account, which seems to indicate that it was done on a simple placard, perhaps by one of the ringers or an artistic friend, and hung in the inn for all to see.

The peal itself, however, is of more importance. Has it been known previously as the first 'dumb peal,' meaning, I suppose, fully muffled; and, further, where is the placard to-day?

I was highly amused whilst the controversy on the nomenclature of methods was going on. Some seem afraid of being ridiculed by the public when it reads of 'horticultural' methods being rung. As the subject is now under consideration by a committee one need not express an opinion on this, but I would like to draw attention to a somewhat similar case. Turn to the pages of any standard hymn book (organ copy), and notice the names the composers of hymn tunes have tacked on to their productions. Certainly few flowers are named, unless 'Rose of Sharon' was a flower, but there you will find almost every description of name, place names, colleges, saints, ideas, and commands, such as 'Follow me' (ideal for a plain hunting method). Evidently the musical composers were not troubled with fears as to the public opinion of their names, as the method composers are said to be. The title 'Angelus' was attached to a hymn tune composed in 1657; would it look any worse to apply it to bell music, where it rightly belongs in 1924? Another, 'Safe Home,' is applied to a modern tune; this might not be so applicable to a method, on account of being too optimistic—a rope might break, for instance. Now I will leave this fruitful garden of names for some more able searcher.—Yours faithfully,

Toronto.

P. LAFLIN.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN NEWCASTLE.

On Monday, October 20th a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at Newcastle Cathedral to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Alfred Hillier, but was lost shortly after the half-way, through a change course. Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, had brought out a new composition (5,070 changes) especially for this occasion: E. Ferry 1, C. L. Routledge (conductor) 2, G. Rowell 3, T. H. Reeves (Birmingham) 4, J. A. Goffon 5, J. E. Goffon 6, J. W. Parker 7, R. A. Goffon 8, A. F. Hillier 9, T. T. Goffon 10, J. E. Keen 11, W. H. Barber 12.

The company was afterwards joined by Messrs. W. Story and R. Richards at the Half-Moon Hotel, and 'Old Alf,' as he is affectionately known in the ringing world, was presented with a silver snuff-box, which was inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Mr. Alfred Francis Hillier by members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers and other friends, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, as a token of their respect and esteem.'

The Ringing Master (Mr. Routledge), who presented it, wished him many happy returns, on behalf of all his friends, and said it was the best importation the Guild or the Diocesan Association ever had when Mr. Hillier deserted his native Crawley, in Sussex, to come to Newcastle 33 years ago. He was always to be relied on to turn up for service or peal ringing, and to do his best at the rope from treble to 9th—never any further!

The Brothers Goffon, with Messrs. Barber and Reeves, afterwards treated the company to a course of Stedman Cinques, and then the four brothers rang courses of London and Superlative Surprise, much to the delight and admiration of the company present.

PRESENTATION TO AN ILKESTON RINGER.

The members of the Ilkeston (Derbyshire) band have presented to Mr. H. Straw, one of their number, an oak inkstand suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his wedding. The presentation took place at Mapperley, where Mr. and Mrs. Straw now reside, on Oct. 11th. The Ilkeston ringers spending a very pleasant evening at the Black Horse. The Ringing Master handed the gift to Mr. Straw, in a happy little speech, and the recipient suitably replied. The inkstand was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. H. Straw, in commemoration of their wedding, by the ringers of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, 1924.' During the evening, touches and tunes were rung on handbells, and some good songs were rendered. A course of Grandsire Triples was tapped by the Ringing Master on his weird peal of bells, to the amazement of the company.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

MR. J. W. PARKER'S CRITICISM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Trollope for his kindly word with me in your issue of October 17th. Certainly it smacks of the superior mind endeavouring to lead an erring one into the right way of thinking, but we may acquit Mr. Trollope of any intentional assumption of superiority.

If the purpose of his letter is to show that places are not of first importance in method construction, he is far from convincing.

A lack of confidence is created at the outset by his statement that he formerly regarded 'Places are the Method' as a self-evident fact. If at one time he, with the whole of the advanced school, believed this, and now consider it is false, then their change of mind at most reflects credit to their courage; but it casts a doubt on the infallibility of Mr. Trollope, which he assumes by saying, 'I know' at the end of his letter.

Further, his case is given away by the acknowledgment that, having the places of the method, you can without difficulty supply the rest, especially when it is remembered that 'the rest' is fixed by the places and cannot be changed, in any way, except by an alteration of the places. Thus, as he again admits, by putting down all the possible positions in which places may be made, all possible methods are obtained.

Then follow two statements which, in the light of the foregoing, are remarkable, and his justification for the statements is 'that cause must be before the effect in time.' Surely the advanced school must know that cause and effect may be simultaneous, and this being so, the two statements have no logical value.

Take the emphasised one, which states 'it is not true that any . . . reversal of hunting direction is caused by a place or places, and look at London Surprise. As the bells come below the treble they are hunting forward, in what may be termed the natural way, each bell, however, as it comes below the treble must make a place, which effects a change, and the bell is said to be hunting backward instead of in the natural way, until it makes another place. If the place is not made the bell continues to hunt forward, then does the place bring about the changed condition?

Further on the point of time, Mr. Trollope thinks that through some mental process I consider the places and the resultant dodging as a sequence. This can only be described as a bad guess, but would he like me to make a guess at the mental process which has brought him to the present pass on this question? Again, he should at least be consistent, for reading his letter which appeared in your issue of Sept. 12th I find the following in his explanation of what a method really is: 'The treble has made a step,' 'the treble has successively changed positions.' Does Mr. Trollope mean to say that consideration of time is not implied in making a step and in a succession?

Also in the same letter we find the following: 'If instead of making second's place you make seventh's when the treble is behind you get exactly the same results. We call either of them an extreme constructional shunt. The simplest group of methods will be constructed by (1) the extreme with the treble before. A "P" Court Shunt will, by itself, as you will find, cause one bell to lie still at lead.'

Do these not plainly state that a method is constructed by a place, that a place gives 'results,' and that there is a cause in methods?

Mr. Trollope likens a method to a triangle; this is not easy to grasp, but we may, for the purpose of argument, take his word for the relationship. Then, given the base and two angles what follows is inevitable, but given the same base and two other angles, what follows will be different from the first, inasmuch as the two sides will not be of the same length. This variation in the two triangles may be said to be caused by the change in the given angles. Similarly, if we fix the places of a method, what follows is inevitable, but if the disposition of the places is changed, variation in the method follows; then to say that this is caused by the disposition of the places would not be absurd.

It appears to me to be impossible for anyone to recognise a method as an expression of mathematical law if they have not found out what that law is. If expressed, it is shown.

We have heard and read of men in the dark, being on the open ground, who thought they were progressing, but when the light came they had only returned to their starting-point. I do not say that Mr. Trollope is in the same case, but there is the possibility, for his present theory is but one of places. He has very cleverly analysed and arranged them into shunts. Single shunts which preserve the coursing order, and combined places which first upset and then restore the coursing order, the whole operation being considered as the Shunt, but at the most they are only a selection of places which give desired results.

I must voice my appreciation of Mr. Trollope's last paragraph. It is entirely undeserved, but most of us are susceptible to flattery.

One could write a great deal on methods, but I have said enough, and will leave the last word to Mr. Trollope if he desires to have it, concluding here with a word about Mr. Powell's letter in your last

issue. In dealing with my illustration he entirely ignores or misses the important point, which is, that plain hunting, forward or backward, will only produce the rows in the block known as Original. Nothing else can be got without places.

The only important point in his letter is his views on leading and lying, which he regards as stagnation if the bell is stopping. He is quite wrong in saying 'nobody regards the two blows at lead or behind as stopping.' I for one certainly regard both as stopping or waiting till a bell has moved to change with the bell lying or leading. What else are they doing?

The remainder of Mr. Powell's letter, and his enlightening definitions, may be left to interested readers.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

THE REV. E. S. POWELL EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir,—The question put by 'Interested' is answered at least partially in the fourth paragraph of my last letter, though I fear not in a form which will answer his requirements. Perhaps I may be allowed to enlarge on it to some extent. Any true cause must be of such a character that it will always produce the same effect.

This is not so with an internal place. Consider the two sets of figures annexed. In the first set the second's place is made at the tenth change; in the second set the same place is made at the fifth change. The results are totally unlike, as anyone can see. Why? If the place is the cause, as is alleged, the effect of the second's place should be the same in both examples. I have never seen (nor am I ever likely to see) an explanation on the place-making theory, which does not introduce some alien idea. It must be the place and nothing but the place, or else the place theory must go altogether.

Let us see whether it is possible to find a different explanation which covers the ground and does provide an answer as the place theory fails to do. With a view to simplicity, we will assume that the treble is to have a plain hunting course. Following out the idea in my tentative definitions last week, we will also assume that the natural original motion of the bells is such that each of them pursues the one before it in the order 3-1-2-4-6-5-3. So long as the bells are allowed to continue thus, they tend to return to rounds, and will, in fact, do so at the end of twice as many changes as there are bells. In order to carry on and obtain a greater variety, we arrange that the treble shall advance one place in coursing order among the extreme bells. As by hypothesis the treble is to continue marching forward at an even pace, the other bells must take a step backwards, and then continue forward again. This can be done in several ways. For example, 2nd's place can be made at the treble's lead, and similarly when she is behind, or the bell coursing in front of the treble can make a pair of places next her as in Double Court, or one of these places can be made as the treble hunts up, and the other as she comes down. They are all alike in that what actually occurs is that the extreme bells all take a step backwards in coursing order relatively to the treble. The analogy of marching soldiers comes in again here, though the comparison must not be pushed too far. The men are supposed to be marching along a road each one pace in front of the next. One of them (the treble) carries on steadily; the others either take one step back and then continue their forward movement, as in Plain Bob or Double Court, or they mark time one pace on two separate occasions, as in Single Court. If this process be repeated the same number of times in each lead the bells will tend to return to rounds in as many leads as there are extreme bells.

While recognising your courtesy in providing a considerable amount of space for a subject which is very important in the interests of ringers generally, it is equally evident that it is not one in which most of your readers are directly concerned, and it is beyond expectation that you should find room for a full exposition of the subject. If 'Interested' or any other reader with similar views cares to write to me privately, I will do my best to give him a reasonable explanation of the principles for which we desire the consideration of students. After all, we are not politicians with axes to grind, but students anxious to discover all the truth that can be known.

In one small point 'Interested' misunderstood my earlier letter. Neither place nor dodge is the 'cause.' What can be said for the place as 'cause' or against it, applies equally to the dodge.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

At Aldrington, Sussex, on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. White 1, G. Steele 2, M. Broomfield 3, R. Stradwick 4, F. Trusler 5, W. White (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Cambridge and 120 London Minor. E. Godley taking part. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to B. S. and A. Cherryman, two ringers of the local band, on the death of their mother.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE FORTHCOMING MEETING AT HIGH WYCOMBE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of those readers of the 'Ringing World' who are wondering what to make of the position of affairs in E. Berks and S. Bucks, I would like to place the following facts before them:—

1. The All Saints' Society, High Wycombe, after serious consideration, can no longer associate itself with the same, under existing conditions. It, therefore, with much regret, secedes from affiliation with the Oxford Diocesan Guild from the 31st December next (1923). (See 'R.W.' July 27th, 1923, page 475.)
2. The following members of the High Wycombe band have paid their subscriptions to the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the year 1924: Messrs. F. W. Boxell, E. R. Coles, R. Coles, S. T. Goodchild, F. Hayes, W. H. Plumridge, G. Twitchen, and G. White.
3. The tower of High Wycombe was applied for by me for a branch meeting, and refused, on the grounds that the Master ruled it as 'out of court' for an annual meeting; also that they were expecting repairs to the tower to be commenced.
4. None of the High Wycombe band have attended any E.B. and S.B. branch meetings this year, although a notice has been sent each month to the foreman of the tower, and, the tower at Hughenden, where a meeting was held on Saturday last, is only two miles from High Wycombe.

Reading between the lines, and incidentally noticing the date of the invitation to High Wycombe, it would appear that the attitude of the High Wycombe band is not friendly to the well-being of the Guild. If the members of this band wish to discuss Guild business and rules, why on earth cannot they bestir themselves to attend an official meeting, and get acquainted with what is happening, in a proper manner, instead of giving the impression that their whole object is to destroy the efforts of those who work only for the advancement of the art of change ringing, and the success of the Oxford Diocesan Guild? We have the whole-hearted support of the majority of towers in our branch, whose members are in sympathy with our aims, so that there will always be an East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and it is not impossible to get another 12 bell tower in the branch.

The meeting at High Wycombe on Nov. 8th, has no official status or support, and, therefore, cannot pass any resolution which will alter the rules or proceedings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR D. BARKER, Hon. District Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LUTON DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very successful meeting was held at Woburn on Saturday, members being present from Bedford, Dunstable, Luton, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, and the local tower, welcome visitors being Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre, of Surfleet and Leverstock, respectively. The bells were kept busy throughout the afternoon and evening, with an interval for tea, which was held at King's Restaurant.

The short business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. King (president of the branch).

Mr. W. Ayre was elected a life member of the association, and Luton selected for the next meeting on November 22nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the tower was then again visited.

The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. John's Church, Portmadoc, N. Wales on Saturday, Oct. 18th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Williams, one of the ringers at this church, and Miss Dora Thompson, of Ashley, Newmarket, Cambs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Richards (first quarter) 1, R. McMillan (first inside) 2, H. McMillan 3, H. Roberts (conductor) 4, J. Owen 5, J. V. Humphreys 6, P. Roberts 7, E. Brown 8.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT TO BE REVIVED.**

A most successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Seventeen members were present from Croydon, Clapham, Dorking, Enfield, Edmonton, Lewisham, Guildford, Hillingdon, Ealing, Finsbury Park, Kensington and Holloway. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Stedman and Grandsire Caters were

rung by ten of the members, and Double Norwich with seven taking part.

At the business meeting it was decided to revive the Central District, and Mrs. F. I. Hairs was elected secretary.

The next meeting will be held at Beckenham in January. In view of the enthusiasm displayed by all the members at this meeting, there is every prospect that the district will flourish.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The autumn meeting of the above district was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Oct. 18th, and was attended by upwards of 30 members. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Salmon), and Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ. The Rector's warden (Mr. W. G. Birt) was also present. Tea was partaken of at the Castle Inn, followed by the business meeting. The Rector presided, supported by his warden, and Mr. G. Hale, people's warden.

The election of one non-resident life member was confirmed, and the members of the Hadlow band were re-elected, their tower having been out of union for some years.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens, to Mr. Pitman, and to Mr. Longley, local secretary, brought the meeting to a close, and the members adjourned to the tower, where some good practice in various methods was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN BRANCH.**

On Saturday, Oct. 18th, a very successful meeting was held at Madresfield, nearly every company of the branch being represented. It was the more encouraging from the fact that many young members were present. Service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a very interesting address. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Copeland, was partaken of in the Recreation Room, kindly lent by Earl Beauchamp.

At the business meeting which followed, it was arranged that the next quarterly peal should be attempted at Madresfield, Mr. W. Rafter to be conductor. The next meeting is to be at Powick.

The officers were all re-elected.

The Secretary urged the members to approach their respective Vicars and churchwardens to become hon. members, and annually collect their subscriptions.

The Rector, having travelled much abroad, especially in Australia, greatly amused the company by his fund of stories.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped to make such a successful meeting.

Mr. S. T. Holt, the Branch Master, ably supervised the ringing so that all had a pull. There were rounds for the beginners, and the methods ranged up to London Surprise for the more advanced.

MUFFLED RINGING.

At Ilkeston, Derbyshire, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Dr. R. Wood, J.P., touches of 336 of Grandsire Triples and 504 of Stedman Triples. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman was attempted, but lost in the 12th course. Afterwards the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 80 times, representing the deceased gentleman's age. Also on Tuesday, October 14th, after the funeral, several touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob and the 'whole pull and stand.' The ringers taking part were: E. C. Gobey, H. Harrison, C. J. Baker, J. F. George, I. Hufton, E. Fletcher, F. Tarlton, W. Tarr, L. King, W. Diffe, E. F. Gobey, H. Fletcher, Miss M. Spencer and Miss E. M. Gobey. H. Straw, E. C. Gobey and H. Harrison shared the conducting.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood defrayed the expense of having the 5th bell recast in 1902, and also in 1910, when the whole peal were recast.

DEDICATION OF ELTHAM BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me to announce, through your paper, that the bells and clock of Eltham, Kent, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwark on Saturday next, Nov. 1st, at 6.30 p.m.

I should also like to state that, except for a quarter peal of Boh Major which will be rung by the local ringers and friends immediately after the service, there will be no other ringing.

We shall, however, welcome any who would like to try the bells at our practice nights—Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

W. ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—On Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: N. Moxon 1, H. Cafferatta 2, Miss G. Burchall 3, Miss K. Burchall 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, J. Semper (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal by all, and the first on the new bells. Much credit is due to the ringers, especially the instructor, Mr. Semper, who has had them under tuition for such a short time.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PITSFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodson 1, C. Maltby 2, R. Maltby 3, I. Bennett 4, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 5.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 1, F. Stacey 2, W. Seeley 3, P. Parslow 4, W. L. Oakley 5, C. H. Horton 6, F. A. Smith 7, W. Simons 8.

WARMINSTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: E. F. White 1, J. Gard 2, Mrs. W. T. Witts 3, J. Francis 4, F. Ashworth 5, G. Webster (first quarter-peal) 6, F. Precey 7, S. Marlow, senr., 8. All are local ringers with the exception of J. Francis, who belongs to Trowbridge.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 180 of Plain Bob: J. Waghorn, junr., 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, F. Foreman 3, A. Relfe 4, F. Paltenden (conductor) 5, G. Waghorn 6.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, Near BRISTOL.—On October 19th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennett 1, E. Frampton 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, H. Knight (first 720 of Oxford) 5, L. H. Moore 6. After service, 240 of Cambridge.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. J. Green (conductor) 1, C. Read 2, L. Smith 3, D. Chexfield 4, F. Case 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, T. Roberts 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by the Towcester and District Association, and by all the band, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: L. W. Jacques 1, Mrs. L. W. Jacques (conductor) 2, J. Bleby 3, T. Bettison 4, H. Allsop 5, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 6, C. Carr 7, A. Thurman 8.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for morning service, 720 Violet: J. Beresford 1, A. Edwards 2, W. Cornwell (first 720 as conductor) 3, H. Beresford 4, H. Cornwell 5, E. Edwards 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: E. Bradshaw 1, J. Cartledge 2, W. Cornwell (conductor) 3, A. W. Hall 4, H. Beresford 5, E. Edwards 6.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 608 Bob Major: A. Marshall 1, A. Blackburn 2, F. Hodgson (conductor) 3, T. Scott 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, E. Betts 7, W. Thomas 8.—On Monday, for handbell practice, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Hodgson (conductor) 1—2, A. Marshall 3—4, E. Betts 5—6, J. Banks 7—8.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for the harvest festival, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Salisbury 1, W. Morgan 2, S. Jones, senr., 3, S. Jones, junr., 4, G. Jones 5, W. Thomas 6, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor) 7, H. Thomas 8.

RETTENDEN, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: W. Jay 1, A. Cardy 2, Gunner W. May, R.F.A., 3, R. Whetton 4, F. May (conductor) 5, F. Jay 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Parker's 12-part, in 44 mins.: D. Green (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Butler 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Lycett 4, T. R. Butler 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, W. Weatherby 7, G. Hall 8.

LONDON, E.C.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: J. Hawkins 1, R. Green 2, J. Bullock (conductor) 3, C. Choct 4, A. Darnell 5, G. Shipp 6, E. Russell 7, E. Brett 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 12th, being harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: W. Henniker 1, L. Prior 2, W. Good 3, A. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Clifford 6.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. Augustine's Church, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., consisting of 360 Double Court, 180 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's: G. Lovell (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss P. Hare 2, Miss K. Moore 3, T. Little (first quarter-peal) 4, S. H. Hoare (Watford, Herts), 5, H. Hoare, junr. (conductor), 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: J. Worsfold 1, J. N. Beale 2, P. Morris 3, A. Crocker 4, F. J. Russell (conductor) 5, B. Ludlow 6.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Miss Winroc (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, G. Hardwick 2, G. Tansley 3, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 4, H. Jordan 5, E. Clarke 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. Conducted by W. H. Johnson, V.C. and was his first quarter as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. James's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,296 changes): F. Stacey 1, J. J. Allen 2, R. Darlow 3, C. H. Horton 4, W. G. Whitehead 5, F. A. Smith 6, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Seeley 8. This quarter-peal, composed by A. J. Pitman, contains 108 4.6's, 6.7's and 7.4's.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Jennings (first quarter on ten bells) 1, E. G. Talbot 2, Charles H. Kippin 3, A. Arnold 4, T. Talbot 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, B. Newson 7, J. W. Trappitt 8, F. E. Darby (first quarter-peal as conductor) 9, T. A. Bohannon 10. All are Sunday Service ringers here except the ringer of the 7th.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evensong, 720 Middlesex Surprise Royal: W. Nudds 1, W. H. Hewett 2, G. R. Pye 3, F. I. Hairs 4, C. T. Coles 5, A. W. Coles 6, J. E. Davis 7, H. Clark 8, R. Sanders 9, W. Pye (conductor) 10. Also 360, with Mrs. F. I. Hairs on 2nd; and 180 Double Norwich Royal, with J. A. Trollope and C. W. R. Greenwood taking part.

CHELMSFORD.—At Chelmsford Cathedral, on Sunday morning, Oct. 12th, on the occasion of the handing over to the care of the cathedral authorities the banner of Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath of the late Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. Tolworthy 1, L. J. Clark 2, H. Mansfield 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, P. Timson 5, A. Head 6, F. Chalk 7, J. Wood 8, C. Pease (conductor) 9, F. Cooper 10.—A quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at All Saints' Church, Writtle, on Saturday, Oct. 18th: L. Thrift 1, F. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, J. Wood 4, C. Pease 5, E. Buckingham 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, A. Head 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 1st and 2nd.

LONDON.—At the Church of All Saints', Wandsworth, on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Wandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: D. Collins 1, L. Attwater 2, T. J. Holloway 3, E. Bish 4, H. N. Pistow (conductor) 5, J. Rumley 6, W. S. Langdon 7, J. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 8.

W. KEEBLE'S 400 PEALS

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Minor	38	29	1	1
Grandsire Triples	3			
Bob Major	10	7	25	22
Bob Royal			2	1
Double Norwich Major	36	20	6	5
Double Norwich Royal	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6	4	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	15	12	16	12
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	3	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1			
Stedman Triples	11		1	
Stedman Caters	10		2	
Stedman Cinques	3		1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	9		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	18	8	4	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Superlative Surprise Major	74	37	9	4b
Bristol Surprise Major	10	3	3	1
London Surprise Major	55	30	5	1
Total	319	162	81	50

a Includes record 14,112; b Includes one rung non-conducted. These 400 peals were rung with 353 ringers, including 50 of the name of William, in 26 counties, 117 towers, and under 15 associations. Two were in Scotland, two in Wales, eight in Ireland and 388 in England.

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THE CURFEW BELL.**A PROTEST AGAINST ITS DISCONTINUANCE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—It is high time that a public protest was made against a flagrant abuse, which has become alarmingly common during the past few years, namely, the arbitrary discontinuance of the curfew in many of our English towns. Persons with so little reverence for antiquity—whether they be incumbents, churchwardens or church councillors—as to abolish a romantic old custom of a thousand years' standing, are obviously not fit to be entrusted with the care of our ancient churches. Moreover, in many cases the generous piety of the past has provided endowments for the express purpose of perpetuating the usage of the curfew for ever, and to divert these bequests to any other object is a gross misappropriation of funds held on trust.

Some few ignoble utilitarians might object that the curfew no longer serves any practical purpose, and, therefore, should not be continued. This argument would prove too much; it would involve, for instance, the immediate abolition of all ecclesiastical vestments and ornaments. But neither is it entirely true. By ordering the closing of shops at 8 p.m. the Government have, to some extent, reproduced the conditions of an earlier age, when curfew law was in force, so that the present is the least reasonable time that could be chosen for doing away with this venerable custom on the pretence that it has ceased to have any meaning.

It is true that by way of compensation a number of churches have revived the Angelus, and a few the Peace bell, but in most cases the Angelus is sounded only at noon (instead of the traditional thrice daily), so that it entirely lacks the romance of 'Sunset and evening bell,' which ever imparts a poetic charm to the sound of the curfew, while it generally consists of nothing else than a prescribed number of strokes produced by the feeble tap of a chiming hammer—in audible beyond the immediate vicinity of the church, and to the general public indistinguishable from a clock striking the hour. The majestic roll and deep, full tone of the curfew bell, raised and lowered, is on the other hand a sound to appeal to the imagination with a sense of solemn awe and reverence. Wherever this custom, hallowed by immemorial usage, has been handed down to the present generation, it should be their care and their pride to preserve for posterity the heritage of the historic past.—Yours faithfully,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

DEATH OF HEREFORD'S OLDEST RINGER.

On Saturday, October 4th, there passed away Hereford city's oldest ringer, in the person of Mr. John J. Jones, who was 78 years of age. Deceased had been in failing health for the last three years, and it was obvious to his many friends that he was getting gradually weaker. The writer has no record of his ever having rung any peals, as his opportunities for change ringing came late in life. He was one of the first to help to found the Hereford Guild in the year 1886, and was a staunch supporter up to his death. He was secretary of the Cathedral company, and was a great peacemaker.

The funeral took place on October 9th at Hereford Cemetery, the members of the Cathedral band following the coffin, with a floral emblem in the shape of a bell. A wreath was also sent by the Guild. Mr. J. G. Buchanan was present at the service, held at St. Peter's, and also at the Cemetery, accompanied by the present Master, Mr. C. Edwards.

In the evening, the Cathedral bells were rung, half-muffled, a 396 of Grandsire Caters being brought round, conducted by C. Edwards; and three courses conducted by W. H. Williams. At All Saints, on Sunday, October 12th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung, half-muffled, for evening service.

BEEDON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.**

On Saturday, Oct. 25th, at the Old Vicarage, Beedon, Berks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curtis celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Curtis has been a ringer at Beedon Church for 55 years, and a chorister for the same period, as well as acting as clerk and sexton for 39 years. He is now 76 years of age, and still a regular ringer and singer. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have four sons and three daughters living, the former all being ringers taught by their father.

The venerable couple received many congratulations and presents from family and friends, and in the afternoon, in honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with different callings, was rung in 43 minutes, by the following members of the Oxford Guild, Mr. Curtis ringing his first quarter peal: T. Curtis, junr., 1. C. Poole 2. A. Smith 3. S. Quintin 4. H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5. T. Curtis, senr., 6.

Afterwards a short touch was rung by father and four sons, with J. Wakefield (Beedon) tenor. The ringers then adjourned to the Old Vicarage for tea, etc., and a very happy evening was spent.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's College Hill, at 5.15. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. To insure seating accommodation it will be a great help if tickets are purchased on or before Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.45; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Magnus, St. Clement Danes and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4.45 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—The annual business meeting will be held at Woodbury (in conjunction with the Devon Guild Supplementary Meeting) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing: Topsham, at 2 p.m.; Woodbury, 4; Lymington, 6.30. All lady ringers invited.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., and All Hallows, Barking, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available at both churches from 3.30 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rev. T. Wellard, at St. Olave's at 5 p.m. Tea, at a charge to cover cost, at All Hallows Church Room at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Feering on Saturday, November 1st. The bells will be available during the afternoon, a service will be held in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn afterwards. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year it is hoped that all ringers will make an effort to be present.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Swineshead. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. A bus leaves Boston Market Place at 2 p.m., returning at 6.45 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, 1st November. Bells from 2.30, tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High St., Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 1.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. All members and ringing friends welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A supplementary meeting of the above will be held at Woodbury on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The following towers will be open: Woodbury (8), Clyst St. George (6), Topsham (6), Lymington (6). All ringers welcome. — J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford Branch. — Practice meeting, Nov. 1st, at St. Mary's, Watford. Ringing from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. and 8 till 9. —Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 o'clock (by kind permission of the Dean); also St. Maurice (6). Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and meeting in St. Maurice Hall at 5.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. — John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday (to-morrow), Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 10th and the 24th, at 7.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 17th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. General Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 4th (nomination night); Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Pickering on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from one o'clock, or earlier, if desired. Tea at the Black Swan for all who notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th (2s. per head). Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid on or before this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden

on Saturday, Nov. 8th (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Man). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The usual travelling allowance will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE. — The members of this society cordially invite all members of belfries within the area covered by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch to a meeting, to be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Nov. 8th, to discuss the position created by the decision to hold the annual festival of the Guild at Oxford. It will be proposed that Rule X. be altered to read: 'The annual meeting to be held in the three Archdeaconries in turn, and that members here assembled pledge themselves to attend and vote for this alteration at the Guild Festival.' Bells (12) available 2.15 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea (6d. each), Church House, 5. Meeting 5.45. Chairman, the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, Vicar of High Wycombe. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me on or before Nov. 6th?—Geo. Twitchen, Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry, 17, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The last meeting of the year will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 8th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 6th at 5.30. All ringers welcome and their friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea, Parish Room, 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, to those notifying me not later than Nov. 4th.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (Cathedral 12 and St. Marie's 8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. (revision of rules, etc.). — T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All requiring tea please notify F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Members are invited to attend the reopening of the bells (6) at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Tea, free to those who send me word not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hart-hill (Kiveton Park Station, L.N.E. Railway) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at reasonable price if sufficient members notify Tom Laking, Harthill, Sheffield, not later than Nov. 5th. Please note this is important.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available during afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at Horse and Groom. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 5th?—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8). Service in the church 4.30. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members try to attend? Special business.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Annual committee meeting 6 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawher Road, Barnsley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 8th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hersham on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Saturday, Oct. 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, members of the Swanson and Brecon Guild rang a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: E. Phillips 1, D. J. Lewis 2, J. Bloxham 3, R. Ellis 4, H. Boyce 5, S. T. Backham 6, E. Stille 7, J. Hammond (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and for all the band.

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