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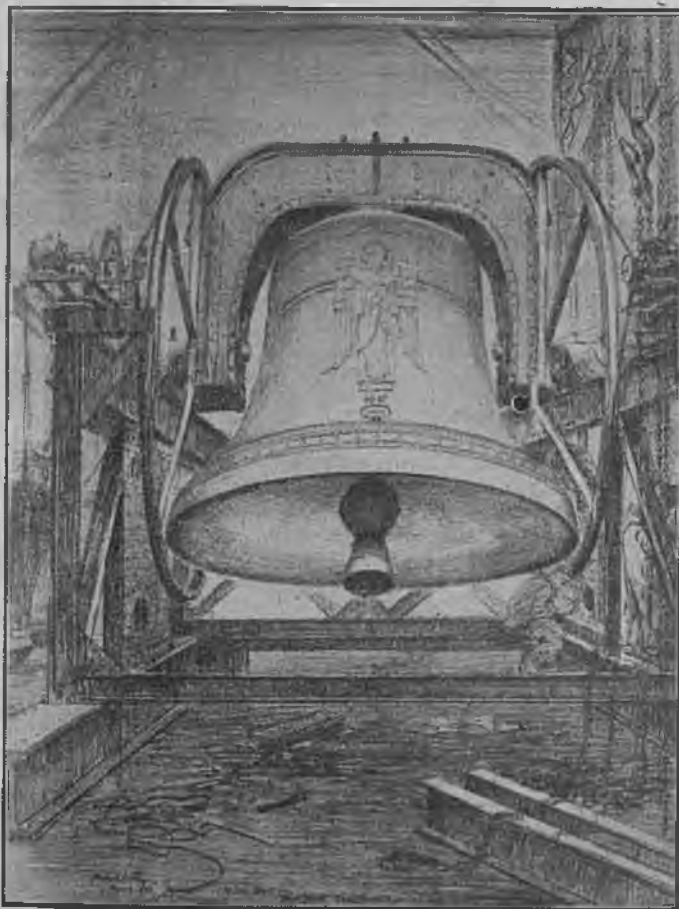
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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Those who had the good fortune to attend the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday were impressed with the growth of popularity of the event and the way in which the social atmosphere of the occasion has been developed. In numbers the gathering was easily a record one, and once again ringers came from distant parts of the country to do honour to the old society and to enjoy the reunion which the opportunity presents. Wrapt in the mists of the past, the College Youths represent the greatest traditions of ringing. They have always worthily upheld the best standards in our art, and even to-day it is the proudest boast of many members of the Exercise that they belong to this ancient society.

Except, however, to a few privileged people who have had time and opportunity to delve into the past, the origin and history of the College Youths have been largely a closed book, and there has been to all outward appearance a kind of studied reticence in regard to its affairs. The Exercise, let alone the general public, has heard but little of its doings and yet it is largely through the College Youths that the art of change ringing has its roots so deeply and securely implanted in the centuries. It is really the parent of all our ringing organisations, and yet we do not hesitate to say that outside a comparatively small circle less is known about it than about any other society in the country. From time to time appeals have been made for a little more of the light of publicity to be let in upon its activities, but up to now little, except the reports of its peals and annual dinner, transpires. And yet there must be many interesting matters discussed and resolutions passed in the meeting room. There was one debate quite recently which, had the particulars been published, would have created a stir, if not a sensation, in the Exercise, so that it cannot be urged that the proceedings are always humdrum and therefore of no interest. Even though the affairs of the society may be held to be no concern of anyone else; the members spread all over the country are, as one speaker put it on Saturday, entitled to know what is going on, and the publication of its proceedings would give them an added interest in their society.

A step towards making more widely known the story of its beginnings and history has been taken by the issue of the booklet, to which we referred last week, and which, we are now informed, is on general sale to members and non-members alike, and there should be a big demand for this brochure which is an interesting addition to ringing literature. Having thus dealt with the

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past, we hope the members will further develop this policy by giving a greater publicity to contemporary matters. Publicity is the life blood of modern progress, and if the Ancient Society came out of what another speaker described as its 'cloistered seclusion,' it would doubtless become, to an even greater extent than it is at present, a national society.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD R. COLES 9
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
*FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
RALPH COLES 6	FRANK WEST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson, on the occasion of their golden wedding, on the day of the Archbishop's retirement. His Grace was formerly an hon. member of the Berks and Bucks Branch, and when Dean of Windsor was patron of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble	REV. EDWARD G. BENSON ... 6
JESSE GILLET 2	GEORGE CONDLICK 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 5	CHARLES DYSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
Rung on the birthday of the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, and of the eldest son of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, assistant-judge in India, also on the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman on the bells. F. E. Collins belongs to Croydon.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH (R.L.C.) Treble	GEORGE W. STERRE (A.S.C.) 5
GEORGE A. COOK (21ST LON.) 2	ALBERT HARMAN (R.G.A.) ... 7
G. MARRINER (E. SURREY) 3	HAROLD W. CLARK (R.E.) ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES (R.A.F.) 4	JAMES BENNETT (R.M.) ... 9
O. SIPPETTS (LEINSTERS) ... 5	A. C. OTWAY (3RD WILTS) Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (R.E.). Conducted by A. W. COLES
Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
GEORGE WEST Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
ALLEN R. HICHTON 2	ALBERT E. ADAMSON 6
*FRANK BRADLEY 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7
*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 4	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. Specially arranged and rung for the coming of age of Miss D. Cobbin.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JOHN'S,
DEPTFORD, SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
P.S. RICHARD STEERS 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. John Jobson, whose funeral took place the same day. He was people's churchwarden for several years, covering two periods, and had worshipped at St. John's since 1902.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. ATKINS Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 5
†ERNEST C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS E. READ 6
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
LEONARD A. SMITH 4	GEORGE FODDY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal. † 150th. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon W. A. Carroll, M.A., as Rector of this parish, his induction having taken place on October 6th.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
MISS V. ROBINSON 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This was arranged to enable Miss Robinson to ring a peal on the bells of her native village.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*EDWIN JOHNSON Treble	*CHARLES E. TOMKINSON 5
*MISS ETHEL GRIMSHAW 2	ALFRED FROST 6
*FRANK TWIGG 3	SYDNEY HOUGH 7
*ERNEST BENNETT 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by H. V. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

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

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CHRIS. G. HENDRY Treble	*HARRY WARREN 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	JOSEPH SADDINGTON 6
†FRANK LEWIN 3	FREDERICK J. TITE 7
*GEORGE WARREN 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. † First eight-bell peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Saddington on the completion of fifty years' service in the belfry, and on his birthday; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. C. Hendry.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	GEOFFREY MILTON 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
RONALD G. JONES 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

BLOXWICH, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	JOHN PERRY 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
ARTHUR PAINTER 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung for the festival of All Saints.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

*WILLIAM G. NEWBURY ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT 5
†JOHN LEE 2	†ALAN R. PINK 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	ALFRED H. WINCH Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major. † Elected a member previous to the peal. † First peal in the method with bob bell.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN Treble	JAMES WARD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JAMES GARRATT 6
HARRY CHAMBERS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JOHN J. MAWBY 4	*CHARLES CROFT Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	PETER NUTTALL 6
FRED MORRIS 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
*JAMES YATES 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by J. NUTTALL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Nuttall, and for the 21st birthday of the son of the second ringer. First peal as conductor.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD-AND-EVEN-BOB FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S MEMORIAL PEAL.

ENDERBY, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

EX-SERGEANT ROWLAND BARROW, Leicesters...	...	...	Treble
EX-A.M. PERCY HARRISON, R.A.F. ...	...	...	2
EX-SERGEANT E. HARRY STONELEY, R.A. ...	...	...	3
EX-SERGEANT LESLIE J. WILLIAMS, Leicesters ...	...	...	4
EX-PT. REDVERS F. ELKINGTON, att. R.A.S.C. ...	...	...	5
EX-PT. WILLIAM H. CLARK, 6th Batt. Tanks ...	...	...	6
EX-S. SERGEANT ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C. ...	...	...	7
EX-A.M. WILLIAM WILSON, R.A.F. ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by A.M. WILLIAM WILSON, R.A.F.

Conducted by STAFF-SERGEANT ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day anniversary in memory of their fallen comrades of the Great War, especially noting Lieut. R. H. Levy, to whose memory the two treble bells were given.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	...	...	Treble
TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	...	...	2
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	...	...	3
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	...	...	4
CHARLES T. COLES ...	...	...	5
GEORGE R. PYE ...	...	...	6
JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...	...	7
WILLIAM PYE ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. Taylor, Harris and Rogers, of Portsmouth.

SALESHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK W. GURR ...	...	...	Treble
GEORGE KING ...	...	...	2
GEORGE LAMBERT ...	...	...	3
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ...	...	...	4
ERNEST J. LADD ...	...	...	5
THOMAS HOAD ...	...	...	6
JOSEPH WREN ...	...	...	7
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

* ALFRED F. PETRIE ...	...	...	Treble
F. WM. RICHARDSON ...	...	...	2
WILLIAM A. MARTIN ...	...	...	3
† CHARLES A. BINES ...	...	...	4
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	...	...	5
CHARLIE ELLIOTT ...	...	...	6
ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	...	...	7
ARCHIBALD BENNINGTON ...	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

* First peal at first attempt. † First attempt 'inside.'

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	...	...	Treble
* NEIL J. ALLNATT ...	...	...	2
ERNEST BISHOP ...	...	...	3
GEORGE LANCASTER ...	...	...	4
SIDNEY PALMER ...	...	...	5
HARRY WHEELER ...	...	...	6
SIDNEY H. HOPPER ...	...	...	7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.
* First peal. Rung as a golden wedding peal for the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	...	...	Treble
* VERON SYKES ...	...	...	2
WILLIAM HORAN ...	...	...	3
JOHN BOOTH ...	...	...	4
HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	...	...	5
GEORGE PINCOTT ...	...	...	6
PETER CROOK ...	...	...	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. Rung on the eve of the Armistice anniversary.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ABRAHAM WILKERSON ...	...	...	Treble
WALTER MALINS ...	...	...	2
JOSEPH B. FENTON ...	...	...	3
* WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	...	...	4
ALFRED G. GRAND ...	...	...	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	...	...	6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	...	...	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. MALINS.

Rung on the eve of Armistice Day. * First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ...	...	...	Treble
THOMAS LINCOLN ...	...	...	2
WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...	...	3
GEORGE GREEN ...	...	...	4
JOHN WOOD ...	...	...	5
WALTER ARNOLD ...	...	...	6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ...	...	...	7
ARTHUR HEAD ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. SHUKER ...	...	...	Treble
* ALFRED H. DREW ...	...	...	2
* FREDERICK N. SMEATON ...	...	...	3
JACK M. CRIPPS ...	...	...	4
FRANK BENNETT ...	...	...	5
FRANK I. HAIRS ...	...	...	6
KEITH HART ...	...	...	7
JOHN DEARLOVE ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* FRANK KEMP ...	...	...	Treble
JOHN READSHALL ...	...	...	2
† JOHN READ ...	...	...	3
† CHARLES WELLS ...	...	...	4
ALAN R. PINK ...	...	...	5
CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	...	...	6
RICHARD HASTED ...	...	...	7
THOMAS UPSHALL ...	...	...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (Rev. Canon Edwin Maurice Girling, M.A.), who was recently inducted to the living, also as a mark of respect to the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Randall Davidson, who, while Bishop of Winchester, resided at Farnham Castle. The ringers of 5th and 6th are from Dorking and Guildford respectively, the rest belong to the local band.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORD.—On October 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins., rung for harvest thanksgiving: A. J. Taylor 1, A. Davis 2, A. Gwynne 3, G. Taysom 4, T. Taysom 5, W. H. Williams 6, F. Arrowsmith 7, W. Taylor (conductor) 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Double Court, 1,440 of Woodbine, 1,440 of Kent,
and 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. BONN Treble	CHARLES BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Frederick Herbert Edwin Watson, of Kingsfield, to Miss Muriel Edith Grace Wingfield, of Benacre, which took place at the above church on this date. The bride's father, now Rector of Benacre, was curate at the above church, and is still associated with matters concerning the welfare of the parish.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

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

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BURCOMBE Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM HEATH 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

First peal on the bells, which are a ring of six recast and hung by Mears and Stainbank twenty years ago.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM JONES 4
HARRY SEAR 2	GEORGE TURNER 5
HERBERT F. JUSTICE 3	JAMES HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal by all except conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Justice. Great credit is due to this band for progress made, as most of them did not touch a bell until January this year. The bells had been silent for over 50 years before, being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and dedicated December 19th last.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN BREER Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JAMES F. SMITH 3	JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung on the thirtieth anniversary of the conductor's first peal, which was rung on these bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP 4
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRED J. COOK 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

THRANDESTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
ERIC BENNETT 2	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ALPHEDS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK OSBORNE Treble	*WILFRED RILEY 3
*ARTHUR SMITHSON 2	BERNARD BAILEY 4
FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED T. GOUGH Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	ROBERT H. JONES 5
JOHN J. PRICE 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

GEOFFREY C. ABLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed curate (Rev. G. A. Thomas).

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Berwick, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	W. H. TERTON 5
T. A. HOWES-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the first Surprise Minor peal by the Yorkshire Association, which was rung at Killamarsh, the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th taking part.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	JOHN MATTHEWS 4
*FRANK BROOKSBAW 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

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

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The South-Western Division District annual meeting, held at Leyton on Saturday, November 10th, was in all respects a most successful one. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were soon being made use of by the early arrivals, several of whom made a call on their way to the College Youths' dinner. At 4.30 the association service, taken by the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Bren), was attended by those present, one innovation being, instead of the hymn before the address, a splendidly rendered solo, 'Open the gate of the Temple,' by Miss Margery Dawson, A.T.C.L. Service over, trucks were made to the Parish Hall, where a splendid tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was awaiting the members. During the interval, whilst tables were being cleared, the visitors were entertained by Miss Miller and friends with some splendid tune ringing on the handbells, another item which was greatly appreciated.

The business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, and Mr. A. Prior, Master of the district, followed. The Rev. Robert Bren, Vicar of Leyton, was elected an honorary member, together with two new ringing members.

The retiring officers, Messrs. A. Prior, District Master, and E. J. Butler, district hon. secretary, were unanimously re-elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting early in the new year at Chigwell Row, where the peal of six has recently been augmented to eight.

During the year the district had to lament the loss of four old members by death, viz., Messrs. J. Scholes, M. Pettit, H. T. Scarlett and J. Marks, of the West Ham, Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow St. Saviour's, and Wanstead bands respectively, and the members present stood in silence for two minutes as a token of respect and feeling for their old comrades.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to making it so successful, i.e., the Vicar for conducting the service and allowing use of tower, bells and hall, and for kindly providing the tea; the organist for accompanying at the service, Miss Dawson for her solo, Miss Miller and her friends for the handbell ringing, and to Mrs. Bren and ladies for arranging and waiting on the members at tea, also to Mr. Mark Hicks, Vicar's warden, for his words of welcome, and help during the afternoon.

The collection in aid of the association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 2s. 3d.

During the afternoon and evening between 70 and 80 members and friends were present from Braintree, Leytonstone, Woodford, Wanstead, Bentley, Romford, West Ham, Southgate, Leyton, Leigh-on-Sea, Loughton, Swindon, St. Margaret's Westminster, Walthamstow St. Mary's, St. Clement Dances, Egerton (Kent), Buckfastleigh, Great Bentley, and Edmouton, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise were rung.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR HULL.

On Monday, October 29th, Mr. Arthur Hull, a ringer at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, for a period of over 53 years, passed away suddenly. He took a keen interest in ringing. He took part in several peals, and acted as umpire to handbell peals. He was steeplekeeper for many years until failing health compelled him to resign the position. About three years ago, on medical advice, he discontinued active membership of the St. Peter's Society, but would come into the tower occasionally to lend a hand, the last time being for the harvest festival on Sunday, October 7th, when he rang the treble to Bob Royal and Stedman Caters.

The funeral took place on Friday, November 2nd, the first part of the service being in St. Peter's Church, and the interment at St. Albans cemetery. The officiating minister was the Rev. F. W. B. Bullock (curate), who himself is a probationer in the tower. The organist and choirboys kindly attended at the church and sang the hymns, 'Abide with me' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' the 90th Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis. Several of deceased's brother ringers attended the service, including Mr. G. W. Cartmel (the president and hon. secretary of the Herts Association).

In the evening the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the St. Peter's Society, with the assistance of Mr. J. Malyon, the conductor of the St. Stephen's Society, who came at short notice to fill the place of a member who was incapacitated from ringing.

A wreath was sent from the members of the society 'in loving remembrance.'

FINCHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

On Monday, November 12th, there was laid to rest all that was mortal of Ernest H. Tubbs, who died suddenly at the age of 52 years. He was an old and respected Sunday service ringer, having for 30 years been connected with the Parish Church of St. Mary, Finchley, and he was also a member of the Middlesex County Association. Among the wreaths sent was one from the local band.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect by: G. Saunders 1, W. J. Norton 2, C. H. Martin 3, B. Windmill 4, E. Boufield 5, F. Barker 6.

LIVERPOOL RECORDS, 1814-1928.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

Saturday, November 3rd, 1928, is a date that will live long in the memory of those present at the unique ceremony which was held in the belfry of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool. It was the occasion of the unveiling of a pair of boards, each 10ft. high and 3ft. wide, on which six peals rung on the bells are recorded. The boards are painted black, with gold lettering and contain about 3,000 letters. They are a splendid example of the signwriter's art, and were executed by Mr. Ernest Jones (one of the St. Nicholas' ringers), who is to be congratulated on his excellent workmanship. One board records that the opening of the new peal of twelve bells, cast by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, took place on June 4th, 1814, and that on May 29th, 1815, a peal of Grandsire Caters (5,129 changes) was rung by the Liverpool College Youths in 3hr. 29mins.; and one of Grandsire Cinques (5,126 changes) on January 12th, 1821, in 3hrs. 37mins., both being conducted by William Thistlewood. On January 31st, 1831, another peal of Grandsire Caters (5,219 changes) was rung in 3hrs. 26mins. by the Liverpool Society, and conducted by John Heron. The foregoing peals had already been recorded in the tower, but the inscriptions had become indecipherable through age, and, with the full consent of the Rector and churchwardens, it was decided to have them repainted.

The second board records a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus (5,038 changes), rung for the first time in Liverpool on February 12th, 1827, in 4hrs. 3mins.; a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (5,040 changes) in 3hrs. 51mins., which was rung with the bells half-muffled during the actual time the funeral of the late Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. Chavasse) was taking place at the Cathedral; and, finally, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus (5,280 changes) on May 5th, 1928, this being the first peal in the method in the North of England. Each peal on the second board was conducted by E. Jenkins.

The spacious ringing chamber was packed to its capacity with ringers from many parts of Lancashire and Cheshire, when Canon J. C. H. How (Rector of Liverpool) welcomed Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association) to St. Nicholas'. He stated that he had no need to introduce Canon Elsee to them, as he was well known to all as an old ringer, but he would ask him to say a few words before the unveiling of the boards.

Canon Elsee said that this occasion took their minds back to the very early history of ringing in Liverpool. In those days the art in Liverpool was not as advanced as it was to-day, and they had to go to Sheffield, Birmingham, and Ashton-under-Lyne in order to get a band of sufficient ability to ring their peals. Nowadays, he was pleased to say there was no need to go outside Liverpool in order to get a band to ring any method. He felt that these early peals were worth commemorating, as in those days bells did not go as easily as now. Tenors, for instance, were not 'tucked up' as they were to-day, and it must have been a feat of endurance as well as of skill to accomplish a peal. They would notice that the eleventh and tenor were always rung double-handed. Forty years ago, when he first became acquainted with Lancashire ringing, it was mostly confined to two or three methods. Grandsire was the most popular, Stedman was just coming into vogue and also a few Treble Bob methods were rung. Since then there had been a remarkable extension in the scope of ringing. There was no doubt that peal ringing in such difficult methods was an indication of the life and strength of the association, but it must be remembered that was not the primary object of the Lancashire Association. He heartily congratulated the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

The boards were then unveiled by Canon Elsee, and a flash-light photograph taken, following which a service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Canon How, at which an interesting address was given by Archdeacon Howson. Taking as his text Proverbs viii. 4, 'Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men,' he said he rejoiced with them that day in the commemoration of the peals rung in that tower. It was a contribution to the great effort of historians and antiquarians to ensure that in the rush of modern life the great things of old should not be forgotten. A man whose name was before us very affectionately this year—John Bunyan—was in his 'unregenerate' days a great ringer. The belfry in those days was the 'resort of idle fellows who found pleasure in plucking the strings.' In his new life the ringing of bells became a means of expressing joy, as he wrote in his 'Book of the Holy War.' The bells they handled, said the preacher, were a voice which sounded in three ways. They were part of the life and ministry of the Church. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung as a token of deep respect to the late Bishop Chavasse, who was a devoted servant of God, and for 23 years was the head of that diocese. They thanked God for his ministry. In the second place they were a call to worship. The only place where a bell was mentioned in the Prayer Book was in the preface, 'Concerning the service of the church.' Bells used to be rung when there was a sermon during the service, and also at the administration of Holy Communion. Ringers were doing what missionaries did for this country in the days of long ago—they were sending out a message from the Great Father. Then, again, the voice of the bells was a call to service. Bells were rung on great national occasions, thus linking up temporal work with spiritual work.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Church Institute, where a substantial repast had been prepared, to which about 80 persons sat down, and the merry clatter of knives and forks betokened that the good things provided were being heartily appreciated.

Amongst those present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Messrs. J. A. Bartlett and E. S. Legge (churchwardens), Harry Chapman, W. H. Shuker, W. James, H. W. Wilde, P. Barton, T. Barlow, J. H. Riding and W. Bibby.

Canon Elsee, in proposing a vote of thanks to those who had provided the tea, and those who had waited upon them, said how pleased he was to be with them on that enjoyable and interesting occasion. The last time he was in Liverpool was in August, 1927, when he sailed for South Africa. He had seen some strange bells since then, and was glad to be back in the centre of Lancashire ringing.

Mr. Claude I. Davies (secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association) seconded, saying it was quite a holiday for him to attend a meeting without having the responsibility of arranging it.

Mr. G. R. Newton, in responding, said that the tea had been provided by the ringers of St. Nicholas', who felt that on such an auspicious occasion they should 'let themselves go,' and he hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves. He had had apologies for absence from Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., Mr. Banks (vice-president), Mr. E. W. Elwell (secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild), and Mr. E. Jenkins. He would like to say a few words about Mr. Jenkins in praise of his abilities. Soon after he came to that district he was known in Cheshire as the 'lightning conductor,' while someone in Liverpool christened him 'the live wire.' He was a most capable conductor, and his characteristics could be summed up in Kipling's words:—

'He's little, but he's wise;

He's a terror for his size' (laughter and applause).

Some interesting reminiscences of 'the good old days' of ringing in Liverpool were recounted by Mr. F. W. Moore, Mr. W. G. Mann, and Mr. Hargreaves. A couple of touches on the handbells concluded this part of the programme, and the tower was again visited and various methods rung.

So ended a most successful and unique gathering, one in which veterans of the art mingled with some of the youngest learners, and where old friends met and had interesting chats over the days of long ago, and Mr. G. R. Newton, who was responsible for all arrangements, is to be heartily complimented on the success of his efforts to ensure that everyone should enjoy themselves.

WINDSOR.—On Armistice Day, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Foreman 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, W. Phipps 3; R. Gale 4, T. Smith 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. —After service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Farr.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETINGS.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on Saturday, November 3rd. The Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Bellars, M.A.), the churchwardens, Mr. Shore and Mr. Day, being present. Tea followed at the Magnet Tea Rooms, the Vicar and Mr. Day being among those present.

A short business meeting was held, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding. He drew the attention of those present to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' for that week on the subject of 'Secretaries and their critics,' and said he wished it were possible for it to be printed in leaflet form and distributed to every member of the associations so that they could read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the remarks. He agreed that secretaries had cause to kick sometimes, although, personally, he would not like a kick from the worthy secretary of the Devizes Branch, as he was rather a hefty chap, and it would not be at all comfortable (laughter).

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.—Mr. Day promised to convey the remarks to those concerned.

Ringers, including Miss Williams, of Weston, Bath, were present from Corsley, Bratton, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, All Cannings, Rowde, Melksham, Trowbridge and Warminster.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and other methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place in the afternoon at Sutton Veny, where the peal of six bells had been reopened on the previous evening, after having been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The ringers were welcomed by the Rector and Mrs. Chorley. All taking part expressed their pleasure at the satisfactory manner the work had been carried out.

A special evening meeting was held at Keevil on Saturday, October 27th, when, in spite of the wet weather, ringers were present from Keevil, Bratton, Devizes and Warminster.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. Weller, visited the church and welcomed those present to Keevil. He drew attention to the board which had been placed in the ringing chamber recording two peals of Grandsire Doubles, which had been rung by the local men, and said they were very proud of their ringers.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association at Goodnestone has been postponed to Saturday, December 1st. The meeting of the Lincoln Guild at Branston to-morrow has also been postponed.

The new bells at Worcester Cathedral are to be dedicated on Sunday, November 25th.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the rehangings of the peal of eight at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, London.

Five hundred pounds are required for the restoration of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Bocking. The work includes rehangings and re-tuning. An effort is to be made to raise this sum, and it is intended to make an appeal to the people.

The many friends of Mr. G. F. Swann, of Erdington, will learn with pleasure that he has so far recovered from his recent severe burning accident as to be able to ring again.

Mr. 'Dick' Lane, who has hung so many famous bells for Messrs. Taylor and Co., is to be married on Saturday to Miss Cox, of Loughborough. He and his bride will have the good wishes of all ringers.

The peal of six at Ambrosden, Oxford, have been increased to eight, and the tenor recast, and will be dedicated on December 7th. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work.

One of the earliest of ringing organisations was the 'Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers,' of Bristol, which was granted a Royal Charter on November 17th, 1620, as a result, it is said, of Queen Elizabeth hearing the bells of that church rung in her honour on her visit to Bristol at some time during her reign.

Our reference to the anniversary of the peal of 6,780 London Surprise Major at Burton-on-Trent, on November 8th, 1888, elicits the fact that three of the band are left, viz., Messrs. J. Austin, E. I. Stone and J. Griffin. The band that rang this peal also rang the first peal of London in London. It was at All Saints', Fulham, on December 8th, 1888.

It was not until 1899 that the first peal of London was rung in the city. This was accomplished by the St. Peter's, Brighton, company.

The first peal of London ever rung was at St. Andrew's, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835.

Eighty years ago to-day the first peal of Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major, that is with bobs made when the treble is behind as well as in front, was rung. It was at Woolwich, where about that time the Banisters were doing much to raise the standard of method ringing.

The reference last week to the fact that the new bells for St. Martin's, Birmingham, were cast on the same spot as the ring in 1758, is a reminder that the first peal of Grandioso Caters on that old ten was rung on November 19th in that same year.

The anniversary of two interesting peals occurs on Tuesday. On November 20th, 1886, the Burton men rang the first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, and on the same day in 1909 Holt's Original was rung 'silent' at West Bromwich.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Harry Chapman was presented with a gold bell pendant by his old ringing colleagues at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on his retirement from the position of leader of the band.

Mr. Sydney Morris Abraham, of Bristol, passed peacefully away on Monday last at the age of 57 years. The funeral will take place at Arncliffe Vale (top gate), Bristol, to-morrow (Saturday) at 11.15 a.m.

A DESERVING CASE.

Subscriptions to the fund for the assistance of Mrs. Bates, widow of the late Mr. E. Bates, of the Dartford band, who, with three tiny children to support, has been left in very straitened circumstances, amount to £23s. 6d.

It is hoped that ringers will subscribe liberally to the fund for the family of a 'brother string' bereaved in such tragically sudden circumstances.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

CURIOUS ACCIDENT AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

An extraordinary accident occurred at the Parish Church at Melton Mowbray on Sunday week. Whilst the bells were being rung in rounds prior to evening service, the 3rd of the ten suddenly stopped with the rope lower than usual, accompanied by a loud crash and rumble overhead. On investigating the next day, it was discovered that the bell, from a cause that has yet to be determined had jumped out of its bearings and crashed down, wedging itself into the frame below, smashing the wheel and slider and breaking a bolt through the crown of the bell to the headstock, which was moved. The bell itself was fortunately undamaged.

WHO WAS HE ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to observe the names which one so frequently finds on the fly leaf of an old book.

I have in my possession 'Campanologia' dated 1705, and it has written in it the name of William Pawsey, Bardfield, Essex, 1855. Can any of your readers throw a light upon who he was?—Yours faithfully,
E. ALEX. YOUNG.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

A RECORD GATHERING.

All previous records in the long history of the Ancient Society of College Youths were broken on Saturday, when the 291st anniversary gathering was held. Ringers came from all parts of the country, from Lancashire and Yorkshire, Wales and Devon, the Eastern Counties and the South, in numbers never even approached before, and thus demonstrated once again how popular among provincial ringers is this great London gathering. During the afternoon various peals of bells were open for ringing, the chief centre of attraction being Southwark Cathedral; while St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, were also well patronised. A special service was again held at the ancient home of the society, St. Michael's, College Hill, and the seating capacity of the building failed to accommodate all who attended. Canon Bullock Webster (Rector) officiated, and the choir boys led the singing, a feature of which was a new 'bell hymn,' written by Mrs. Louie Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, who arranged the music from a melody by Mr. E. Alex Young, secretary of the Central Council. Bell effects are introduced into the air and accompaniment, and the words were singularly appropriate to the occasion. Here are two of the five verses:—

With heart and voice, in one accord,
We render Praise to Thee, O Lord,
That year by year as Brethren we
In this Thy House may Worship Thee.

For Founders, Leaders, all who bore
The name we bear—in days of yore,
O God! we thank Thee, grant that we
'Together live in Unity.'

This last line is an adaptation of the society's motto, 'Viramus Unanimiter' (Let us live together in unity).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) was the preacher, and gave an address based upon the text, 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it' (Psalm cxviii. 24). He dealt especially with that aspect of ringers' duties which relates to ringing on Sundays for divine service. He said preachers at ringers' meetings seldom overlooked the opportunity of reminding them that those who called others to worship should not fail themselves to take part therein. That was true as far as it went, if they regarded bells simply as a means of reminding the hearers of the hours of divine service, and as a call to worship at such services. But bells had a far wider significance than that. One of the main purposes of a peal of bells, at any rate, was to do honour to the Lord's day—the great Christian festival of rest and worship—and the ringing which they did was not only a call to worship, but also helped to create an atmosphere of worship; indeed, it might not inappropriately be called a part of the worship of the Lord on that sacred day. The preacher went on to remind his hearers that the bell was the only instrument universally used throughout Christendom to tell forth the praise of God. In the Eastern church, where it was expressly forbidden to have music in the services except unaccompanied voices, bells were used to sound forth the praise of God, and very magnificent bells some of them were, too. They were not, of course, rung as were the bells in England, but bells were universal instruments of worship throughout the whole Christian Church. The bells were not only heard by those who took part in the services, they were not only a call to worship and created an atmosphere of worship, but they also tended to unite those who could not attend in the spirit of the service. Theirs, then, was in very truth a high office and a glorious privilege, for through the great cities and over England's pleasant fields the glad sound of the bells was heard on the Lord's day extolling the praises of the God in heaven, proclaiming before God and man the faith of our Church and joyously reminding them all that 'this is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

The dinner took place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, but the large and handsome apartment which had hitherto sufficed to seat the party was no longer sufficient, and a big 'overflow' gathering had to be accommodated in another room. Altogether, 262 sat down, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. S. Hawkins), who has just concluded a very successful year of office. He was supported by, among others, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. Prob. Ponsonby (Bow, Cheapside), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), Mr. H. Carter (churchwarden, St. Mary Abbots', Kensington), Rev. Canon Bullock Webster (St. Michael's, College Hill), Mr. W. P. Routh (Reading), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rev. J. H. Ellison (St. Michael's, Cornhill), Rev. H. Foyne-Clinton (St. Magnus-the-Martyr), Capt. J. H.

R. Freeborn, Rev. N. Hopkins (St. Paul's), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger at St. Paul's), Mr. F. Sergisson (St. Clement's Youths), etc. The vice-chairman was Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and among those present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), J. Bullock and W. Rushton (stewards), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary) and C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees of the society), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. Pullinger (hon. secretary, Winchester Diocesan Guild), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), C. Kippen (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), Major H. A. Yorke, Mrs. J. W. Wilkins (Bristol), Messrs. W. A. Cave, G. Gordon, W. Knight and U. Braven (Bristol), T. King and C. Rich (Bath), W. Nevard (Great Bentley), W. Hazell (Edmonton), A. D. Barker (Slough), C. Mee and E. Rivers (Ipswich), F. Smallwood (Derby), J. George, P. Ladlin, H. Withers (Birmingham), J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison (Loughborough), P. Cave (Liverpool), J. Taylor (Penwortham, Lancs), H. Garfath (Croydon), W. Steed (Tunbridge Wells), R. Knowles (Madresfield, Worcestershire), S. Palmer, White, Wilson, and Charlesworth (Sheffield), H. W. Wilde and W. Bibby (Cheshire), E. Barnett, sen., E. Barnett, jun. (Crayford), J. Corbett (Bagshot), C. Dean (Croydon), J. Hoyle (Ashted), M. Northover, G. Road, A. Bashford and A. Chesley (Reigate), F. W. Rogers, T. R. Taylor and E. Harding (Portsmouth), C. W. Pipe, L. Wightman (Norfolk), E. Poppy, E. Lincoln, L. Last and Burgoyne (Suffolk), T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), J. Evans (Hugbenden), A. Cullum and W. Hibbert (Reading), S. H. Green (Tunbridge Wells), H. Bishop (Swindon), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), R. Hayes (Haslemere), W. R. Melville (Guildford), and ringers in bands from Barking, Ealing, Walthamstow, Bushey, Rochester and from other towers in London and the border counties of Kent, Surrey, Herts and Essex. In fact, it was one of the most representative gatherings ever assembled upon such an occasion.

At the conclusion of the repast, the Master submitted the loyal toast, and then the tables were cleared, and the two parties of diners united in one room.

The Master proposed 'The Church.'

OLD DAYS RECALLED.

The Rev. J. H. Ellison, who responded, reminded the company that the laity as well as the clergy formed the Church, and that therefore in drinking that toast they were drinking their own healths. He thanked them very warmly indeed for the interest they took in the Church, and said that in the whole of the year there was no event, which those of them there were accustomed to attend, that they looked forward to with greater pleasure than that gathering, and he was not flattering them a bit when he said there was no finer set of men in the whole of England than the men he saw before him that evening (laughter and applause). The link between the ringers and the Church of England was a very ancient one indeed. He had been looking through some old accounts of the churchwardens in his parish, and he found a whole page of interesting things relating to St. Michael's bells. They had been rung in the past for the repose of a Pope's soul; in anticipation of an interesting event in the family history of Queen Mary which never came off (laughter), and for a number of events in Queen Elizabeth's reign. The bells had always taken their part in the history of the Church, although he gathered that what had gone on in the belfries had not always been as nice and as good as it was at the present time. In the old days, for instance, the church tower was the one place that no one would ever think of going into, so that some of the towers became the hiding place for things that were smuggled (laughter). One of the things one was most thankful for was that the ringers themselves, working with the clergy, had been able to make an enormous improvement in the belfries and in what went on there, so that the clergy, whether in town or village, now did their level best to get the boys of the parish to take an interest in it. They pointed to the belfry and told them that there was a great tradition which they ought to carry on. Continuing, Canon Ellison said it seemed to him the art of bell-ringing was an art which the Church of England had made specially its own, and in looking back on the uglier old days they could feel that what happened then was but a corruption of a truly noble thing, and they should be thankful they had come to these better days, when the art of bell-ringing and the way in which it was cultivated by such societies as theirs had risen to a much higher level. He trusted that the relations which now existed between the Church and the bell-ringers would go on, not only through the lives of all of them present but through the lives of many generations yet to come (applause).

THE SOCIETY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. It had been said that night, and he believed it had been observed before at those gatherings, that they

spent a good part of their evening in proposing the toast of their noble selves. They had just drunk to themselves in the toast of 'The Church,' and he was going now to ask them to do so again in proposing to them the toast of that ancient society, which was, together with the Cambridge University Guild, the first ringing society that he joined. Although his name did not appear, they all knew who would have proposed that toast had they been certain he would have been there that night—as he was (applause). There was no one they were more pleased to see, and looking so well after his illness than Canon Coleridge (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Jenkyn said whenever one took part in an annual festival of ringers they usually proposed the toast of their own society and drank it cordially, but there was something quite unique about a society like the College Youths, in the very heart of the Empire. It was a great thing that their various societies throughout the country should be flourishing, both in the towns and in the smaller villages, but it would be a disastrous thing, and they would not be anything like so proud as they were of their art and science, and their bellringing generally, if they did not feel that in London they could get as good ringing as they could get anywhere else. Ringers who went abroad liked to look back and think that at the heart of the Empire they knew there was good ringing going on. Every ringer knew that they could hear twelve bells really well rung if they would take the trouble to go to St. Paul's on a Sunday morning or afternoon, and that if they went to Westminster Abbey they could also be assured they would hear bells well rung by members of that society. It was their responsibility—he did not say that if others were put into those places they could not do as well—but it was their responsibility, and it was important that they should be absolutely efficient, and those who came from the provinces and were gathered there that night drank to the health and prosperity of the society with all their hearts and in all sincerity. The speaker went on to refer to the booklet which has just been issued, giving a brief history of the society as well as its rules and list of notable performances, under the dignified title of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He congratulated the committee responsible for its production on the way in which it had been got up. Things like that, he said, were most valuable to present members of the Exercise, because one of the things which they wanted most to uphold was the dignity of the office of the church bellringer (hear, hear), and it was a very great thing that they should be able to place into the hands of others a book like that. When they talked about College Youths people smiled, but that book would show them that the society had been going for more than twenty-five minutes; that the origin was as interesting as anything they should show in the whole country, and if they would study it they would get to know something about what bellringing and bellringing societies meant. Only recently he had been invited to attend another gathering, which was being held that night, but he had declined because, as he had explained, he was going to attend the dinner of the College Youths. It had come back to him that the gentleman who had invited him had said he was sorry Jenkyn could not come, but he had heard that he was going to London to dine with some boys (laughter). 'I might add,' said the speaker, 'some great lads, too' (laughter and applause). He had, he continued, now bought two copies of the College Youths' book, one of which he was going to keep, the other he was going to lend out, and he was going to lend it first to the gentleman who had invited him to dinner, so that he might see what the Ancient Society really was (applause). He hoped everyone present would buy a copy of the book and read it, because he was convinced that a knowledge of the origin of the society would give them a greater sense of pride, if possible, in being a member of the society than they had before (hear, hear). On the committee entrusted with the drawing up of this very beautiful book there was the name of one whom he would like to mention, and they could not imagine a committee of that kind without his name. He referred to Mr. Cockerill (applause). Besides being a most delightful person to meet on every occasion, Mr. Cockerill had a personality which truly and worthily upheld the real dignity of the Church bellringer (hear, hear). He need not dilate upon how much that society owed to Mr. Cockerill, but they all rejoiced to see him there again looking as he always did. He hoped he would long live to continue in the office of secretary, and that they would have him with them at that annual dinner for many years to come (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and then a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas (Edmonton), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), A. Walker (Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), H. Langdon (London), and W. A. Cave (Bristol).

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Cockerill, in replying to the toast, mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Rev. the Hon. H. S. Phillimore, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Canon Haldane (Southwark), Prebendary Isaacs (Cripplegate), Rev. H. Pickles, Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. H. Judd. During the year, he said, they had made 35 members, but they had to lament the loss by death of William J. Kemp, James Scholes, H. C. Gillingham, W. H. Freeman, R. S. Holloway, W. Bennett (Aldenharn), W. E. Garrard, Louis Atwater, Joseph Rayner, Arthur Webber (Yarmouth), and J. D. Drewett (Mitcham). During the year they had held 76 meetings for practice, and they were

generally well attended. The peals rung were as follows: Grandsire Triples 3 (including two on handbells), Stedman Triples 6, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Cinques 5, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Spliced Surprise Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, total 23 (21 on tower bells and 2 on handbells). They had been informed of the new book, which was on sale that evening, and the price of which was two shillings. It had entailed a considerable amount of work and research in the British Museum and the Guildhall Library. Mr. Cockerill added that he was sure the members present would join with him in extending their hearty congratulations to Canon Coleridge on his recovery so far, and their gratification that he was able to be with them that evening (applause).

Canon Coleridge, who was on the point of slipping quietly away from the room, was called on for a speech, and thanked the members for their kind expressions on that and many other occasions. He referred to the numerous enquiries that had been made by ringers respecting him while he was in the nursing home, and to the good wishes which he received at Liverpool as he was about to leave for his sea voyage. Just before the boat left, he said, three Liverpool ringers, whom he did not know before, came on board to wish him farewell, and told him he would hear the beginning of a peal at St. Nicholas' Church as he went down the river. He heard the ringing for five or six minutes, and all that he could say was that, if the whole of the peal was as good as the portion he heard, then it was a very fine peal indeed. In conclusion, Canon Coleridge expressed his pleasure that he was able to be present that evening, and that through the prayers of many he was comparatively entirely restored to health. He was not a pound less in weight, and he did not think he was much less in height (loud applause).

DEBT TO CITY INCUMBENTS.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed 'The Visitors,' and extended to them all a very hearty welcome. That toast, he said, was more particularly addressed to those among them who were not ringers, and he would like especially to mention those incumbents at whose churches the society was privileged to hold their practice meetings. He desired to take that opportunity of saying how much the society appreciated the assistance which those incumbents rendered to the society in permitting them to use the bells for their practices. The society was founded in 1637 for the purpose of promoting the science and art of change ringing. Some of the incumbents who gave them the use of their church bells had not parochial hands of their own, but at the same time they were doing a wonderful work in helping on this national art of change ringing, because at their practice meetings the Ancient Society of College Youths did a good deal to get young ringers on in change ringing. They were glad to welcome so many visitors that night, and hoped they would still have their support in future years (applause).

BOW BELLS.

Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby, who replied, said among the ringers he numbered a great many old friends, including that friend of all ringers, the president of the Cambridge University Guild, his dear old friend Mr. Boughey (applause). Referring to the present condition of Bow bells, the speaker said the people of the city had been a little slow in responding to the appeal to put the bells in order, but he had recently had an interview with an important personage, and he thought they would soon be moving further in the matter (applause). They had to do some repairs to the church first, and then they would get on with the bells and he able to welcome the ringers back once more to the tower (applause).

The Vice-Chairman submitted the toast of 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and gave the many representatives of these organisations a hearty welcome. It was most gratifying to the College Youths to have the support of so many societies, and he could assure them they would always receive a hearty welcome in any of the towers.

Mr. J. D. Matthews replied for the London Societies. He regretted that with all that had been 'rubbed into them' little effect had been produced on the authorities of many of the London churches where the bells sadly needed attention. He was very pleased, however, to say that the relations between the two old societies in London had never been more cordial than they were to-day, and he should not be surprised if in the course of time they became so friendly that there would be an exchange of towers (hear, hear, and laughter). Good-will carried them a long way. It was always a great pleasure to him to attend that annual gathering, and, perhaps, in the future, if the Royal Cumberlands inaugurated a dinner, the College Youths would come and give them their support (applause).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who responded for the provincial societies, said St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, which he represented, was a pretty lusty infant, now nearly 200 years old, but they looked up to the College Youths for guidance and inspiration. They had great respect for this ancient society, for in all they had had to do with it they had found that it stood for stability, good striking and good fellowship (applause). That evening they had heard about the new book which had made its appearance, and he was hoping, when he had time to read it through on the morrow, that he would be able to clear up two mysteries that had always puzzled him. One was, why was the College Youths Society founded on November 5th? (laughter). It was a very suspicious date, and he was hoping to

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH FLOURISHING.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Southleigh on October 27th. The bad weather affected the attendance, about thirty being present. The service in the historical church was conducted by the Rev. F. R. Marriott, of Wootton, chairman of the branch, and the address was given by the Rev. T. P. Owen, Vicar of Eynsham.

The Rev. T. P. Owen, speaking from the pulpit in which John Wesley preached his first sermon in 1725, said the ringing of bells was part of the music of the church, and, therefore, it had to be done to the glory of God. One of their rules was that they should be in church once every Sunday, and, frankly, it did seem unfair and absurd that anyone should ring bells calling other people to church and then go away themselves when the service started.

At the business meeting, held subsequently, the Rev. F. R. Marriott, presiding, a welcome was extended to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Guild. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar of Eynsham for his address, and pleasure was expressed at the presence of Mr. John Monk, a ringer of many years' service.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Evetts, jun.), in the course of a brief report on the year's work, said membership was well maintained, but, unfortunately, they had lost an enthusiastic honorary member through death in the person of the late Vicar of Eynsham, while Canon Carroll had left the deanery. The branch was in a flourishing condition, while Cassington had come back to make an extra tower.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Monk, the Rev. F. R. Marriott and Mr. W. Evetts, jun., were respectively re-elected president and hon. secretary, several members speaking of their loyalty to and enthusiasm for the Guild.—Both expressed thanks, and on the proposition of Mr. Evetts, the Vicar of Eynsham was elected hon. member.

The Secretary, calling for a keener interest in ringing, said during the war bellringing naturally went back, and many ringers were lost by death. He appealed to them to use their best endeavours to get young ringers.

Messrs. Spindlove, Boud and Judge were re-elected representatives on the Guild Committee.

The Master of the Guild congratulated the branch upon having such excellent officers, and went on to say that at the last meeting he attended at Aston he spoke of the proposal to award peal diplomas for first peal in any method, but that proposal was turned down by the Central Council. He thought it was a pity, as that was one of the few suggestions made by the young ringers themselves to encourage ringing. The Master also referred to the attention necessary to the Standlake bells.

Mr. A. J. Wright, the general treasurer, expressed thanks for the donation of £5 from the branch towards the restoration fund, and pointed out that one-fourth of the subscriptions of honorary members went to that fund. He congratulated them upon having a balance in hand of £24, and hoped some of it would be spent on visits to various towers, to encourage ringers where there was not too much enthusiasm. Their branch was one of the best in the Guild.

Mr. R. T. Hilbert, the general secretary, also spoke, saying there was no need to get pessimistic about the future of bellringing. All over the country there were signs of a great revival, and it was for them to encourage the young men.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Yarnton. The meeting concluded with the election of several new members, thanks to the organist, Mr. Woolford, and a welcome to several lady members was expressed by Mr. J. Monk.

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find out what connection there was between Guy Fawkes and the College Youths. The other thing he hoped to clear up was whether 'Gog' and 'Magog' were foundation members of the society (laughter). As a provincial member of the College Youths, he would like to know more about the doings of the society, and the only place in which he could read anything about them was in the London press, where he saw and read all sorts of rubbish put in by people who, perhaps, casually attended a meeting of the society but knew nothing about them. That was not good enough. He thought the provincial members were entitled to know what the parent society was doing. They were interested in the society, and would like to know what was going on (applause).

The remaining toast was that of 'The Press,' proposed by Mr. G. R. Fardon, and replied to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

During the evening Mrs. A. A. Hughes again delighted the company with handbell solos, which she rendered with the utmost skill. She played 'Berceuse de Jocelyn' (Godard) and 'Salut d'Amour' (Elgar), responding to an encore with the ever-popular 'Land of Hope and Glory.' A new and pleasing feature of the programme was Mr. C. H. Kippin's 'Parlour Cavillon,' upon which he performed a number of items, all admirably played. They included 'Londonderry Air,' 'Love's old sweet song,' 'The song of the Valga boatmen,' and 'Absent.' Mr. J. Bullock rendered a song, and Mr. F. Groombridge played the accompaniments. 'Auld Lang Syne' closed one of the most successful evenings of the long series.

Many visiting ringers stayed the night in London, and Sunday being Armistice Day found ample opportunities for ringing, while in the evening a numerous party gathered at 'The Coffee Pot,' and spent a pleasant hour.

REV. C. E. MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL.

BISHOP OF WINCHESTER DEDICATES NEW BELLS.

The new ring of eight bells at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, erected to the memory of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews (the Vicar), who was for many years an officer (Master and afterwards vice-president) of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, were dedicated on October 30th by the Bishop of Winchester.

The first recorded reference to bells in Milford is in 1553, and they have twice been recast since the reign of Edward VI. Three new bells have now been added to complete the octave, the old five having been recast. The result is a very fine ring of eight (tenor 12½ cwt. in G Major). The whole of the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried it out with their usual excellent workmanship, the minutest details necessary for the ringers' comfort in the tower having been taken into account. Each bell can be heard equally in the ringing chamber.

A special form of service was used, the lessons being read by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and Canon Braithwaite (patron of the Guild) respectively, after which the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, proceeded to the ringing chamber, when the ropes were handed to the Bishop with the request to dedicate the bells to the glory and praise of God.

Afterwards, the ropes were handed to the Vicar with the following charge: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for his glory.'

Whilst the Bishop returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by eight members of the local band.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the 'King's Remembrance,' and said the bells might be called 'Remembrancers' of the Eternal. They were a reminder of the larger and greater life, for which this life was but a school of preparation. In conclusion, he urged them to recast their lives that they might ring with a truer tone than before.

Immediately after the service the first touch (Grandsire Triples) was rung on the bells by a representative band.

The opening of these bells was of special interest to ringers, as the two trebles were given by the old Winchester Guild as a memorial to their late vice-president, and a large number attended, those present including Mr. G. Williams (Master), Canon Braithwaite (vice-president), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Guild), Mr. K. Hart (Sussex Association), Rev. C. Phillips and Mr. S. Hector (Salisbury Guild), Messrs. G. Preston (Christchurch), W. Andrews (Winchester), E. Elliott, C. W. Tucker, etc. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders.

The treble is inscribed, 'Faith,' and the 2nd 'Hope,' and each bears the following in addition: 'Given by the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers in memory of their vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews. 1928.'

After the dedication service a very large company attended at Milford House Hotel for tea, and afterwards touches in various methods were rung on the new bells.

A ringers' day was arranged for Saturday, November 3rd, to enable ringers who could not attend the dedication to try the bells.

A very large number of members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, also of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, attended, the towers represented being Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Bishopstoke, Christchurch, Fareham, Highclere, King's Somborne, Lyndhurst, Lymington, Milford, North Stoneham, Portsmouth, Poole, Parkstone, Ringwood, Romsey, Sopley, Southampton, Wimborne, Weymouth, Winchester and Woolton Hill, Mr. J. P. Fidler again representing the founders.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, the 'go' and tone of the bells giving the ringers every satisfaction.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, presided over by Rev. H. M. Lerner (Vicar), to which over 70 sat down. The Chairman welcomed the ringers to Milford, and referred to the history which led up to the provision of the new bells.—Mr. G. Williams and Mr. J. P. Fidler suitably replied.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) announced that the sum of £2 was required to complete the £100 promised by the Guild, and appealed for further subscriptions.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman and to Mr. G. Preston for making the arrangements for the meeting.

BUCKINGHAM.—On November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cashmore 1, L. Smith 2, E. Yates 3, F. Case 4, T. Roberts 5, T. Read 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, B. Jones (first quarter) 8. Rung for Lord Mayor's day, by kind invitation of the local ringers. First quarter by the tenor ringer.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On October 18th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Grover 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, J. Goucher 3, A. Walker 4, F. Bennett 5, N. V. Harding (first extent as conductor) 6.—On Saturday, November 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, F. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, W. J. Robinson 4, J. Goucher 5, G. Grover (first extent) Surprise Minor as conductor) 6.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The celebration of Armistice Day was marked by half-muffled ringing in hundreds of churches in memory of those who fell in the Great War. In other cases the bells were 'open' in their expression of joy to commemorate the establishment of peace.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, November 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Heathcote 1, W. Allin, sen., 2, W. Allin, jun., 3, E. A. Wilson 4, C. Beckley 5, G. Allin (conductor) 6. Rung for evening service with the bells half-muffled.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, R. Gay 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, Roland Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, R. Gay 2, G. W. Park 3, Roland Park 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), rung half-muffled for morning service in 50 mins.: E. G. Swift 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, E. Warnett 4, C. Nicholls 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphrey 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins., with bells open: T. Smith 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, E. G. Swift 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8. Both these quarters were rung by the local band.—For united service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. G. Twinn 1, J. H. Lucas 2, R. Warnett 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, E. G. Swift 5, C. Nicholls 6, R. Carter 7, A. G. Bray 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, for Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Payne 1, W. Rice 2, Miss D. French 3, P. Green 4, H. Dawson 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, George Green (conductor) 7, W. Arnold 8.

KNIGHTON, RAD.—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, R. H. Jones 2, E. W. Watkins 3, T. F. Preece 4, J. J. Price 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, J. F. Evans 7.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, E. W. Watkins 4, J. F. Evans 5, T. F. Preece 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, J. J. Price 8. Rung with bells half-muffled.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Armistice Sunday, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. H. Harper 1, H. Harper 2, H. Johnson 3, W. Wilkinson 4, A. Véal 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Sunday, November 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evensong, 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins.: N. Sharpe (first 720) 1, A. B. King 2, L. Pell 3, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 4, J. H. Musson 5, G. Rouse 6.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, on the afternoon of Armistice Sunday, by the following: W. B. Gibbons 1, H. Gibbard (conductor) 2, G. Healey 3, A. Burton 4, C. Challand 5.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: F. Paine 1, F. Oakley 2, H. Colcomb (conductor) 3, E. Colcomb 4, A. Colcomb 5, H. Phillips 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by all local men.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, November 11th, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, 630 of Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury and 150 Grandsire): R. Bennett 1, J. Lee 2, H. Phillips 3, J. Johnson (conductor) 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled: R. J. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Jones 2, W. E. Oakley 3, H. Long 4, R. W. Picton 5, W. J. Norris 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, R. G. Bell 8.

LYMINGTON.—At St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 52 mins.: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, C. Morris 3, F. Hood 4, S. Clarke 5, G. Arnold 6, J. E. Piggus 7, F. Knewitz 8.

SEALE, SURREY.—A quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 43 mins., at the Parish Church for evening service: E. Gardner 1, B. Court 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Beagley 4, C. Robinson 5, E. Beagley (conductor) 6. In the morning the bells were muffled for the service; after the service the bells were rung open for 15 minutes.

SOUTH WEALE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten different callings, in 50 mins.: F. Wood 1, J. Harridge 2, G. Miles (conductor) 3, W. Leggett 4, A. Benbow (first quarter with an inside bell) 5, E. Sharplin (first quarter) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, 501 Grandsire Caters and 467: F. Blood (N. and D.) 1, Miss I. B. Thompson (V.A.D.) 2, A. Coppock (D.L.I.) (conductor) 3, A. Goodwin 4, A. Gamble 5, A. Lambert 6, L. Clay 7, F. Turner 8, D. Vincent 9, E. Lee 10.—In the afternoon, for British Legion service, 475 Stedman Triples: D. Vincent 1, A. Gamble 2, A. Goodwin 3, A. Coppock (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, F. Turner 6, F. Blood 7, B. Marshall 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, meeting, ringing and social hour. A welcome to all. Please notify your intention to be present to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Nov. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich and Oxford. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 3.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shaw (half-mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Sec., Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. Branch committee meeting 5 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Linsdale on Saturday, Nov. 17th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. (The tower is one minute from Leighton Buzzard Station.)—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Address by Mr. A. Sowden. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch and dedication of the bells after rebanging will take place at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 17th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby Parish Church on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro. tem.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Trumpington on Nov. 17th. Bells (6) recently rehung 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. May I request members to try and attend. Good bus service from Cambridge (2 miles).—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton, near Alfreton, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec., Chesterfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, at Mr. Street's Restaurant.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Will those intending being present please inform Mr. R. Rigby, Bridgefoot, Eccleston, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 20th? A good attendance requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Nov. 21st?—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Evesham on Saturday, November 24th. Service will be held in St. Lawrence's Church at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. G. S. Stubbs. Tea will be provided, but it is important that names should be sent to me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (10) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—The meeting at Branston is postponed owing to illness.—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. Stoke and Allesley bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec., J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers welcome.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service has been arranged for 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who will require tea please notify me in order to facilitate catering?—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Southwold Parish Church on Nov. 24th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers and friends welcome. — E. Grindell, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Basford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 5 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Wonerish (6) and Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells at each tower available from 3 p.m. Service at Wonerish at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, 20th.—N. V. Harding, Hon. Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at St. Mary de Lode (Gloucester) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). All ringers welcome. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify me by the 24th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ropley on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in Ropley Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Coffee Room. Those requiring tea please notify me by 22nd.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rye on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcomed.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made. Subscriptions can now be paid. A good attendance is desired.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. H. Bardsley, 119, Manchester Road, Denton, number requiring tea not later than Nov. 20th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The re-cast bells at Worcester Cathedral will be dedicated and opened on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at 11 a.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Upwey Barr's Road, Old Hill. Ringing, except at the opening by the Cathedral Guild, will not be possible.—James R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Poplar (10 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Short service, with address by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at Lyons' Restaurant, opposite Blackwell Tunnel, at 5. Meeting in belfry at 7.30. Will all who require tea advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, without fail?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Ridyard, 7, Railway Street, Southport, before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. A good attendance, please. All ringers welcome.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. A. W. Clark, 209, Purley Way, Waddon, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting of the district will be held at Goodnestone, near Wingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. The secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for the Wingham tower to be at the disposal of ringers in the evening.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

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DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Next meeting to-morrow, Saturday, November 17th, at Churston Ferrers. Bells (6) (recently augmented by Messrs. Taylor & Co.), available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 Tea and meeting at Parish Room, Brixham. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will take place on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Werburgh's. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Mission Hall 5.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss G. Church 1, G. E. Peace 2, J. C. Bird (first quarter-peal inside) 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, W. W. Dickenson 5, L. G. Thurgood 6, H. Ellis 7, G. Cole 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. P. Roe 1, H. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, J. G. Nash 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

CRANFORD.—A quarter-peal of Minor was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's on Sunday evening, October 28th, in three methods, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: H. Lewin 1, Miss S. Thursfield 2, E. Palmer 3, E. Berridge 4, F. Lewin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Lewin 6.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. G. Whitehead (conductor) 1, J. J. Allen 2, E. Aylett 3, P. Parslow 4, W. Seeley 5, H. C. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, H. F. Dale 8.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, on Sunday evening, October 28th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Parker, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Swindley 1, A. Whatkin 2, M. Harris 3, P. Swindley 4, W. Sconce 5, J. Swainson 6, J. Hayes (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, G. Gerrard 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Rev. F. W. Lane 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, F. Springham 3, C. Beeston 4, H. Bull 5, W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1st and 4th. The first quarter-peal rung on the bells since they were reopened.

ABINGDON.—For evensong, on September 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. Barrett 1, J. Honey 2, F. Jiggins 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, H. Neville 5, R. A. Post 6, A. E. Lock (conductor) 7, E. A. Passam 8, G. Caudwell 9, J. Nobes 10.

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