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STRIVING AND STRIFE.

A most interesting light has been thrown upon an incident of early ringing history by Mr. J. A. Trollope in the articles which he has written around the first peals of Stedman Triples at Norwich in those far-off days, now nearly two hundred years ago. It is a story of striving as well as strife, and while the dispute between Melchior and Crane has its humours as well as its petty passions, it must not be overlooked that it was these Norwich men and their rather older colleagues who laid the foundation of peal ringing as we know it to-day. Mr. Trollope, as the result of his researches, has been able to paint in for us many picturesque details of the squabble between the rival composers of the earliest peals of Stedman Triples (whether the compositions were false or true—a question which the writer of 'Notes by the Way' discusses analytically this week—is of no matter), but through it all we must acknowledge that Melchior and Crane were men of enterprise, whose characteristics have shown themselves in all the generations of composers — and ringers—which have followed. Through the two centuries which have since elapsed men of outstanding merit in their day have come, and gone, most of them have squabbled with their rivals, though probably not all have made it up again as did the Norwich men.

And to-day there is still the striving there is still the strife. We all applaud the former; some who are spectators are inclined to look askance at those who engage in the latter. But striving and strife have through all time marked the progress of mankind, and without them there would have been less progress in the world. Ringers to-day owe most of their knowledge to the men who, in the past, have striven to master the mysteries of the Art, and have not shirked the strife which competitive claims have precipitated. We are not alluding now to the petty jealousies which arise in small-minded people, who can see nothing for praise except in their own doings, and have no honour for he who excels except it be himself; nor do we refer to those rather empty quarrels of which we hear from time to time arising out of personal feelings. Jealousy on the part of one or both of the Norwich antagonists doubtless led to their dispute, and similar feelings have constantly found vent in unseemly quarrels all through the history of ringing—for ringers, after all, are quite ordinary human beings. But what we are tempted to suggest is that out of many of the rivalries and resultant 'strife' a great deal of the advance in ringing has come. It is this spirit of seeking to score over one's neighbours which has led to some of the best compositions being produced; which has resulted in many

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a record peal being rung, and if sometimes these things have caused outbursts from opposition camps, or have been the outcome of challenges thrown down, the Exercise in the end has profited. It is not everyone who can quarrel gracefully, and if the spectacle is not always what one could desire, the lookers-on can generally find in these wordy battles something to improve their knowledge; something to increase their interest in the Art, so that out of the strife, as well as out of the striving, good has sometimes come.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Treble	†ROBERT PICKERING 7
†JAMES E. LILLEY 2	*HARRY A. FARLOW 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	†JOHN C. ADAMS 9
*JOHN PERRY 4	†THOMAS J. ELTON 10
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	*WILLIAM A. COOPER 11
WILLIAM FISHER 6	†THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Bob Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus, and first in the method. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Treble	†FREDERICK SAWFOOT 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	*FRED HOPPER 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	CHARLES W. BIRD 8
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung to celebrate the home-coming of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from his African and South American tour. The ringers of 1st, 4th and tenor were made members of the association before starting the peal. This was the first peal of Cambridge Royal for the Guild. * First peal of Cambridge Royal on a working bell. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
SAMUEL BAKER 2	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	GILBERT GUEST 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung and returned by Messrs. Taylor. Rung on the eve of the birthday of Mr. Sheppard. Mr. Gough has now rung each bell in this tower in a peal.

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On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED WINCH Treble	AMOS CLARK... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN HOYLE... .. 8
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	FREDERICK G. MILES... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY (1858). Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

Rung as a 'welcome home' to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Dean.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES... .. 5
FRANK FRASER 2	JIM HURRELL 6
JACK DAFTERS 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER 7
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Alan Thomas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Easterby, who was buried the same day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C. MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... .. 6
EDGAR VALLANCE 3	†ALBAN DISNEY 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... .. 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise 'inside,' and first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	ARTHUR CUTTELL 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 4	*THOMAS K. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FRED A. ORR Treble	JOHN LEE 5
MISS ELLEN E. HARGREAVE 2	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 6
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW... .. 7
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW Tenor

Composed by H. HURDARD.

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

The ringers of the 7th and 8th were elected members of the above association before commencing the peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	*JACK BRAY 5
HAROLD EASTOE... .. 2	GEORGE BLANCHARD... .. 6
*ANYON PEART 3	†MARTIN WALKER 7
CHARLES BIRD 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the 168 Barton men who fell in the war, 17 of whom fell at the Battle of Loos, Oct. 13th, 1915.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
JAMES FLEURY 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	WALTER ARNOLD... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY WINCOYE Tenor	J. WILLIAM FRUIN 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW... .. 2	ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY 6
*MISS RUBY HAWKESWORTH 3	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 7
CHARLES A. BROWN 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Central Council Collection, 157. * First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Hollier, wife of the secretary of the South and West District of the above Association.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR RIVERS Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
CHARLES MEE 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 3	ALFRED G. RIVERS 7
*WILLIAM CHALK 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. This and the peal of Earls Colne were arranged for Messrs. E. G. Hibbins, T. R. Dennis and A. G. Rivers, of Cambridge, who were spending a holiday in the district. E. Rivers and C. Mee belong to Sproughton, Suffolk.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

C. H. LATHEY Treble	F. E. BROOKS 5
T. HERVEY BEAMS 2	P. H. BEAMS 6
J. W. ZEALLEY 3	F. BOGLER 7
A. T. GUNNING 4	W. S. B. NORTHOVER... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

This is the first occasion on which a peal of Triples has been rung by an entirely resident band. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 7th, belong to Beaminster; of 1st, 2nd, 6th to Bradpole; and 3rd and 8th to Bridport.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS PATTIE CLARKE Treble	ABRAM WILKERSON 5
MISS GLADYS DODDS 2	*EDWIN MARTIN 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Wm. Lambert.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAM TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LOUIS HEAD Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
LEONARD MANNERING 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

First peal of Cam Treble Bob by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. The conductor's 90th peal.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN AMBLER Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SYDNEY SADLER 2	ARTHUR M. C. FIELD 6
*STANLEY H. ROBINSON 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
*ERNEST C. FIELD 4	†FRED SMITH Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal, and elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal. First peal on the bells since 1903.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in F sharp.

*FREDERICK G. COLE Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	Mrs. VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK BURNETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

† First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for ringer of the 6th, who hails from Chatham. Also as a wedding anniversary peal to the conductor. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Lucas (first quarter-peal) 1, K. Hancox 2, J. Lucas 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, P. E. Jones 5, F. Corke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphries 8.

KINGHAM, OXON.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

A. LARGE Treble	*W. CLAYTON 5
*B. PHILLIPS 2	F. E. DAVIS 6
*C. WESTMACOTT 3	W. LARGE 7
J. C. ACOCK 4	C. W. LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First peal. First peal of triples on the bells.

WYKARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 3	*FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Hollier.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	ARTHUR MARTIN 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal of Cambridge Surprise as conductor.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED HUTTON Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
THOMAS SENIOR 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	CECIL DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

First peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	*THOMAS E. TAYSON 5
ALLAN E. GWYNNE 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 6
*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR 7
*ALEC TAYLOR 4	ARTHUR W. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method rung in the county by all resident members.

POPULAR.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. F. Deal.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.	
CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM E. ASH 5
MISS OLIVE L. LUNLEY 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6
GEORGE ROBINSON 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ARTHUR WALKER... .. 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a welcome to the Prince of Wales.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL Treble	BASIL LATHAM 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	JOHN BALLING 7
LESLIE BARRY 4	*ARTHUR CLISSOLD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a farewell peal to L. Barry, who is joining the Marines.
* First peal.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDWARD J. SHARP Treble	*WALTER CLARK... .. 5
*HERBERT KNOTT 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6
*TOM KENT 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
GEORGE FLINTHAM 4	*CHARLES CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 5
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 2	ALLAN F. BAILEY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge in Bolton.

At St. Mary's Church, Over, Cambs, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, a 720 Minor, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th fully muffled, and tenor open: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung as a token of respect to Mr. Wm. Webster, warden at the above church for about 30 years, whose funeral took place the same day.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S TEN-PART NO. 7. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	MAURICE SWINFIELD 5
PERCY TATE 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
GEORGE FREEBREY 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 7
FRANK OLIVER 4	JOHN CURTIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Oliver and Smith, of Uttoxeter, and was their first peal of Stedman.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TITMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. THOMAS CLARK Treble	WILLIAM SHORE 4
EDGAR BOURTON 2	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 5
*GILBERT HASELL, 3	HARRY PROUT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

* First peal away from treble.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

W. ARTHUR SKINNER... .. Treble	ROWLAND BARROW 4
ALBAN DISNEY 2	GEORGE T. WALKER 5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD 3	WALTER WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD.

Specially arranged for the ringer of the treble, as his first peal. He was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH, BROCKWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	JOHN C. TAYLOR 4
FRANCIS H. HAYWARD 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 3	WILLIAM WASLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Rainford Parish Church, Lanes, on Saturday, Oct. 17th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,925 changes), composed by G. R. Newton: W. Hesketh 1, H. Hesketh 2, Reg. Huyton 3, G. Saini 4, W. Bagley 5, Saml. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Shaw 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

MATTHIAS HOBBS... .. Treble	THOMAS GARLEY... .. 4
FRANK LEWIN... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN... .. 5
HARRY BAXTER... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

CAMPTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

* WALLACE G. CHURCH... .. Treble	JOSEPH CHURCH... .. 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW... .. 4
HENRY STAPLETON... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal, and first attempt. First peal on the bells which have been recast and a treble added by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The 'go' of the bells is excellent. The ringers thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal, and the captain of the local ringers for having everything ready.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH OXON AND MID-BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, October 3rd, at Great Hasleley, Oxon. At the service an excellent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of Oxford Guild). Tea was kindly provided in the Village Institute by Lady Muirhead, of Little Hasleley Court, and was heartily appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. J. T. Fox was re-elected chairman of the branch, and the Rev. — Bown, of Hasleley, was appointed secretary, the late secretary, Mr. P. Wilson, resigning owing to the probability of his leaving the district, much to the regret of the members.

Mr. F. W. Woodward was re-elected assistant secretary and representative on the General Guild Committee.

The spring meeting was voted to take place at Great Milton on Sunday, May 16th, 1926; service at 3 p.m. As most of the branch meetings are not very well attended on Saturdays, especially in the football season, Sunday was selected as an experiment.

The tower was again visited in the evening, when rounds and Grandsire Doubles were rung for the beginners; and a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor was brought round by P. Wilson 1, H. Tucker 2, E. Naish 3, F. W. Woodward 4, W. Hutton 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conductor) 6. This brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting was held at Wath on Saturday, October 10th, members being present from Anston, Barnsley, Darfield, Crofton, Cawthorne, Horbury, Sandal, Rotherham, Shelley, Royston, Rawmarsh, and the local company.

Ringings commenced early in the afternoon. Service was held at which the Vicar of Wath (the Rev. F. B. Gunning) was assisted by the Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne, who gave an admirable address, commending the great mysteries of change ringing, and the wonderful influence of ringers, through the skilful handling of bells, on other people. He especially pleaded for ringers to maintain their societies and their art in great repute.

Tea followed in a local cafe, and the Vicar and the Rev. C. A. L. Woolley were specially thanked for their kind help. Correspondence was read from the Railway Clearing House, London, declining to give cheaper fares for individual ringers.

There was competition for the next place of meeting, viz., Sandal, Royston and Crofton. Sandal received the majority of the votes, so the next meeting is to be held there on Saturday, November 14th.

Further ringing followed the meeting, a closing feature being some splicing of Minor methods, well and truly done.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 12th, to celebrate the official opening of the new Parish Hall 1,008 Bob Major: Reg. Curtis 1, Mus. V. A. Jarrett, R.E., 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, F. Mursell 4, P. White 5, H. Reeves 6, F. Cole 7, George Williams (conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of treble and 5th.

THE BELLS OF MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE FIRST PEAL ON AN ANCIENT RING.

The fine toned, but heavy going, ring of bells at Marple, for over a century, defied the efforts of peal ringers. The attempts have been numerous, but the result was always the same, the ringers had to give up. It was decided to have one more shot, and this was made on October 10th, happily with success, but no one was sorry when the conductor called 'This is all.'

A brief account of these interesting bells which formerly hung in Stockport will not be out of place at this juncture.

The first account of the bells of the Stockport Parish Church is supplied by the report of the commissioners appointed in the reign of Henry VIII. to inquire into the Church property of the Macclesfield Hundred. Their return, dated 1548, shows that, at that time, Stockport had a ring of iiij (4) bells, a number not exceeded by any church in the Hundred, except Northenden, which had five.

An inventory of the property belonging to the Parish Church of Stockport, made in 1683, states there were then 'five bells in the steeple, and one small bell at ye east end of ye church.' The latter was possibly the 'Sancto Bell,' the small bell that was rung in pre-Reformation times on the elevation of the Host during the service of High Mass (an example of a 'Sancto Bell,' and its position may still be seen at Prestbury).

In the year 1731, the five bells were exchanged for a ring of six by Rudhalls, of Gloucester (tenor 14½ cwt.), the Rev. Harry Style being Rector at that time. The following entries respecting them appear in the Churchwardens' accounts for that year:—

Decr. Paid the Carters for carriage of ye bells to Salop	£ s d.
and back	17 2 3½
Pd. Francis Ringley, ye bell hanger his bill	8 1 4
Pd. Mr. Rudhall, ye founder for ye exchange of ye bells	139 19 6
Pd. for six new clappers	3 9 3
Pd. for six new baldrings	0 15 0

About the commencement of the 19th century, a portion of the tower gave way, and some rude buttresses were erected to support it. However, in 1805, the bells having been rung for several days in succession, in celebration of Nelson's great victory of Trafalgar, the old tower was so shaken that it became dangerous, so, therefore, the bells were seldom rung afterwards, and the last time they pealed from that tower was on 13th October, 1809, at the Jubilee 'when George III. was King.'

The following year, the tower was taken down, and the bells stowed away, some in an old mill in Portwood, and some in the Hearsa House, where they were allowed to remain for several years. The trustees for the building of the new tower being of the opinion that the ring of six was too small for the new tower, resolved that a new ring of eight be erected. These new bells were supplied by John Rudhall at a cost of £1,087, and they were rung for the first time on August 24th, 1817. In honour of this event, four prizes of fourteen, eight, six and four guineas, respectively, were offered 'for the best peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes,' and on September 11th and 12th, 1817, the Ashton, Chester, Manchester, Mottram Seniors, Mottram Juniors and Oldham ringers competed. Mottram Seniors, who rang the peal in 2 hrs. 46 minutes, were awarded the first prize. Oldham came second, Manchester third, and Mottram Juniors fourth.

The old six lying dormant, called forth the following amusing rhyme:—

'A Remonstrance from the Bells of St. Mary's Church, Stockport, addressed to the Churchwardens and Trustees of that building.'

Torn from the Tower where long we hung,

And borne on sledge away,

Our tuneful voices all unstrung

We've linger'd many a day.

No more with cheerful, solemn sound,

The Sabbath we declare,

Nor call the pious folk around

To fill 'the House of Prayer.'

No more resounding through the vale,

On summer's evening sweet,

Our wandering changes swell the gale

With harmony replete.

When Lubin weds his Susan dear,

And all around is joy,

They long one merry peal to hear,

Yet here, alas! we lie.

Ah, when shall our glad notes again

Salute the new-made Mayor,

As in procession with his train

He walks at Stockport fair?

Full oft when Nelson on the main,
The British Thunderer bore,
Our pleasing notes have caught the strain,
And echoed to the roar.

When Wellington, whose matchless fame,
Brings glory to our Isle,
How can our notes his praise proclaim,
Pent up in durance vile?

Oh, ye who took the work in hand,
Church Wardens and Trustees,
Why do ye thus inactive stand
And linger at your ease?

If bells, as ancient records say,
Have 'toll'd, untouched, unring,
Beware, lest at your long delay,
We, too, shall find a tongue.

And, therefore, we beseech you all,
Consider well our case,
And let us in a steeple tall
Most quickly find a place!

Then shall the joy inspiring peal,
Or sweetly soothing chimes,
Your spirits raise, your sorrows heal,
In these disastrous times.

Stockport, March 17th, 1814.

God save the King.

Mr. Rudhall, who made the new ring of eight, offered £400 for the old six, but there were many people who did not wish them to leave the district on account of their exceptionally fine tone. The trustees at a large meeting in March, 1816, unanimously resolved that the Township of Marple should have the option to purchase at the price offered by Mr. Rudhall. The following appeal resulted:—

'To the inhabitants of the Marple and its vicinity. The trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the taking down and rebuilding of the Parish Church of Stockport having made the Township of Marple an offer of the peal of bells belonging to the former edifice, it is earnestly hoped that a subscription may be raised equal to the purchase of them. The sum required is four hundred pounds, being the price at which Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the original founder, has offered to take them from the trustees. Little, it is hoped, need be urged upon the inhabitants of Marple not to

suffer these bells to be conveyed away from amongst them for ever. The real excellence of their tone must be well remembered by them, and scarcely an individual is there that has not listened to them with feelings such as few but would wish to experience again.

The site of the chapel is a consideration that ought to have its weight. On an eminence that commands an extensive view of the bold swelling hills of Derbyshire, as of the more fertile plains of Cheshire, no situation could be better adapted to give full effect to their uncommonly fine tone. From this hill the sound of them will go forth far and wide; and it cannot be doubted but that the inhabitants of the other townships, when they hear them, will rejoice that their neighbours did not suffer them to be removed for ever out of the parish, and will applaud both the spirit and the liberality of the Township of Marple.—March 28th, 1816.'

The appeal had such an effect that Samuel Oldknow, Esq., Nathaniel Wright, Esq., together with the Curate of Marple, the Rev. C. K. Prescott, concluded the bargain, and became personally responsible for the amount. On April 29th, Mr. Oldknow sent his dray for the treble and tenor, and Mr. Wright sent two carts for the remaining four. They were opened on June 30th, which was celebrated as a gala day, and prizes given which were competed for by the ringers of the district.

The cost was as follows: The bells, £407; hanging, etc., £324 13s., making a total of £731 13s. The first list of subscriptions amounted to £528 17s. 6d.

In 1886, the bells were rehung, and were reopened on Easter Day of that year by the Hayfield ringers.

The inscriptions on the second and tenor have been effaced, the former has only a floral wreath, and the latter merely A.R. 1731, with the figure of a bell between the initials.

Treble.—'Prosperity to the Town and Parish, A.R. 1731' (with the figure of a bell between the initials).

3rd.—'ABR. Rudhall of Gloucester, cast us all 1731.'

4th.—'Harry Style, Rector, A.R. 1731.'

5th.—'Thomas Robinson, Robert Lingard, George Whittaker, James Sellars, Church Wardens.'

JOHN P. FIDLER.

ERINDSBURY, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Oct. 11th being harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,286 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Stockley 1, P. C. Springham 2, C. Winsor 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, W. Evans 5, T. Beaumont 6, W. Beaumont 7, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It was reported at a meeting of the Barnsley and District Association that the Railway Clearing House had declined to grant cheap railway travelling facilities to individual ringers.

The composition of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Leatherhead on Saturday was composed by Henry Haley, and first rung at St. James', Bermondsey, in January, 1858. It is believed to be one of the first compositions ever obtained on the half tittum and half handstroke plan, and has the treble in 2nd's place and the sixth in fifth's throughout.

Robert Catlin, the London bell founder, who in 1748 cast the fourth bell at Thakeham, Sussex, and got his inscription badly mixed up, as a report in another column of the restoration of Thakeham bells shows, was a practical ringer, and was admitted a member of the College Youths in 1722.

Visitors to Southampton should note the change in the times of ringing, announced in our notice columns, at St. Mary's Church.

At last! After years and years of uphill work, a 'local' peal has been accomplished at Bradpole, Dorset. Only Grandsire, some will say, but to achieve even this has required more effort than to ring Surprise peals with bands meeting regularly, and where change ringing is the only ringing attempted. Congratulations to the band, and especially to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, the conductor.

The bells at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, where in past days peal ringing used to be done on an extensive scale are, we believe, hors de combat, if the phrase can be applied to inanimate things. The first peal on the bells was rung 101 years ago to-morrow. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by the College Youths.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Newport, reported in our last issue, and arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, senr., was Mr. Barnett's second peal in the county of Monmouth, nearly 40 years having elapsed since he rang his first there, and that, incidentally, was his first peal as conductor. In June, 1885, he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Monmouth. This was the second peal to be rung in the county, the first having been rung at Chepstow many years before. To accomplish this required some courage, as he had to teach every one of the band right from the beginning—from handling the bell to the peal—some job!

The bells of Croyland Abbey, Lincs. are to be broadcast on Sunday. It was here that a peal of bells was first supposed to have been hung in England. There is a ring of six, and some time ago we gave details of them in our columns.

Holt's Original was rung in St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 23rd, 1791, and until a few years ago this was believed to be the first occasion that it had been called by a conductor taking part in the ringing. It is only in comparatively recent times that it has been found that the peal was similarly called at an earlier date, among the places where this had been done being Saffron Walden in 1753. When the Original was first rung John Holt called it from manuscript.

A peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, on Oct. 24th, 1807, in 8 hrs. 46 mins.

The first peal of Stedman Triples—of which, with its sequel, Mr. Trollope has been giving such an interesting account in our columns—was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Oct. 25th, 1731.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung out of London for the first time on Oct. 25th, 1790. This was 5,292 at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in which Samuel Lawrence rang the 9th.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung on Oct. 26th, 1822, at All Saints', Wakefield, the band being composed of nine members of the local society, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds. It was composed and conducted by William Woodhead, and the board erected in the belfry is one of the few records of its kind whereon the composition of the peal is preserved.

On Oct. 26th, 1837, Thomas Tolladay conducted a peal of 7,325 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, rung by the St. James's Society.

At Holbeck, Leeds, a peal of 9,120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 5 hrs. 15 mins., on October 8th, 1876.

Through a printer's error, the time of the peal of Bob Royal, at Southover, Lewes, published last week, was given as 2 hrs. 26 mins., instead of 3 hrs. 26 mins. The tenorman on that occasion is, we know, 'hot stuff,' but he would have been more than hot could he have accomplished the job in the time published.

A NEW BAND AT DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

A 'brand new' band is being started at Dunedin, New Zealand, and a beginning in change ringing has been made. On Tuesday, Sept. 1st, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor was rung by James Kerop, recently of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and of Leeds, 1—2, Jas. N. Wilde 3, Jas. S. Wilde 4—5, Chas. Wilde 6. First 720 by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE NORWICH PEALS OF STEDMAN.—WERE THE COMPOSITIONS TRUE?

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

And now comes the interesting question: Was either or both the peals of Stedman Triples true? The general opinion of the Exercise has long been that both were false. Shipway summed up the views of London ringers when he wrote in 1816 that the 'Norwich peals are entirely discredited'; Mr. J. W. Snowdon says that the 'claim made by the second performance to be the first true peal must be accepted as a strong reason for condemning the previous peal as false, but we have no means of deciding whether this latter peal was itself correct'; Mr. Rees, an indefatigable collector of records of the doings of old ringers, roundly called the Mancroft peal false; and every other person who has referred to them has done so in similar terms. The peals have been judged, and the verdict is always either 'guilty' or 'not proven, with a strong presumption of guilt.'

When we seek for the reasons on which these judgments are based, we find that (apart from the fact that if the second peal was the first true one, the first peal must have been false) they amount to these: The peals are very early ones; the figures of the compositions have perished; the first peal believed to be true was not rung until 1799; the first peal definitely known to be true was not rung until 1803; and the first peal on what Shipway calls the 'proper plan' was not rung until 1846. Men were entirely ignorant of everything connected with the Norwich peals, and took their ignorance as a proof that they could not possibly be true. We know a good deal more about them than did Shipway or Snowdon or Rees, and can, I think, arrive at a definite conclusion on the matter.

For a peal to be true there must be two things: The composition must be true, and the actual ringing must be correct. The ringing of both peals was sharply challenged at the time. Let us see what the charges amount to. The main objection to the Mancroft peal rested on Thomas Crane's sworn testimony that he had counted the changes, and they were 180 short of the full number. I think we can dismiss that without any trouble, as being altogether too fantastic and untrustworthy. Tom was honest enough, and believed what he swore, but it is far likelier that his count was wrong than the peal was short. It was, of course, quite easy for Melchior to make a mistake in calling, but if he had it is hardly likely that the bells would have come round.

The other objection was made when John Webster was under cross-examination before the justice. 'We asked him how many times their five bells struck together, and he owned four times. Then, how could the peal be rung without bells out of course?' This is an admission that there was one bad place in the striking, but it is hardly more. It is always a fine point how far a bad patch in a peal invalidates it. In this case, it must be remembered that the critics were bitterly hostile, and I do not think that anything they proved is sufficient to prevent the peal standing. That is, of course, so far as the actual ringing goes. This answers Mr. Snowdon's objection. Incidentally, it means that we cannot allow the Coslany party's claim that they had rung the first true peal.

The objections to the ringing in the St. Michael's peal are still less serious. Melchior said it 'was rung no otherwise than with changes alike, witness your 4th Bell dodging Behind with the 2nd instead of 2-4.' But Melchior was anything but a friendly critic; he was outside the tower, and had to depend on his ears. He does not say that 2-4 shifted for any length of time. Perhaps, the two bells were not quite sure which way each was dodging. Such things do happen in peals that find their way into the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and even on to peal boards.

It is very remarkable that though each band was criticising the other's peal and trying to find any and every fault there was, that neither was able to say that the other composition was false. And yet that would have settled the dispute without further question. There would have been no need for Tom Crane to take oaths about the number of changes rung. He only need to have said, 'Here are your figures. At such and such a place is a change, and here at quite another part of the peal is the same change.' Nor would Melchior have needed to make jokes about Crane's 'alteration,' or argue as to what was 'proper' Stedman if he could have shown that the peal contained repetitions. Moreover, there was money to be made. Each side had laid a wager, and the other had but to show the composition was false and claim the money. That neither could do this is, I think, good proof that the peals were not obviously incorrect.

Shipway and the London ringers rejected every one of the early Norwich peals. He says (this was in 1813), 'It is remarkable that of three peals, viz., Bob Triples in 1715; Grandsire Triples in 1718; and Stedman Triples in 1731; said to have been rung at St. Peter's Mancroft not one can be found to ascertain the truth.' But three years later, when in 1816 he wrote the general preface to his complete book, he himself answered this objection. He is pointing out that if people keep their peals to themselves they will be forgotten and superseded, and he goes on, 'He who publishes his productions will obtain

all the honour, while the other will either be discredited or consigned to oblivion. The difference between Mr. Holt's peals and those said to be attained at Norwich are an illustration of this. Mr. Holt's peals are still admired by the best judges of the Art, while the Norwich, not being demonstrable, are entirely discredited.' That is just the point. The Norwich men did not print and publish, and they have suffered accordingly. Moreover, whether true or false, these peals were all on a very early plan. They were rung before the correct bobs and singles of the various methods had been settled by a process of evolution; and in any case they would not have survived except as curiosities. In this thing, Holt's peals are altogether superior. Yet even here we may see a similar law at work. Time was when the Ten-Part was the standard peal of Grandsire Triples. Now it is more and more dropping out of use, and its place is being taken by Mr. J. J. Parker's clever 12-part composition. And this not because the latter is, as a composition, in any way superior to the other (for it is not), but because the Exercise looks (and rightly looks) on Holt's singles as something abnormal, not to be used unless absolutely necessary.

And it is remarkable (to use Shipway's word) that such evidence as we have is all in favour of the Norwich peals being true. Shipway could just as easily have written, that of the peals said to have been rung at St. Peter Mancroft not one can be found to be definitely false. The 1718 Grandsire Triples is true. We have the figures, and can see why it has been superseded, and has dropped out of use. If Henry Hubbard's surmise as to the figures of the long peal of Treble Bob is correct (and I think it was correct), then that peal was true also. Circumstantial evidence tells us a great deal about the composition of the Bob Triples of 1715, and there is no reason to suppose that it was false. Of the long peal of Grandsire Caters we know nothing, but it is a fair supposition that men who were clever enough to ring the peal at that early time were clever enough to know if it were true or not. The next Norwich peal of which we have any figures, Lindsey's 6,048 of Imperial, is true, but that belongs to a later generation, and is hardly good evidence.

As for the Stedman peals, it is fair argument that since the Norwich men had led the Exercise in so many other things they may in this, too, have been in advance of ringers elsewhere. But Stedman's composition is not quite the same thing as the composition of Plain Bob, or Grandsire, or even Treble Bob. It has difficulties and pitfalls that required very much knowledge and ability to overcome. The peals of Stedman Triples we ring to-day are not one man's composition. It took many years and much hard work by a succession of clever men before the way was made clear. Thurstons did but put the final touch to work that Shipway and Hudson and Lates had done before him. It would have been wonderful indeed if one man so early as 1730 had already achieved this task. More wonderful still if two had done it. But there is no question whatever that the Norwich peals were not what would now pass as 'proper' Stedman. Their only hope of being true lies in the fact that they were constructed by means which we should consider illegitimate.

That is the external evidence as to the truth of the peals. It is very strong both for and against. If it concerned any other method but Stedman Triples, I think we could conclude that the peals were true; being Stedman Triples, we will suspend judgment. We now come to the evidence contained in the newspaper letters.

And first as to Melchior's qualifications as a composer. He was a clever man, with a good intellect, and not without education. He knew Stedman's book thoroughly, and the theory of the composition of the old Plain Changes. And, since that theory had developed change ringing out of the 'sixes' into full method ringing, the knowledge was an important thing. He was also the pupil of John Garthorn, who is entitled to rank as one of the great composers of the Exercise. Possibly, even probably, he knew something about the internal falseness of Treble Bob composition, though the London men were ignorant of it until nearly forty years later. Altogether he was not ill equipped as a composer. We know definitely that in composing his peal he modelled it very closely on Stedman Doubles. He found the chief characteristic in Doleman's statement, that 'in this peal every bell hath one and the same course, there being no proper Hunt (or Half Hunt) therein.' This ruled out the use of the plan on which peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob had been composed. But all turned on what 'one and the same course' exactly meant. Crane pointed out that it is not strictly true even of Stedman Doubles, for there the two bells which make the single do something which the others do not, and, therefore, 'Stedman was mistaken.' But Stedman was not mistaken in what he really meant, as Melchior clearly saw. Melchior argued something like this: The division of Stedman Doubles which corresponds to the lead of Grandsire or Plain Bob is the first twelve changes. One of these rung five times gives the plain course, in which every bell does the same work, the contradistinction being to such methods as Grandsire, where the treble does something different to the other bells. But a course consists of only sixty rows, and we want two to make the whole one hundred and twenty. Therefore, we join them together with a single.

Now the corresponding course on seven bells contains eighty-four changes, and so to get our whole peal we must have sixty of them,

How did he join them together? He certainly did not use the modern bob at the parting of the sixes. He certainly kept his divisions of twelve rows intact, and almost certainly his courses of eighty-four rows. What alterations he made were at the course ends in the middle of a quick six. Crane taunted him with 'taking to himself a peal of five bells and flying to Stedman for assistance.' Exactly what he meant is obscure, but I will hazard a conjecture which is worth what it is worth. Stedman, in his 'Tintinnalogia,' explains how Grandsire Bob on six bells (i.e., the 'old' 720 of Bob Minor) was got from Grandsire Doubles. And he points out that if you write out the lead ends (hand and back) only, you have a six score of Grandsire Doubles written out backwards. Now, Melchior had sixty courses to join together just as Richard Rock, the composer of Grandsire Bob, had sixty plain leads. If he could make five of his bells work a six score of Doubles at the course ends he would have done his job, and fulfilled all the conditions he laid down. And in no other way could he, I think, fulfil these conditions. If this conjecture is right, of course, the peal was false. Unfortunately for him Stedman Triples will not divide into sixty true courses. His singles were made half-way and end as follows:—

1 3 2 5 4 7 6
1 2 3 4 5 7 6

This, I think, in itself is sufficient to cast very grave doubts on the truth of the peal. I do not say that with no sort of bob, under no conditions, could such a peal be true, but it is very doubtful, especially if, as is likely, both halves were called alike.

KNARESBOROUGH BELLS.

The first peal on the bells at Knareborough, Yorks, since they have been hung in a new iron frame, quarter turned and the two trebles recast, with ball bearings fitted to all the bells, was rung on Saturday. As a matter of fact no peal had been rung on them for 22 years. The bells now go admirably, and reflect great credit on the excellent work of the bell hangers, Messrs. J. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough.

The band who rang the peal, take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Knareborough and his parishioners for the very kind provision of tea prior to commencing the peal, and for supper at the termination.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Staplehurst on Saturday, October 10th, members coming from Barming, Bearsted, Benenden, Boxley, Canterbury, Frittenden, Hunton, Lamberhurst, Linton, Maidstone, Paddockwood, Rolvenden, and Ten-Terden. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Clementson), the Association Form being used. Tea was partaken at the Rectory Room.

At the business meeting the Rector presided, and it was decided to hold the January meeting at Aylesford, and the annual district meeting at Maidstone.

It was also decided to hold meetings for combined practice.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 o'clock.

VETERAN LANCASHIRE RINGER.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS TURNER.

A remarkable demonstration of sympathy was witnessed on Saturday week at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, at the funeral service of the late Mr. Thos. E. Turner, of Marshfield, Chorley New Road, Lostock, who was for over half a century a ringer at the Parish Church. The deceased was foreman of the roller department at Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's Bradley Fold Works, and had a 28 years' connection with the firm. Mr. Turner died suddenly earlier in the week.

The pathway from the street to the door was lined by 300 of the workmen from Bradley Fold as the coffin was borne into the church, and at the close of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, of which deceased was a life member, and the Rev. G. A. Deakin, B.Sc., the workmen reassembled and walked in procession, preceding the cortege from the church to Tonge Cemetery, where the interment took place.

Amongst the mourners were Messrs. J. Lever (general manager), and H. Hill (assistant general manager), representing the Kay Street branch of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's, and Mr. Ryce, manager at Bradley Fold. Messrs. J. H. Pickup, W. Turpie, J. Smethurst, J. Wilson and T. Williams attended as a joint deputation of foremen, and Messrs. C. Brownlow, J. Fielding, J. Johnson, J. Ormrod, J. Gee, J. Keighley, Hy. Lomax and T. Price (workmen), acted as bearers.

After the service, the bells at Holy Trinity Church were rung half-muffled, and the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Morris 1, G. Pincott 2, E. Webster 3, A. Heywood 4, A. Hill 5, Ernest Cuttsforth (conductor) 6, A. Sewart 7, Peter Crook 8.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

PRESENTATION AT BOLSOVER.

Mr. William Lambert, of Bolsover, celebrated his 70th birthday on October 15th. 'Old Bill,' as he is usually called, was born in Northamptonshire, and commenced to ring at 10 years of age. Coming to Derbyshire when still quite young, he joined the Parish Church ringers at Shirland, where there was a peal of five bells, and later emigrated to Treeton, and afterwards to Wath-on-Dearne, South Yorkshire. Twenty-three years ago he was induced to come to Bolsover to join the progressive band (there at that time). He has been one of the pioneers in the Chesterfield and Bolsover district for the advancement of the higher methods, and assisted in ringing the first peals of Double Norwich Major, Cutlers and Royal, Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Peterborough, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Rutland and Pudsey Surprise; also Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge on handbells. Always a keen striker, he has a great knowledge of ringing generally.

On Sunday last the Vicar, on behalf of the local band, presented him with a black ebony walking stick, as a birthday gift, and in recognition of his long service as a ringer. The gift came as a surprise, and Mr. Lambert suitably replied.

Mr. Lambert has rung over 100 peals on the Bolsover Parish Church bells.

Long may he be spared to assist in calling others to worship in the House of God.

COALBROOKDALE'S PEAL OF TEN.

WORK NEARING COMPLETION.

Ringers and friends will be pleased to know that Coalbrookdale bells are fast nearing completion at the Whitechapel Foundry, where the old octave were cast in the year 1852. No effort on the firm's part is being spared to make the old eight into a fine peal of ten, by adding two new trebles. The new cast-iron frame for ten, all on one level, has been erected at the foundry, and stands on a specially constructed platform of steel girders. Two visitors to the foundry, one of them the heavy-bell man, from Bangor, North Wales, have reported that it is a very fine, strong and neat job. The ten bells are to be erected and hung in their respective pits, before leaving the foundry.

Of the eight bells, only the fifth was found to have an old crack in the crown. This bell had for years been looked upon as the faulty one of the peal. On the advice of the bell foundry who agreed to bear half the cost of recasting this bell, rather than have any defect in the whole of the work when complete, the committee decided to have same recast, and it now bears the names of the late patron, Mr. Alfred E. W. Darby, J.P., D.L., the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D., Vicar, and Herbert Hughes and Frederick Johnson, churchwardens. The complete restoration of the old eight is being carried out to the memory of the late Mr. Darby, who died suddenly since the order for the restoration and augmentation was placed. One of his last letters to the Rev. C. B. Crowe was to sanction the two new trebles being given as a memorial to his son, Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darby, Grenadier Guards, who gave his life for King and country in the great war. The two new bells will have a suitable inscription cast on them. This has been approved by his mother, Mrs. E. L. J. Darby, and sister, Mrs. M. Cope-Darby, and will conclude with the two following lines:—

'Who stands if freedom fall,
Who dies if England live.'

The girders and framework will leave London very soon, and the bells, complete, will follow at an early date. They will be sent to Ironbridge Station, to arrive there on a Saturday morning. A procession, etc., headed by the Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Silver Band, will be arranged to welcome the bells back to the parish.

The whole cost of the scheme is being borne by public subscription, and a further £200 is still required to complete the work. The Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, the committee, and the Coalbrookdale ringers, the latter having made a tremendous effort and sacrifice, have spared no pains to secure one of the best jobs of modern times, and to leave the Dale bells better than they found them. They are all most anxious that about Christmas time, or early in the new year, the bells shall ring out, a grand peal of ten, free of debt.

Will any ringer or friends who have 1/- stamp collecting books, kindly send in any money they have collected to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire; or direct to the Coalbrookdale 'Bells Restoration Fund Account,' Lloyds Bank, Ironbridge, Shropshire.

PRESENTATION TO FOLKINGHAM RINGER.

At Folkingham, Lincs, for Sunday evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hammond (first 720) 1, W. Wilson 2, J. Musson (first 'inside') 3, A. King 4, C. Bradley (conductor) 5, G. Rouse 6. Rung as a 'welcome home' touch to the Prince of Wales; also as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Wilkinson, a member of the band, who was presented with a silver bell inkstand from the remainder of the local company.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PENDOYLAN.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Pendoylan on Saturday last, and proved a huge success, not only from the number who put in an appearance, well representative of both dioceses, but from the fact that the object for which associations are formed was well met, the local young band of ringers, who ring rounds extremely well, all joining the association with the object of advancing to change ringing. Thus another tower is brought into the fold.

The bells were raised early in the afternoon, amongst the first to arrive being the champion of enthusiasts and ever welcome 'J. H. S.' of Swindon, who was quickly able to tell those that did not already know that the bells are Carr's, with a tenor about 8 cwt. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. C. Gower Williams). A lady ringer, the wife of the Vicar of St. Athan, very ably presided at the organ, and amongst the congregation was Canon David, of Llantwit Major, who had specially come to attend the meeting to champion the cause of teaching change ringing at his tower. The Vicar's fine address described the history of the church from early times, but at the outset he heartily welcomed the association to his parish. He pointed out that throughout the length and breadth of the land there was no body of church workers more deserving of praise than the ringers. Not only did they do their part for those actually attending church, but administered to all within the sound of the bells, and gave them room for thought. Following the service, tea, which had been very generously provided, was served.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Instructors' reports were presented, and excellent reports of recent and forthcoming restorations and augmentations were made.

Instruction was promised at Llantwit Major and Pendoylan, and new members elected.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was left to be decided at the annual meeting, and after the usual vote of thanks, the bells were kept going until late, bringing to a close a splendid and enjoyable meeting.

DEATH OF A SHROPSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick Darrall, of Little Wenlock, Salop, who passed away, after a long and patiently borne illness, on September 27th, at the age of 39 years. 'Fred,' as he was best known to all his friends, maintained his affectionate and lovable disposition right to the end. Those who were able and privileged to visit him at his parents' home, will long remember the tender and loving care and nursing that was bestowed upon him. Although he suffered greatly, he wore his happy look right to the last, with never a murmur or complaint.

The funeral took place at Little Wenlock, on Oct. 1st. His grave is under the shadow of the tower, in which hangs a very pretty peal of five bells, on which he learnt to ring. The Rev. E. Howell (Rector) conducted the service, the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar of Coalbrookdale) read the lesson, and one of the deceased's favourite hymns were sung in the church. Six of his old friends, five of them being his village ringing colleagues and two of them ex-churchwardens, carried him from the church to the grave. The organist (Mr. Shepherd) played the Dead March, and four old ringing friends rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside on Mr. Leslie Hayward's hand-bells. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hewitt, and one from the Coalbrookdale ringers.

Immediately after the funeral, the tower bells rang out half-muffled their last token of respect. Several 24's were rung by the local men, after which the visitors rang several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

The deceased was a ringing member of the Stafford and Salop Guilds. He rang several good peals on from eight to twelve bells. One of his favourite excursions was to visit and take part in the ringing at Coalbrookdale, he having been born and lived at a spot where 'The Dale' bells could be heard at their best. His aged father and mother and sisters will miss him, as will all his colleagues.

HARD LUCK!

At St. George's Church, Wilton, Somerset, on October 14th, for practice, 1,680 changes of Surprise Minor, being 240 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge: W. H. Coles 1, A. J. Wyatt 2, A. H. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (cond.) 6.—On Saturday last, a peal in the above method was attempted by the same band, but after ringing in good form to within 120 changes of the end a lapse on the part of the conductor brought the ringing to an untimely end. First 720 of Durham, Surfleet and Beverley by the ringers of the 5th and 6th. The conductor expresses his sincere regret to the band, but it may be taken for granted, we think, that he is forgiven.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS. THAKEHAM BELLS RING AGAIN.

For the first time for 30 years the bells at Thakeham, Sussex, were rung on Sunday, Sept. 27th. The occasion was also the parish harvest festival, and the church was very effectively decorated.

The five bells have been recast and rehung on ball bearings in a steel frame, and have been tuned on the 'five-tone Simpson principle.' The frame provides for an additional bell which, it is hoped, may be added in the near future.

The Storrington band of ringers, under Mr. F. Blunden, were invited to ring the bells for the first time, and after the service Grandsire Doubles were rung by visiting ringers, including Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), Messrs. P. H. Doick and C. Greenfield (Pulborough), and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry. It was agreed unanimously that the tone of the bells was particularly sweet and mellow, and that the work had been most expeditiously and satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom it had been entrusted.

The tenor weighs 9½ cwt., and the total weight of the peal is 28½ cwt. The first four bells were originally cast in the middle of the eighteenth century, and the tenor in the early nineteenth century. The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells. That on No. 4 bell is rather quaint, as the mediæval bell founder got the names of the churchwardens curiously mixed up with the inscription proper, with the following result:—

'I will be glad and much rejoyce on the .

Richard Soutter Richard Richardson Lond. Souttar .

O God most hie and make my songs extol thy name
above the starry skie.' 1748.

Mr. George Nicholls, the only survivor of the old company of ringers, has undertaken the arduous task of teaching a new band. The parishioners are delighted with the bells, which now constitute the best peal of five in the district.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at Hornsey, when some 40 members and friends attended. Ringing commenced a few minutes after 3 p.m., with a touch of Bob Minor, which was followed by various methods until 5.30, when the usual short service was held. The Rector (the Rev. B. Spink), having welcomed the association to Hornsey, proceeded to give a really interesting discourse on bells, which was much appreciated.

An excellent tea was served at the Great Northern Hotel, after which the business meeting took place. Two new members were elected, and St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, chosen as the venue for the next meeting on December 5th.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. G. Midwinter, Vicar of Wood Green, for permission to ring at that church; to the organist for providing some excellent music; and to Messrs. C. Ross, G. W. and H. Blee, for their successful endeavours to make the meeting an enjoyable one. An expression of sympathy to Mr. G. W. Blee at his illness was added, coupled with a hope of his speedy recovery. Messrs. Ross and H. Blee replied, stating their pleasure at the success of the meeting, and hoping that it would not be long before the society again visited Hornsey.

Wood Green was afterwards visited, and at that church and Hornsey several touches in various methods were rung, including Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Penistone on Saturday. The attendance was very small, the towers represented being All Saints', Sheffield, Barnsley, Arksey, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Wortley and Worksop. A substantial tea was provided by the local company in the schools, and the business meeting was held in the same room, the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Carleton) being voted to the chair.

Mr. G. Parkin, of Wortley, was elected a ringing member, and the Vicar an hon. member of the association.

No invitation being forthcoming for the next meeting, this was left to the secretary and committee to arrange.

Replying to votes of thanks for the use of the bells, etc., the Vicar said how very pleased he was to welcome the association to his church. He was sorry there were not more present, but he hoped they would come again before long.

A word of praise was due to Mr. G. Hill, of Hoylandswaine, for the work he is doing in training a young band at the church, and he has threatened to send the secretary a list of ten new members for the association before long. 'The best of luck' to him and his pupils is the sincere wish of all members of the Southern Division.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, by the St. Clement Youths, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. M. Bryant 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, F. G. Symonds 4, E. F. Pike 5, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 6, J. Lee 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8, H. A. Folkard 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10. This was arranged and rung for a special musical service, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clements.

OXHEY, HERTS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local society on Sunday, Oct. 18th: H. Hodgetts 1, L. Simmons 2, H. Cashmore 3, C. Leman 4, A. W. Dix 5, H. Dix 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, G. Kazer 8. A birthday compliment to H. Hodgetts.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Saturday, Oct. 10th, for harvest festivals, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Jenner 1, E. Leigh 2, W. Leigh 3, G. Malyan 4, E. Collison 5, G. Edwards (Penshurst) 6, J. Heasman 7, E. J. Jenner 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Jenner 1, E. Leigh 2, W. Leigh, senr., 3, E. J. Jenner 4, E. Collison 5, G. Malyan 6, J. Heasman (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, junr. (first quarter) 8. First quarter in method with a working bell by the 4th ringer, who had only started 'Stedman' two weeks previously; and for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Jenner 1, J. Heasman (conductor) 2, W. Leigh, senr., 3, R. Jenner 4, E. Collison 5, E. Seal (Hever) 6, E. Leigh 7, G. Malyan 8.

SYSTON, LEICESTER.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 8th, for harvest thanksgiving, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Lewin 1, F. H. Payne 2, T. Payne 3, A. H. Mansfield 4, G. Walker 5, H. Humphrey 6, E. Payne 7, W. Wright 8. Also on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for festival evensong, a quarter-peal by the same band, in 43 minutes. Both quarter-peals were conducted by A. H. Mansfield: H. Lewin 1, F. H. Payne 2, T. Payne 3, A. H. Mansfield 4, G. Walker 5, H. Humphrey 6, E. Payne 7, W. Wright 8.

BURSLER.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, for morning service, 720 of Treble Bob, being 240 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine.—For afternoon service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 of Treble Bob, being 240 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine. The ringers taking part were T. Hilditch, T. Hurd, E. Gater, H. Box, P. Kelsall, H. Whitfield, A. Brammer, E. Carlidge. Conductors, T. Hurd and E. Gater.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. Trueman 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, H. Morgan 2, H. T. Howell 3, T. Ford 4, F. Chapman 5, E. Barnett, senr., 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, A. Williams 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss M. Attwell 1, R. Hayes (Haslemere) 2, T. Attwell 3, J. P. Pelloe 4, F. White (Haslemere) 5, W. G. Brockhurst 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, G. Luff 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 St. Simon's Doubles, in 25 mins.: H. Wade 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hindes 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone, W., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. F. Winney 4, F. Skevington 5, L. H. Baybutt 6, J. R. Gammon 7, R. F. Deal 8.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), Whittle's Variation of Carter's 12-part: W. Powers 1, W. White 2, C. R. Belton (conductor) 3, W. R. Whitehead 4, C. H. Belton 5, H. Garner 6, G. P. Garner 7, A. Mason 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Titley, mother of the present Rector.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, G. Clark 3, H. Woodhouse 4, H. Trout 5, E. Arrand 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, T. Revell 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for dedication festival evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Overy 1, J. McDermott 2, W. Eldridge 3, G. Goodchild 4, F. Bowden 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, for morning service, on Oct. 11th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Ginever 1, R. Partridge 2, W. Allin, junr., 3, C. J. Partridge 4, C. Beckley 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for Mr. S. Hickingbottom, late sexton of the parish, who passed away on Oct. 6th.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at the Church of St. Giles, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. M. Peasley 1, W. Clarke 2, E. Yates 3, E. C. Lambert 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, H. Tompkins 6, W. M. Peasley 7, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major by ringers of 1st and 2nd. Rung for the dedication festival.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, W. Leggett 2, G. Clarke 3, A. Ives 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, C. Bower 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, after evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: H. Balaam 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, J. Scott 3, F. Knapp 4, E. W. Smith 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 6. First 720 for ringers of 3rd and 4th. Ringers of 1st and 3rd hail from Woolton Hill; 2nd and 4th from Highclere; and 5th and 6th from Newbury.

COLESHILL.—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Clayton 1, R. Davis 2, T. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, J. Fifield 5, J. Bayliss 6. 9 bobs and 8 singles.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: E. Morris 1, T. Davis 2, T. Goldby 3, F. Clayton 4, C. Dale 5, J. Bayliss 6. Both conducted by F. Clayton. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, by all the band except 4th and 6th ringers, and was rung at first attempt.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—For harvest festival, Sept. 20th, 270 Plain Bob: E. Cheesman 1, L. Finn 2, S. Finn 3, W. Cheesman 4, P. Pierce 5, A. Castle (Elham), conductor, 6.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District held a very successful business meeting at Lewisham on Saturday. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, with a course of Cambridge, followed by touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob. After tea, the business meeting was held, at which one lady member was elected. The other usual business formalities were gone through, and, after some of the ringers had given a tune on the handbells, a move was made to the church again, where some further ringing was done on the fine peal of bells.

The customary hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar, and Mr. Warnett, for the use of the bells, and for making all the necessary arrangements.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday last. About 30 ringers attended, and during the afternoon touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were brought round, but a course of London was unsuccessful.

After tea, which was arranged by Mr. B. Witchell, the business meeting was presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. T. W. Chapman). Chilvers Coton was fixed for the next quarterly meeting in January, and after a further visit to the belfry, the proceedings were brought to a successful close.

RINGING IN BELFAST.

On the occasion of the Governor of Northern Ireland taking up residence in the Castle, at Hillsborough, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, ten ringers from St. Thomas', Belfast, rang the bells of the Parish Church.

The church is a fine old building, dating from 1663, and the bells are by A. Rudhall, 1774 (tenor 20 cwt.). With the exception of two of the small bells, which were recast about 1885, the ring comprises the original bells, frames and wheels, and the old-fashioned 'slider' arrangement is still there.

Only call changes were rung, and everybody had a pull during the afternoon. The following were the ringers: N. Robinson, W. Bruce, F. G. Elliott, N. Matson, D. Ireland, T. Waring, W. Long, R. W. Adamson, J. Bruce and A. Abraham.

Little progress has been made with change ringing in Belfast, and the band would be glad if any ringer who is visiting that city would call at the belfry, Lisburn Road, or upon Mr. Richmond W. Adamson, 71, Tate's Avenue.

NOTICE.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kings-thorpe on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

PAIGNTON RINGERS VISIT LAUNCESTON.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the Paignton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing, and, together with their wives and friends, made a party of upwards of 40. A start was made at 8.30 a.m. in two cars for Launceston via Ashburton, Dartmeet, Two Bridges, Princelown and Tavistock. A truly delightful route was somewhat spoiled by a deluge of rain, but it did not damp the jovial spirits of the party. Launceston was reached at 12.45 p.m. The ringers made straight for the Parish Church, and rang some touches on the light peal of eight bells. The rest of the company made their headquarters at the White Hart Hotel, where Host Miller had a splendid large room and a huge fire in readiness, which was much appreciated by all after the very wet journey. When ringing was over, all sat down to luncheon, following which Mr. F. T. Gover proposed the health of 'Our Captain,' Mr. O. Drew. He remarked how sorry they all were Mr. Drew could not be with them that day, because although unable to take an active part in ringing, he still took a very keen interest in the welfare of his band.

Mr. Drew's health was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. H. J. Hole proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ringers' friends who had joined them and so helped to make the outing more enjoyable, and he hoped the same good-fellowship would continue for years to come (applause).—Mr. F. J. Laxton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. J. Hole, sub-captain, for making the arrangements for the outing, which he said had gone off splendidly in spite of the weather, which the sub-captain could not be blamed for, and again 'For he's a jolly good fellow' rang out.

St. Stephen's tower was next visited, and here a nice toned peal of eight was found, and some capital touches of Grandsire Triples rung.

The sun now shone out beautifully, and a start was made for Kelly, where the party was met by the Rev. Maitland Kelly and the Misses Kelly, the former conducting the ringers to the belfry, where touches of Grandsires were rung. The reverend gentleman took part in spite of his 84 years. He also drew the ringers' attention to a tablet in the belfry which recorded the first three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung in Devonshire by all Devonshire ringers, in 1865. The Rev. Kelly was one of the band, and there is one other member still alive.

The Misses Kelly very kindly entertained the party at Kelly House, where light refreshments and fruit were served, and very much appreciated. They also escorted the party over the beautiful grounds, gardens, etc., pointing out many items of historical interest. Time was now rolling on too fast, so the order to start had to be given, and Plymouth was the next stop. Here an hour was spent, and home was reached at 9.40 p.m., all thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing in spite of the wet morning. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having all in readiness.

CHESHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

Six members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, A. E. Richards, W. Thomas, G. Jones and J. W. Clarke, had a delightful outing on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The 'meet' was at Chester at 9 a.m., and the run was made by car and motor-cycle. The beautiful church of Hartford was reached at 9.45, and the opening touch was 240 Bob Minor, followed by 720 of Thelwall Minor and 120 Stedman Doubles. The next place on the list was Weaverham. The bells here were found to be very noisy, and some of the ropes rather awkwardly placed, but a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round before a move was made towards Northwich for lunch. The name 'Beeton' over a cafe suggested that it ought to be a good place, so the band (all exceptionally hungry) boldly entered, and soon found that the place lived up to its good name! After lunch, feeling like lions refreshed, they viewed the sights (P) of Northwich, and there made for Davenham. The bells were heavy going (especially after lunch!) but the band managed to pull off a good 720 of Double Oxford Minor and a touch of Kent. The next call was at Witton Parish Church, and in the tower of this massive structure a 720 of Kent Minor was rung on the back six, as well as a touch of Oxford. The company then made for 'Beeton's' again, where they were served with an excellent tea, and spent some time over a quiet smoke and a friendly chat. The last place on the list was 720 of Double Bob and Plain Bob (Spliced) concluded the ringing programme of the day. It is interesting to note that at both Witton and Over the bells are hung so that the ropes are anti-clockwise instead of clockwise, as is usual. At both places the bells have been recast within recent years, but the old frames have been retained. Home was reached shortly before 10 p.m., after a really 'tin-top' day. The company wish to express their sincere thanks to the incumbents and towerkeepers of the various churches for their kind co-operation.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON.—Ringing takes place on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., except third and fifth Sundays in month, when morning ringing starts at 10 a.m. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—J. W. Faithfull, 22, South Front, Southampton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on Oct. 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteign on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Rev. E. P. Stanley, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A visit to Wembley is being arranged for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Meet at Wembley Park Station (Metropolitan Railway) at 2 o'clock. Gentlemen specially invited to join us.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Women's Institute Hut.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy C. Veo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Address by the Rector. A tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The quarterly business meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—Dedication of the new ring of eight bells on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chester. Permission for visitors to ring on this occasion cannot be promised, but on Saturday, October 31st. The bells will be available for visitors from 11 a.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Those requiring same must inform William Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, by Tuesday, Oct. 27th. A short service will be held at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Guild.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined ringing practice between the East Berks and South Bucks branch and the South Oxford and Mid-Bucks branch has been arranged at Thame on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—This is a special meeting, and all members are requested to attend.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 'The Club,' and business after. Will those who require tea please advise me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Teignmouth. Bells (8) St. Michael's and (8) St. James' available 3 p.m. Short service at St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those who intend coming please notify me by Wednesday, 28th inst.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify Mr. G. Dudley, Sketchfey Lane, Burbage, by Thursday, Oct. 29th.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 27th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LADIES GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those wanting tea please inform me by Tuesday, Oct. 27th?—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 5.30, at The Grange, meeting to follow. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Oct. 31st, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. A short service will be held in church. Tea, 1s. each, will be prepared opposite. All members and non-members and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those attending kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 28th?—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, New Street, Ludlow, Salop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room (kindly provided by the church authorities), and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. It is imperative that all who require tea should let me know not later than Monday, Oct. 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Michael's Church, Mottram. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The association service will be held in the Church at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, at the Co-operative Cafe, New Road, will be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, the 28th inst. The business meeting will be held after tea, and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.) will take the chair. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Branch Sec., 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Stoke Bishop bells available in the afternoon from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Church Institute, Westbury-on-Trym, 5 o'clock. Ringing to follow. Please notify me by Oct. 26th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Expecting a good number of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 48th Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service in St. Nicholas Church at 1 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon W. Bothamley. Committee meeting at 12 noon and dinner at 2 p.m. at the Royal County Hotel. The bells of St. Nicholas (6) and St. Oswald's (6) are open all day. Included in the business is the proposed alteration of Rules 6, 9 and 10. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/6 to non-members. Those who intend being present at dinner please advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 28th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 9th and 23rd, at 7.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth (next to Palace), Tuesday, the 3rd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Victoria, Monday, the 16th, at 7.30. Members are urged to help to make these additional meetings a success.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Free. Please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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