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A PIECE OF 'VIRGIN SOIL.'

Had the average ringer been asked off-hand whether the associations and guilds of this country had any territory left to penetrate, he would, up to quite recently a any rate, have answered 'No.' The net of organisation had been spread so completely in the last fifty years that not one little corner of England had escaped—at least that was what most people had imagined. And yet almost in the centre of the country there was a tract of 'virgin soil.' This was the little county of Rutland. It appears to have been neglected up to the present time, yet it offered splendid opportunity for spade work. In the past it seems to have been a bit of 'No man's land,' and, presumably, having no ringers of its own with sufficient interest in the art to take the initiative, it has led a lone existence, outside the ranks of any organisation. Now, at last, something is to be done about it.

Rutland lies in the diocese of Peterborough and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is to take steps to organise a branch in the county. The wonder is that such action was not taken long ago, for the reorganisation which led to the formation of the Diocesan Guild, out of the old Central Northants Association, the Peterborough and District and the Oundle and District Associations, took place in 1924. It may have been the comparative isolation of the towers of Rutland, which are cut off from easy communication with the rest of the diocesan area. But the Peterborough Guild, in what is really its jubilee year — its grandparent, the old Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society having been formed in 1883—is now determined to repair the omission. A Rutland branch is to be formed, and there will be plenty of scope for work. The essential need will be the finding of enthusiastic officers in the district, for the difficulties of intercommunication with other parts of the diocese will compel the branch to provide most of its own driving power. Although there are only two rings of eight, there are five of six and six of five bells which are in good ringing order; there are others whose condition is indifferent, and obviously there is scope for some useful work here in those directions where an association can be of real use. We hope the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's effort will meet with a full measure of success.

But if this little bit of England is the last patch left to be brought within the direct influence of a ringing organisation, there are a good many areas up and down the land where there is room for reorganisation; where interest has slackened off, and the influence and activity of the associations count for very little. This is not always due to lack of keenness and enthusiasm on the

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part of officials; it is more often the apathy of members, who, having everything done for them, fail to appreciate and support the work of the district officers. Such discouragement is bound in time to react on those responsible for the organisation and gradually the work of the association concerned suffers. It is not easy to overcome this apathy; but the real remedy lies with the ringers themselves. When will some of them realise that if they expect to get anything out of their ringing, they must be prepared to put something into it?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Four Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AODSLEY Treble	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*GEORGE RADLEY 8
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
*EDWARD J. BRER 4	GEORGE W. STEERE 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	LEONARD W. BAYBUTT 11
*HARRY HOVERD 6	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5867 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON 9
JAMES COTTERILL 5	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal on the recast bells.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

TREVOR PRICHARD Treble	HARRY PHELPS 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	FRANK PONTING 7
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	THOMAS PRICE 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	ALFRED HANNIS 9
ERNEST DAVIES 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. HURRELL Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 2	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	JIM HURRELL 7
CHARLES A. BINES 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the new Church of St. Barnabas at Eltham by the Lord Bishop of Southwark. Messrs. Lamb and Hoskins' 50th peal together.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CYRIL HAMMOND Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
CHARLES GOODBURN 2	JOHN BURLS 6
*MISS KATHLEEN BEER 3	STUART SANDFORD 7
RICHARD CONSTANT 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal of Major.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

D. HAROLD ARGYLE Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 5
*BENJAMIN BEEBEY 2	*ERNEST YORKE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 7
ERNEST STONE 4	EDWIN MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
*E. CHARLES PATTEN 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*ALFRED G. HILL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. H. E. Audsley's 500th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 80). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
LOUIS BOND 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

The conductor's 300th peal.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART, No. 7.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	JOSEPH FOWLER 6
WILLIAM A. SIVIER 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	*ALEC M. GENERY 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
†ALBERT L. DIXEY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 2	HENRY PRING 6
HARRY J. SANGER 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*ERNEST J. TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
CHARLES LOOME 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*WILLIAM J. WASEY 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLY.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on his 74th birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	*THOMAS STORER 5
LAWRENCE CHADBORN 2	WILLIAM DICKINSON 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
SAM PINDER 4	FREDERICK SALTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK SALTER.

* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. This composition is now rung for the first time.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD PENNACK Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
*AMBROSE MASON 2	CHARLES W. BURTON 6
*ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	HORACE BELCHER 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	SAUMEL GROVE 6
JOHN BASS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM BROWN 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to an old 'pal' and highly respected member of the local company for 34 years, the late Alfred Hackett, who was interred on the previous Monday.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
JOHN H. C. MASSEY 2	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY 3	HAROLD HAMEL 7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 4	SIDNEY DUNNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Bennett. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ringer of the 6th, who stood in at the last moment.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5
PHYLLIS TILLET 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET 6
WILLIAM TILLET 3	JOHN F. TILLET 7
WILLIAM MADGWICK 4	CHARLES A. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.

First attempt for Major by the ringer of the 2nd, who is 14 years of age. The ringers of 3rd, 6th and 7th are her uncle, grandfather and father respectively.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN Treble	ALBERT FLEET 5
HORACE H. SMITH 2	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 6
FREDERICK VICKERS 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich, after being a ringer for 47 years. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. C. Rolfe, Rector, and the Rev. J. Westmoreland, assistant priest, who have just left this parish to be Vicars of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Horbling, Lincolnshire, respectively.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for harvest festival service at St. Mary's Church: H. Wells 1, M. Turner 2, S. Dauby 3, S. J. Hughes 4, J. Prickeett 5, F. Screen (conductor) 6, E. Lewis 7, F. Oldnall 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfeit, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
GEORGE W. PARK 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

All the above are members of the Darlington Holy Trinity band. The peal, which was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 4th, who commenced their ringing at this tower, was the first of Surprise on the bells since 1910.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. 5
ALEC RICHARDSON 3	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Arranged for the ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor, to enable them to ring their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Kent and one 720 each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY F. SMITH Treble	HAROLD TOWNSEND 4
GEORGE PIPER 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
H. WALTER SMITH 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

* First peal. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in K.

*RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
GEORGE GILBERT 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	*ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven methods.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER
WILLIAM J. CLEAVER 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who belongs to Blankney, Lincoln. It was his first attempt for a peal.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble | ARTHUR BREWER 3

*HENRY WILKES 2 | FRANK DOWNES 4

HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal with a bob bell.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Surprise; (2) Norfolk and Primrose Surprise; (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Double and Single Oxford; (6) Double and Single Court; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble | JOHN E. ALLAN 4

WILLIAM H. WALDRON 2 | THOMAS A. COOPER 5

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in twelve methods by first four ringers, and first 'inside' by 5th ringer.

STEVENTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

FRANK W. BUNCE Treble | JONATHAN HONEY 4

JAMES W. WILKINS 2 | JOHN NOBES 5

WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN. 3 | PERCY J. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. The ringer of the 2nd hails from High Wycombe, 3rd from East Isley, 4th from Sunningwell, tenor from Reading, the remainder belong to the local band.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS ELSIE R. LAWRENCE Treble | WILLIAM CHAPMAN 4

TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY 2 | FRANK A. PENN 5

REGINALD H. NEWTON 3 | A. OWEN WRINTMORE Tenor

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings.

*G. CROFTS Treble | *H. H. BROWN 4

*J. WILKINSON 2 | W. C. RHODES 5

A. T. SCRIVENS 3 | W. C. SCRIVENS Tenor

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble | FRANK LAWRENCE 4

WILLIAM RANFORD 2 | WILLIAM LEWIS 5

SIDNEY T. HOLT 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Mr. W. Lewis' 100th peal for the association.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. K. NORTH Treble | ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4

JOHN WELCH 2 | HENRY WALLACE 5

SYDNEY CARTER 3 | BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Joseph Hundleby to Miss Gladys Savage.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

LEONARD KINCHIN Treble | FREDERICK KINCHIN 3

ERNEST HOLDER 2 | FRANK TOFFLEY 4

HORACE LL. TERRY Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6

WALTER AYRE 3-4 | *FRANCIS KIRK 7-8

*CHARLES JEFFES 9-10

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. Ayre.

* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand' and on ten handbells. W. Ayre's 150th peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT BREY-SMITH 1-2 | FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 5-6

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a birthday peal for T. Groombridge, sen.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. P. SPARKS, HESTERCOMBE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*FREDERICK G. SPARKS 1-2 | †H. PERCY SPARKS 3-4

†WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5-6

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6

FREDERICK PAGE 3-4 | ALFRED BARNES 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

A LOUGHBOROUGH CHIME.**BELLS DEDICATED AT NELSON.**

A very fine chime of eleven bells has been erected by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in the grand steeple of St. Mary's Church, Nelson, Lancs. Remarkable scenes were witnessed on the evening of October 3rd, when the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Burnley. Hundreds of people had to be turned away from the ceremony by the police, who had to be summoned to deal with the crowds.

During the progress of the ceremony dense throngs waited in Manchester Road and the side-streets nearby, looking at the flood-lit steeple until the climax arrived, and the bells rang out in a burst of melody.

The hushed attention of a congregation numbering over 700 was a fitting background for the impressive ceremonial of dedication. The opening hymns and prayers concluded, the Vicar's warden (Mr. Thos. Bardsley) handed the tolling-rope of the tenor bell to the Bishop, who prayed that the offering might be accepted by God, and in turn handed the rope to the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Candler). Prayers appropriate to the purpose of the bells were said, and as the last response died away, a single note from the tenor bell sounded as a prelude to the playing on the bells of the hymn-tune, 'Praise, O Praise Our God and King.'

Following an eloquent sermon by the Bishop, a delightful rendering of the air, 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' was given by Master Eric Warren, one of the choirboys, and at the termination of the service a recital on the bells was given by Mr. Harry Withers, of Selly Oak.

The chime of eleven bells is based upon a tenor of 24 cwt., giving the note D in the scale C. The total weight of the bells is 5½ tons, and, with the frame, the installation weighs about 9 tons.

The bells are inscribed as follows:—Tenor.—Ormerod: To the glory of God this bell, the foundation of the peal, was given by the late Ann Ormerod, in loving memory of her husband John. 2nd.—Walton: Given by Henry Mancknols Walton, trustee. 3rd.—Given by the congregation. 4th.—Townsmen's: Given by the townspeople of Nelson. 5th.—Prosperity: Given by the tradespeople of the parish and town. 6th.—Given by Albert Henry Candler, fifth Vicar, and Thomas Bardsley, Vicar's warden. 7th.—Given in pious memory of all founders of St. Mary's Church and congregation. 8th.—Given by friends of St. Mary's. 9th.—Given by Mayors of Nelson (with coat of arms and names and years of office). 10th.—Given by textile workers. 11th.—Given by the children.

A bronze tablet in the north porch records the names of 'founders' commemorated by the 7th bell, of Mayors subscribing to the 9th bell and of tradespeople contributing to the Prosperity bell.

Prior to their erection at Nelson, the carillon was erected at Skegness, Lincs, where for a week in September recitals were given by Mr. Withers. The grand tonal qualities were greatly admired by thousands of townspeople and visitors. Mr. Withers gave a programme of tunes and changes five times a day.

OVER RINGER MARRIED.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Over, Cambs, on Saturday, October 7th, when the wedding of Mr. Arthur W. T. Ginn and Miss E. Ravin was solemnised. A numerous congregation attended the service, including the local company of ringers, of which the bridegroom is a member. The bells were rung immediately after the service and a peal attempted later, but unfortunately had to stop, owing to the indisposition of one of the band, after two and a half hours' ringing. The ringers were: A. King 1, M. Ginn 2, R. Smith 3, G. L. Perkins 4, E. Wakeling 5, W. Seeking 6, J. Perkins 7, F. Warrington 8. Mr. King had not rung for five years and is under the doctor's care, yet made a brave attempt.

5.184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY A. KNIGHTS (No. 171).

23456 M B W H

32546	In 5th	1	2
45236	1	—	2
56234	1	—	2
32654	1	—	2
24653	1	—	2
56423	1	—	2
63425	1	—	2
24365	1	—	2

Repeated.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place.

First rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on October 7th, 1933.

FATHERS AND SONS.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on Wednesday, October 11th, three fathers and three sons rang 720 Bob Minor: H. R. Appleton 1, A. Appleton 2, B. C. Mann (conductor) 3, S. J. White 4, W. J. White 5, C. J. Mann 6. The fathers rang the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

A FAMOUS PEAL.**DEDICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE TABLET AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.**

An interesting ceremony took place in Exeter Cathedral belfry on Saturday last, when a tablet recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung on the Cathedral bells by non-resident members of the Devonshire Guild on October 15th last year was unveiled and dedicated. The tablet is of light oak, with lettering in black, surmounted by a shield bearing the Guild device in gilt on a vermillion ground.

Canon McLaren attended on behalf of the Chapter, Mr. C. T. Coles (London) represented the peal band and there were also present members of the Cathedral band and representative members of the Guild from six branches.

After introductory versicles and prayers, Mr. Coles offered the tablet, and Canon McLaren accepted it to remain in perpetuity as an incentive to others to emulate the achievement.

Mr. C. G. Glass, chairman of the Exeter Branch, then unveiled the tablet, remarking on the excellence of the performance, which he had heard from start to finish.

A special prayer by the Canon and the Blessing concluded the ceremony.

Courses of Grandsire Cinques and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, giving all in turn the opportunity to have a pull. The company subsequently reassembled at Dellers Cafe for tea, with Canon McLaren presiding.

Before dispersing, Mr. Coles thanked the Canon for the kind permission the Chapter had given to the band who rang the peal, and said he thought the Chapter were justified in their decision not to allow the tenor to be 'turned in' single-handed.—Canon McLaren replied, expressing his pleasure in being with them, and said that he would certainly convey to the Chapter Mr. Coles' message.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

Though the attendance was comparatively small, yet a happy meeting was held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton (Vicar), who, prior to his address, gave the members a hearty welcome. A very nice tea was afterwards partaken of in the Schoolroom, prepared by local ladies, under the supervision of Miss Hamilton.

The customary vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of the bells, etc., to Miss Hamilton and her assistants for arranging and serving tea, also to the Rev. C. H. Barker for presiding at the organ, was received with applause.—Both the Vicar and Miss Hamilton suitably replied.

It was resolved to send a message of congratulation to Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who that day was celebrating his 71st birthday quietly at home, being unable to be present at the meeting.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of touches in a variety of methods, from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the result is a marked improvement.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Coseley on January 6th. In the meantime, the jubilee dinner is to be held at Wolverhampton on November 4th.

A 'MISSIONARY' MEETING.**HEREFORDSHIRE RINGERS' GATHERING.**

An interesting meeting took place at Chelmarsh on Saturday last, when members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild from Bridgnorth and ringers from Highley were the guests of the local tower.

The object of the meeting was to encourage the two towers of Highley and Chelmarsh to give up the old idea of 'call-change' ringing and to take up 'method' ringing. Three veterans of the craft were present, all of whom have seen over 50 years' service, namely, Mr. John Overton, sen., Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild (Bridgnorth District), Mr. T. Elocck, Chelmarsh, and Mr. E. Brown, Highley. The bells were raised at 3.25 p.m., after which the Bridgnorth band, consisting of Messrs. J. Overton, sen., H. Overton (St. Leonard's), George Case, W. Hayward and H. Moore-Williams (St. Mary's), assisted by Mr. E. Brown (Highley), rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Interspersed with these methods, 'call-changes' were indulged in by the Highley and Chelmarsh ringers, one particular 'touch' including all three of the veterans already referred to.

The company, 24 in number, were the guests of the Vicar of Chelmarsh (the Rev. H. S. Newill) for tea at the school, after which a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the donor of the feast.

The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure in seeing the ringers there and also stated that he was very pleased to hear the bells being rung, as that was what they were put in the church tower for. He hoped this meeting would be the precursor of many others, to the advantage of the art, and the local tower in particular.

An adjournment was then made to the church for further ringing, and during an interval Mr. John Overton, sen., gave a short address to the assembled company, explaining the virtues of 'method' ringing and how learners should set about their work.

At 8 p.m. a very enjoyable and sociable meeting came to a close, all the visiting ringers expressing their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells and the fine hospitality with which they had been received.

STRAIGHT TALK TO RINGERS. OXFORDSHIRE VICAR'S ADDRESS.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Bampton on Saturday week and attended by about 40 members.

The service, which preceded the business meeting, was conducted by Prebendary Gegg, assisted by the Rev. Stuart Gmelin, chairman of the branch. The lesson was read by Mr. W. Evetts, jun., the branch hon. secretary.

The preacher was the Rev. G. F. Pierce, Vicar of Standlake, who delivered a forceful address.

'Has it ever occurred to you,' said Mr. Pierce, 'that as bellringers you are fellow-workers with God, or do you regard your self-imposed duty as a form of recreation, giving something definite to do on Sunday?'

'I exhort you to look upon bellringing as a high form of service to God. Co-operation is one of the watchwords of the workers of to-day, and I suggest that that spirit might be taken more into the life of the church.'

'In putting to you that in the office of bellringing you are taking an active part in building up the Church of Christ, I want to consider a point which may or may not be a welcome point.'

'Your task is to notify others to assemble to worship God. Is it not strange, therefore, that after performing that high office some ringers neglect to attend the service of worship in which they have invited others to join?'

'Is the worship wrong, is the God we profess to worship wrong, or is our office as church bellringers all sham? It does seem to me to be a curious way of working for God if, after the task of ringing is done, ringers do not stay for the services to which their bells have summoned others.'

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. Stuart Gmelin, Mr. Evetts reported that the members of the Coombe tower had decided to rejoin the Guild.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wootton (Oxon).

On behalf of the meeting, Mr. John Monk congratulated Mr. Evetts upon his election as one of the four diocesan representatives on the Central Council of Church Bellringers in succession to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Prebendary Gegg, the Rev. G. F. Pierce and Miss Taunt, the organist.

Owing to the critical illness of Mr. Roland Lee, of the Vicarage, the Bampton bells were not available to the ringers, and after the meeting visits were paid to the Aston and Clanfield towers.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BUCKLAND.

By kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk), a special meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at the pretty little village of Buckland. Owing to a heavy downpour of rain, members were rather late in arriving, but the light bells were rung up in peal about 3.30 p.m. and a variety of methods indulged in until 5 p.m., when a short service was conducted in the church by the Rector.

In his little 'talk' the Rev. H. W. Dunk spoke of the pleasure it gave him once again to welcome the association to his parish, adding that it was three years since they had last met there. He impressed on them that the position they held as ringers was a great service to the Church in many ways, and hoped that in their various towers they would ring well and true to the glory of God.

At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a splendid tea was served by ladies of the parish, which was greatly appreciated.

The district secretary, Mr. G. F. Hoad, thanked, on behalf of the members, the Rector for his kind invitation and welcome to Buckland, the ladies for their kindness at tea, and the local band for the welcome always given to visitors.

Then followed change ringing on the handbells and some well-rendered tunes by the Buckland and Horley members. The tower was again visited and the bells rung in various methods up to London Surprise until nearly 9 p.m., when the ringers dispersed, all having had an enjoyable time.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Over 50 members of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were present at a joint meeting of the two branches, held at Bishop's Cleeve, by invitation of the Rev. T. Jesson.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the rebung peal of six were set in motion, and some fine ringing was indulged in, an interesting feature being a six-score by members of the Deveroux family.

After service, conducted by the Rector, the party were entertained to tea, and Mr. Wakeford heartily thanked Mr. Jesson and the ringers of Cleeve for their kindness. The tower was again visited and many were the tributes paid to Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s excellent work and to the Rector and inhabitants of Cleeve for their enterprise in raising the necessary funds to carry out the restoration. Among the many visitors was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who is on holiday in Cheltenham.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Lancashire's gathering round the festive board at Bolton to-morrow ought to be a big attraction for ringers in the County Palatine. All the rings of bells in Bolton will be available in the afternoon, and an enjoyable evening programme has been arranged. It is not yet too late to secure a ticket.

A peal in twelve Minor methods was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs, on Saturday. Mr. J. E. Allan stood in at short notice, through the indisposition of one of the original band, and great credit is due to him for the able manner in which he rang, as it was his first peal in twelve methods 'inside,' and he is unable to get regular practice. Three other members of the band rang their first peal in 12 methods.

The first peal on the fine new ring of ten at Ripon Cathedral was rung on Saturday. It is interesting to note that four of the band were in the last peal on the old ring, exactly three years before. These ringers were Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Cotterill, R. Richardson and J. S. Goldsmith.

The York dinner attracted numerous visitors, and when the formal proceedings ended they were adjourned informally to another place.

The animated discussion on Rotherham bells and the speed of ringing very much entertained the silent members of the party.

On Sunday morning the sight of Mr. George Haigh, who is 80 next birthday, assisting to raise the 3 ton tenor, was a striking tribute to his well-preserved 'youth.' He has been a member of the Minster Society since 1876.

Another three-generations peal! Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, rang her first peal of Major at the first attempt on Saturday, and among those who took part were her father, her grandfather and an uncle. Phyllis is only 14 years of age.

The peal at Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire, on Saturday, was the first peal by a local band, and it included three 'first pealers' at that!

The meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association will be held at Loxton to-morrow, instead of at Axbridge as advertised last week.

The peal at Selston, Notts, on October 7th, recorded in last week's issue, was not the first on the bells as printed. This footnote related to the peal at Lychett Minster. The ringer of the 4th at Selston was F. Gerard Rawson.

JUBILEE OF A BIRMINGHAM PEAL.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS.

Sitting quietly by the fireside, one's thoughts go back 50 years. On October 18th, 1883, four members of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society (now defunct) met at the meeting house, Moland Street, Birmingham, and succeeded at the first attempt in ringing upon the handbells a peal of Grandsire Major (10,176 changes) in 4 hours 55 minutes.

Considered in those days something of a smart performance, one remembers the large number of ringers present and the great excitement when the bells ran round. Among others present were several prominent members of the St. Martin's Society and the congratulations were many. The band was T. Russam, J. Carter, T. Miller, R. Hackley; referee, A. J. Jones.

But time passes, and out of all the many ringers present that night I think I am right in saying that only two remain, T. Russam and T. Miller. All the others have passed on. But still in the eventide of a long life it is sometimes pleasant to sit and reflect. T. R.

BELL LECTURE IN PRISON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On reading of Mr. Wilfred Andrews' visit to Winchester Prison we cannot but admire his splendid work. It is also very encouraging to know he was able to keep his audience interested for so long. I am sure our friends who rang the handbells felt more than satisfied at being able to bring just a ray of sunshine into so many rather dull lives. Let us hope this is only one of many such little entertainments. 'ALWAYS INTERESTED.'

'SLIPPING WHEEL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having seen in 'The Ringing World' reports of peal attempts and touches being lost through bells slipping wheel, I write to tell you of an experience many years ago at our home tower. One bell, the 5th in ten, if not rung with a tight rope, had a habit of what we thought was slipping wheel. As the bell was rising to balance at hand stroke, the sally would suddenly stop dead, and, whilst one was wondering what had happened, would go up again very suddenly. On investigation amongst the bells I found there was about 1/2 in. play between pulley and pulley box, which seemed a very old one, possibly having been put in at the same time as the old oak frame in 1739. A piece of plywood between pulley and box soon made matters right, and the bell has not been known to 'slip wheel' since. I write this hoping it may be of service in some of the cases above mentioned.

JOHN T. EASON,

Ex-Steeplekeeper, Wakefield Cathedral.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

INTERESTING GATHERING AT YORK.

Following the customary arrangement, York was this year the venue of the annual gathering organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association. Jasper Snowdon occupies a greater place in the annals of the Exercise than that of merely founder and first president of the Yorkshire Association. For that alone he would have deserved well of ringers in Yorkshire, but his place among the great figures that have adorned the art is secured for all time by the work he did in the writing and publication of text books on ringing. His work is his greatest memorial, but it is none the less fitting that opportunity should be taken to remind those who now occupy the stage something of what they owe to his labours.

A company of nearly 120 assembled at York on Saturday for the commemoration, and they included visitors from many distant places. In the morning a party went to Ripon Cathedral, where they rang the first peal on the restored bells. In the afternoon a large number took advantage of ringing on the noble peal of twelve bells at the Minster, the whole company uniting round the festive board in the evening at the Windmill Hotel under the genial chairmanship of the president of the association, Canon C. C. Marshall. The local arrangements had been very admirably carried out by a committee of York members, of which Mr. T. F. Earnshaw was president and Mr. G. Horner hon. secretary. During the evening the Dean of York contrived to spend some time at the gathering, which clashed with another engagement which he had to fulfil. Among the company were Canon Solloway, of Selby, the Rev. Kelly, of Huntington (a son of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Devon), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. Richardson (hon. secretary of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. C. Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol United Guilds), Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), Mr. H. Lofthouse (hon. secretary, Leeds and District Society), Mr. J. Cotterill (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), Mrs. Cotterill, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Messrs. J. Thorpe, H. Thorpe, J. Holman, E. Wilson, E. Mays, W. Wolley, J. Marshall, W. Taylor, R. Harrison, R. Harrison, jun., and H. Hurst (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Messrs. H. Smith, Leslie Morris, G. Robinson (Leeds), Mr. T. Maude and Mr. W. Barton (Pudsey), Mr. W. Barber (Newcastle), Messrs. E. Jenkins, J. Hardcastle, T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Buckley (Bradford), Misses N. L. Cawthorne, M. Higgins, L. Kelly and D. Turner, Messrs. F. Watkinson, F. Baker, F. Cordwell, J. Haywood and J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield), J. Coad and A. Coad (Earlswood), Mr. G. Park and party (Darlington), Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness (Lincoln), Messrs. Pearson, A. Walker, H. C. Walters and others (Pontefract), the Rev. Moore, Mr. G. Slack and party (Burley), Mr. F. Clark (Bentley), Mr. H. Barron (Drighlington), Messrs. W. Cryer and J. W. Hall (Selby), Hudson (Ripon), S. Briggs (Rotherham), R. Bottomley (Keighley) and a full number of York Minster ringers.

SNOWDON LETTERS FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
After the loyal toast had been honoured, the President read a message from Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of London, sending fraternal greetings and good wishes and regretting his inability to be present. An apology was also received from Canon England.

A letter was read by the President from Miss Margaret Snowdon (daughter of the late Mr. William Snowdon), conveying the warm-hearted greetings of her mother and herself to the ringers assembled at the dinner and assuring them that their thoughts were with them. 'At such a meeting,' added Miss Snowdon, 'pledged to patriotism and remembrance, one is confident that an enthusiasm results capable of ensuring the further progress and usefulness of the work of the Exercise.'

Canon Marshall said he was very glad to receive that greeting from Miss Snowdon and her mother, and he was sure it would be in accordance with the wishes of the gathering if he sent a message reciprocating their greetings and good wishes.

Mr. F. E. Dawe was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association,' and it proved that he was the only person present who had rung a peal with the first president. At the outset he mentioned that during the afternoon he met the Archdeacon of York in the Minster, who asked him to convey his regret that he was unable to be present at that gathering, but he was booking up the event for three years hence. Continuing, Mr. Dawe said although Jasper Snowdon was his senior in years, they were very great pals. He had with him a bundle of letters from Jasper Snowdon, many of them written over 50 years ago, and others from his brother William, giving details of Jasper's illness and death, which was a very tragic affair. Jasper Snowdon was not only the founder of the Yorkshire Association, but was its first president. He was a New College, Oxford, man, with a mathematical mind, and he was able to apply his mathematical knowledge to change ringing. He was a very good ringer on eight bells, and he also rang one peal of Treble Twelve. He only rang a limited

number of methods, but what he rang he rang well. In physique Jasper Snowdon was of average height, thick set and powerfully built, with his dark hair closely cropped, a little moustache and dark, piercing eyes that took in everything at once. He was full of energy and like an electric eel in quickness of movement. He knew everything and everybody. He was not only a bob caller, but he was also a good conductor. The many letters which he (Mr. Dawe) had received from him he was going to collect together and, with other letters which he had received from other prominent members of the Yorkshire Association at that time, let their president decide into whose hands they should be placed for safe keeping after he was gone. Snowdon's letters were so good and rich and clever that they ought not to be lost sight of. Mr. Dawe went on to refer to other past stalwarts of the Yorkshire Association, including William Howard, of York, a wonderful old man with an amazing knowledge of his own city. He was also very musical and was the conductor at the Minster belfry. Another celebrated York man was George Breed, who, said Mr. Dawe, used to be the finest big bell ringer in England. Mr. Dawe also mentioned among those who had done great work for the association Mr. William Snowdon, who succeeded his brother as president, the Hattersleys, of Sheffield, William Whittaker, Bob Tuke and others.



JASPER W. SNOWDON.

In reviving the memories of these past worthies, said Mr. Dawe, he would like to link with them the coming generation. So long, he said, as they had in the Yorkshire Association such promising youngsters as John Gilbert, who at 15 years of age was the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, the association would not lose the lustre and the laurels they had won in the past. He mentioned an attempt that was made, and to which he gave all the support he could, to arrange a peal for boys under 15 years of age. There were some wonderful youngsters about, several of them of 12 or 13, who had rung peals, but as such a peal would have had to be arranged somewhere in the Midlands, at a meeting place convenient to all, it was found that bringing them together presented insuperable difficulties, because some parents, not unreasonably, were not willing to let lads travel these distances alone, and it was impossible to send anyone to travel with them. In conclusion, Mr. Dawe said he wished the members of the Yorkshire Association every blessing and hoped they would meet for many years to honour this toast under their able president, Canon Marshall (applause).

The toast was honoured in silence. Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed 'Church and State,' and referred to the serious problems which at this time faced both. In some countries of the world there had been changes to a form of government such as he hoped none of them would ever see in this country (hear, hear). Even in this country there was a school of thought that would, if it could, bring them within the ambit of some of those political movements that were shaking almost the foundations of the civilised world, and it behoved all, leaders and rank and file alike, to keep calm and clear heads in the problems that beset us. The problems that beset the Church would, he thought, either bring about a great religious revival in this country or produce a great wave of apathy. The mechanisation of industry and the growth of mechanical transport had led to a great shifting of populations, and the difficulties which had arisen in church life in great cities like London—where the congregations had migrated to suburban districts—had set the Church a great problem to provide new facilities for church life in these new districts. If they could meet it they would stir up a great wave of enthusiasm; if they failed to keep up with the times the inevitable result would be a greater apathy than we had to-day.

RINGERS WHO RUN BEFORE THEY CAN WALK.
Mr. Dawe, continued Mr. Johnson, had touched on the fact that Jasper Snowdon, who was a leader among ringers, was a person who rang only a limited number of methods, but what he rang he rang well. We now lived in the days of diagrams and were beginning to assess a man's ability by the number of methods he rang, irrespective of whether he rang them well or badly. His personal opinion was that they found to-day that many people were allowed to ring rounds before they could ring their bell properly; that they rang changes before they could ring rounds properly, and rang peals before they could ring changes properly (hear, hear). It was important they should not forget that the outside public, who had to listen, should be considered. Those people who went in for ringing advanced methods should be able to strike their bells as well as the best of the less advanced ringers could strike the bells in less advanced methods. If

men were wading through methods merely to put their names in print, they had no right to do it, unless the ringing was good, for they were taking honours that did not belong to them (hear, hear). He hoped ringers would realise that change ringing was their particular side of church work and should be of the best possible kind, but he was very much concerned because he felt that the young ringer of to-day had not got the standard of ringing of bygone days. In conclusion, Mr. Johnson expressed the hope that the Church would exercise a wise and beneficent influence on the character of the people, which would in turn be reflected in the leaders, to whom, in these perplexing days, we had to look to get us out of our present difficulties. He coupled with the toast the name of the Dean of York.

The Dean of York said it had been a pleasure to hear from the Minister: lower some audible evidence of the presence of many visiting ringers. It had been extremely welcome. That was no empty compliment, because he fully recognised the importance of the work upon which the ringers were engaged and the value of such a fellowship as that. As a priest who had served in several parishes during the course of his ministry, he knew enough of parish life to be certain that in keeping a parish together one of the plainest symptoms of how things were going was whether the bellringers held together well or not. When Sunday by Sunday they heard the bells going well they had splendid evidence that there, at any rate, there was a band of strong goodwill which was resolved to proclaim to the parish the message which the bells had to bring. That was a thing of real value wherever it could be secured, and where such loyalty could be maintained they might rest assured that indirectly they were doing a real good bit of spiritual work. For that reason if for no other he wished their grand old craft and mystery every success. His own experience of ringing was not extensive, but it was certainly peculiar (laughter). He was not entirely devoid of experience, but such experience as he had had of bellringing had been, on the whole, humbling to his pride (laughter). He realised that theirs was a real art, which was essentially English to the core. Did it not link Church and State in one unity in itself? When done by those who had the highest and sincerest motives it proclaimed God's message and helped the lives and soul of the community by the sense of accord with God. The loyalty of their association was a splendid means by which not only higher technical efficiency was secured, but the internal side of church loyalty, mutual friendship and cordial alliance with the parish parson in his work was fostered by the highest ideals. The times were grave both for the State and for the Church, and in such times there was nothing that they could do better to further the communal life than doing with all their heart the thing that lay nearest to hand. In the whole scope of national and church life bellringing might be a small thing, but if carried on in the right spirit it was a real contribution to the wellbeing of the Church (applause).

'MAD' RINGERS.

Canon Solloway, in a characteristically breezy speech, proposed 'The Yorkshire Association.' On one previous occasion he had spoken of all ringers as being 'mad,' and, one or two speakers having referred humorously to this, Canon Solloway first said he felt he must defend himself against the 'dreadful charge.' He thought when he gave utterance to that statement, if indeed it was made, he said he considered all people were mad in some particular, not least parsons, and, just a little bit more, bellringers (laughter). He had in front of him that evening his own captain, Mr. Cryer. He was quite certain Mr. Cryer was mad (laughter). He had many evidences of it (laughter). He had known him get up at five o'clock in the morning to see if the bells were all right. He had seen him pat and stroke the bells; do everything, in fact, except kiss the bells—he meant bells without a final 'o' (laughter). He was quite sure that at Selby they had got the very best team of ringers in Yorkshire, thanks to that madman, Mr. Cryer (laughter and applause). Having jokingly referred to the derivation of his own name, which he said he had been told was a corruption of Solomon and that he was in the direct line of descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, Canon Solloway spoke of letters he had received from all parts of the world, from men and women who used to reside in Selby, in which they referred to their happy recollections of Selby Abbey and its bells. They always referred to the bells, he said, and he was very glad of that. The men engaged in this ringing business ought to be very proud to know they made such an impression on people by their ringing. He wanted the ringers to feel that their work was a happy and noble one. Bells were one of the things that always tended to keep up their spirits. An association of that kind which kept up the spirit of friendship and fellowship among ringers deserved success, and he hoped success would attend all their efforts. They were doing a great service, not only in Yorkshire, but throughout the country, in a time of stress, by keeping the people cheerful (applause).

Mr. S. F. Palmer submitted the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Associations.' He welcomed most cordially the members of the various associations represented that night, and spoke of the good work done by the 'N.O.S.R.' and the 'N.O.P.R.' The former, the 'Noble Order of Service Ringers,' were, he said, staunch and true to the Church and the Exercise. They rang for the services of the Church every Sunday as a duty, and the Church and the associations owed them a debt of gratitude. Then there was the 'Noble Order of Peal Ringers'—they were called by another name by a writer in 'The Ringing World': the 'N.O.P.G.'—who were doing a great service for the Exercise and

associations by raising the standard of ringing, and were recognised by every ringer who was a ringer as the backbone of the associations. Proceeding, Mr. Palmer referred to the social value of such gatherings as that dinner. They enabled them to form a kind of unofficial freemasonry among ringers throughout the country; they created a better atmosphere and helped to keep the interests of the art together. They helped also to cement the bonds of friendship between ringers in different parts of the country, and but for them he thought ringing would not hold so high a place. Proceeding, Mr. Palmer referred to other visitors who were with them, including the Dean of York, Canon Solloway and the Rev. Kelly, and spoke of the indebtedness of ringers to the clergy for the use of their bells, without which they would not be able to follow their science and art as they did. Some clergy, he added, were very interested in ringing, and where a band had among them a ringing parson they were very lucky indeed. The great majority of clergy recognised the ringers as churchworkers and part and parcel of the Church organisation, but where the parson had no interest in the bells or the ringers, the belfry conditions were often very deplorable. The belfry ought to be at least as comfortable a place as the vestry. Mr. Palmer went on to say that they were pleased to see so many ladies present, and they gave them a hearty welcome. That was one of the special occasions when they could come out ringing with their husbands and masters (laughter). Ladies could not always accompany their husbands on ringing expeditions—it would, for instance, be unfair to ask them to stand outside a tower, perhaps in the rain, while the men folk rang a peal (laughter)—but they were delighted to have their pleasant faces among them that night (applause). Recently in 'The Ringing World,' said Mr. Palmer, a controversy was raised by a woman who had the effrontery to enter into print to say that her husband ought to stay at home and not go ringing. If she were there that night he would be inclined to tell her that she was not fit to be a ringer's wife or anybody else's wife (laughter). He concluded by offering a cordial welcome to all the visitors that night, and hoped they would carry away with them many happy recollections of their visit.

WONDERFUL WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY.

Mr. Albert Walker, who first responded, expressed the thanks of the visitors for the wonderful welcome and hospitality extended to them, and apologised for the fact that there were not more present from Birmingham. The Master of St. Martin's Guild, Alderman Pritchett, had just sustained a bereavement by the death of his brother, Mr. Alfred Pritchett, who in his younger days was a most accomplished ringer. Several other members of the Guild would have been present but for the inconvenient Sunday train service. Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Percy Johnson for the arrangements made for the peal at Ripon Cathedral—a very creditable peal and one of which the Yorkshire Association need not be ashamed. In conclusion, he invited members of the Yorkshire Association to the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on March 3rd.

Mr. Colin Harrison, who also replied, said members of the kindred societies were glad to have the opportunity of attending that gathering year by year to honour and perpetuate the memory of that great exponent of ringing, Jasper Snowdon, and his fellow-officers; to make new friendships and cement old ones. If the Yorkshire Association needed any assurance of their feelings with regard to these gatherings, the attendance of so many visitors was sufficient guarantee that they were pleased to have the opportunity to come.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw proposed 'The Chairman,' and congratulated him on having been appointed a Canon of Ripon. The Yorkshire Association and kindred associations were essentially church organisations, and the ringers were churchworkers, and it was the right thing for them to have a clergyman at the head of these organisations, with the proviso that he was also a ringer and sympathised with ringing (applause). The Yorkshire Association was fortunate in its President, Canon Marshall was enthusiastic in ringing and a good ringer, and one who thoroughly enjoyed the company of ringers (applause). He had well merited the honour he had received (applause). Mr. Earnshaw made the suggestion that a list of the past officers should be inserted in the annual report of the association each year so that the many eminent names could be kept before the members even though they did not attend the annual dinner. It would be surprising, he thought, what memories would be brought up by those names, and in years to come—he hoped it would be a long time hence—they might be able to add the Rt. Rev. Bishop Marshall and the Rt. Hon. Percy Johnson, M.P. (laughter).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and, in responding, Canon Marshall said that while he could not claim to be a good ringer, he was behind none of them in his pride of being a ringer and in striving to do his best to serve the interests of bellringing in that great county. As head of that great association he felt he was following in the steps of two very distinguished predecessors, and he therefore had great traditions to uphold. It was only because he had the help of very efficient and loyal fellow-officers that he had been able to fulfil the duties. It was a great pleasure to preside over those gatherings, and he hoped they would go on and the numbers increase and that they would be able to welcome more and more friends from other parts of the country (applause).

On Canon Marshall's departure, Mr. F. E. Dawe took the chair to conclude the evening, and, in brief but complimentary terms, proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.'

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SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

ALL TOWERS REPRESENTED AT ALLOA MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, forty-eight members, representing all the Scottish towers, being present. The methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob, as well as call changes. A break was made during the afternoon for the association service in the very pretty little church. It was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Wilson), and the full choir and organist assisted in the service.

An excellent tea was afterwards served at Townhead Tearooms, and, as there was no business meeting to follow, handbell ringing was indulged in. The cost of the tea was generously defrayed by the St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh.

Someone at the tea table facetiously asked if all this ringing was being done on the occasion of the opening of a popular store in the town that day by a certain Mr. F. W. W.—.

As the ringing room of St. John's is very small, the 'left-over' members took occasion to have a walk through the lovely estate of the Earl of Mar and Kelly, on which the church is built, and quite a lot of 'chestnuts' were gathered by the junior and not-so-junior members.

An excellent meeting was brought to a close about 8 o'clock as the various parties left for their buses and trains.

NEW ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When Mr. Snowden included Albion Treble Bob in 'Standard Methods,' he was quite enthusiastic about its wonderful qualities, and the method deserved all that he said about it. If it has never become a favourite it is because of the monotony of the work.

In the early days two methods claimed pride of place in practice: Grandsire and Treble Bob, and it is easy to see that it was the variety that every call introduced that appealed to the Exercise.

'New Albion,' by a slight alteration in places when the treble dodges in 7-8, picks up the same lead ends and bobs as Oxford and Kent, and all peals in these methods run true, the only false course end being 24365.

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May I take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who have shown an interest in Silchester. I have already written to them personally, but cannot publish any peals as yet, as I wish to give every opportunity to those gentlemen who hold that there is no room now for originality to show how peals can be produced in this method by rule of thumb.

E. BANKES JAMES.

THE SNOWDON DINNER—Continued from previous page.

An excellent musical programme was carried out. Courses of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells, quartettes were admirably rendered and songs were sung by Mr. F. Horner. Mr. Shipman sang humorous songs, which greatly amused the company, and Major Pollard gave a clever monologue.

A very happy evening concluded at 11 o'clock with 'Auld Lang Syne.' Many of the visitors stayed until Sunday, when they participated in the service ringing at the Minster in the morning. Nearly forty ringers were present in the belfry.

ROTHERHAM BELLS.

'A MAGNIFICENT BUT NOT PERFECT TEN.'

Dear Sir,—In answer to dear old 'Highrease,' I must ask Mr. Baker not to talk or write of noble peals or even magnificent peals until he has heard York Minster peal of twelve.

To start with, I give praise or credit where it is due and whatever the firm, whether in practice or defunct, I have no pet firm, and I would adjure Mr. Baker not to be so one-sided as to think there is only one pebble on the beach.

To deal shortly with Thrybergh, I think Mr. Baker waxes very beautiful on the subject, but rather 'dings' too much of the competent founder about. Now here is a brief resume of what I think the same competent founder might do (experience does teach one). They simply want taking to the foundry where five out of the five might be found to be cracked and so be recast, or they might be found to be all right, with just a little polishing up, and then add (to make a nice light peal of six) a nice little tenor (of the 'magnificent' variety), weighing approximately 34½ cwt. (talk about homogeneities and amalgams!). What I have suggested should be done at Thrybergh as it was at another place not far away.

If Mr. Baker would have my last article read out to him properly he would make sure of facts. I did not ask him or anyone else to visualise the Rotherham old ten cleaned up into a magnificent peal, but made a slight hint that we should have been better off with the old 31½ cwt. tenor and rest in good proportion, and hung in the same manner as at present, than we are now, by lifting the tenor to 34½ cwt. and taking metal out of the small ones. Also if he will peruse my last letter again he will find I never mentioned the old Rotherham peal as having 'barked.' The barking was related to the chapter on a well-known North Country Minster peal, and that was on account of being short of deadening of sound materials, not the bells. What would the present peal at the same North Country Minster sound like to ring if the ringing chamber was in the same place as before and nothing more done to the ceiling? No, Mr. Baker, the old Rotherham peal did not 'bark,' neither did we have the 'three blind mice.' On a recent Sunday morning, after a very tiring week, I decided to stay in bed and listen to the 'magnificent' peal, the wind blowing the sweet cadences o'er to my bedroom. Having opened the window wide, I settled down as I thought to hear some good ringing as only we in Rotherham (having got to know a little of the bells) can ring. But, sir, the only thing I heard was the old, old refrain, 'Three Blind Mice,' with variations. I would like to bring to Mr. Baker's notice a letter by C. F. J. published in October 6th's issue of 'The Ringing World.' The second paragraph I would like him to peruse slowly and carefully.

In his mentioning Chesterfield bells, I am afraid if Mr. Baker had had as much time knocked out of himself he would be feeling far worse off than they are at present. At least one can tell what they are ringing when they are rung, whether it be Stedman Caters or Cambridge Royal, a thing one cannot say of the modern 'magnificent' peals, and these bells were cast before the days of 'magnificent' tuning.

Although the present writer might have a dwarfed physique (he has a large heart and can praise good workmanship by boy or man, but is the first to condemn either bad splicing or bellfounding), he has not a dwarfed and one-sided mind. He has no pet firm and is no turn-coat from one firm to another for convenience. As for my early peals rung with Mr. Baker, there was no opportunity of getting on the back end, as these bells were spotted and all the good ringers had to be on the working bells.

But, as Mr. Baker says, away with all flippancy. Let him keep the peal as his memorial. I myself, being a little bit artistic, would sooner have a well-proportioned ringing peal and not have the base of the cross too outrageously big in proportion to the rest of the marble.

SID BRIGGS.

'CUCKOO IN THE MEARS' NEST.'

ROTHERHAM'S OLD EIGHTH BELL.

My Lords, Ladies and 'qualified Ringers,' it gives me great pleasure to comply with the request made by 'Irenæus' respecting an inscription which appeared on the old 8th bell at Rotherham All Saints' Church. It was undoubtedly, as stated on page 588 of 'The Ringing World,' 'Thomas Hilton of Wuth made me.' This had obviously been chiselled at, but enough remained to make out that with the aid of a flash lamp. The date had been thoroughly erased, though. ('Irenæus' makes no reference to the date, and he says 'the only inscription, etc.')

When this matter was mentioned to the late Mr. Sam Thomas he was very sceptical about it. He was so sure that Rotherham's old ten were 'maidens all' that, somewhat like that other Thomas of old, he wanted to see some evidence.

The writer well remembers the occasion when Mr. Thomas' doubt on this point was removed by 'Irenæus,' the writer being a lively and interested onlooker at the time. Mr. Thomas' words after the examination were: 'It's Hilton's right enough, that's a cuckoo indeed in the Mears' nest.' (I gave Sam Thomas full marks for the joke.)

I know the bell in question was slightly different in contour in proportion to the remainder; this was most marked at the top, it being not so flat there as the others.

COLIN RYDER.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Matthew's Church on Sunday morning, October 15th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bosworth 1, W. H. Curson (conductor) 2, L. Froeman 3, W. E. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, J. W. Cotton 6, G. W. Clayfield 7, H. Southerd 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 15th, for matins at All Saints', 1,306 Stedman Cinques by the local band: F. Hayes 1, R. Coles 2, F. West 3, G. F. Hinton 4, G. White 5, R. G. Chapple 6, P. Boreham 7, E. R. Coles (conductor) 8, P. D. Boreham 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, E. R. Croxford 12. The conductor had never previously called a bob on 12 bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): J. Dale 1, J. Blay 2, G. Joyce 3, J. Cross 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, A. Rolph 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter-peal by all except treble, 3rd and 7th ringers.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,239 changes): J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. Page 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8, A. Harding 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Peter's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Page (first quarter, aged 15) 1, W. Cross 2, W. Palmer 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Palmer 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Page 8. —Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Wines 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, J. Lovett 4, T. Hamlin 5, F. Lasbury (first quarter as conductor) 6, W. Page 7, T. Page 8. —For Monday evening service, 630 Erin Triples: W. Cross 1, J. Lovett 2, G. Wines 3, F. Lasbury 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRADFIELD BRANCH IMPROVEMENT.**

The Bradfield Deanery Branch held its annual meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Not since 1917 had a meeting been held there, and to most of the local ringers it was something new and very interesting. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and some very fine touches were brought round. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Nowell-Rostron), assisted by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D. The address was given by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild). Amongst those present were the Rev. J. Sharpe (Theale) and the Rev. J. F. Forge (Padworth). Tea was served in the village clubroom, and 40 members and visitors sat down to a most enjoyable spread. The following towers were represented: St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Lulham, High Wycombe, Englefield, Padworth, East Ilsley, All Saints', Wokingham, Peasemore, Compton, Abingdon, St. Lawrence, Reading, Bradfield, Beenham, Theale, Aldermaston, Cholsey, Stratley, Tilehurst, Whitechurch, Caversham, Newbury and Beedon. Handbells were rung after tea, a course of Grandsire and tunes being much enjoyed by all.

The business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D.) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. L. Whitfield (vice-chairman and treasurer), the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary).

The chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer of the branch were re-elected, and Mr. T. W. Palmer was re-elected as secretary, and the following were appointed as a committee: Mr. H. Perry, of Stratley; Mr. J. Butler, of Bradfield; Mr. A. Arlott, of Beenham, and Mr. E. Tigwell.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting during April and a ringing meeting every three months, the date and place of meeting to be decided by the committee.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert spoke of the improvement in the branch, and gave advice and encouragement to members present. He also reminded the branch of the good work that Mr. J. Abery and Mr. J. Bower had done.—Realising this, members passed a vote of thanks to these two gentlemen.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for entertaining the branch at Bradfield.—The Vicar, responding, said he hoped the branch would meet at Bradfield again in the near future.

With everyone anxious to get among the ropes again, the meeting dispersed.

The bells at Bradfield, Englefield and Theale were kept going well in the evening, and everyone agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon and evening had been spent.

NOTICE.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch. —Half-yearly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6), recently restored, available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector, the Rev. R. L. Sanders, to all notifying him at the Rectory, Ruskington, Sleaford, before Thursday, Nov. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Hinkins.

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

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. — V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedwellty on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The White Cot Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Andover district on Oct. 21st at Laverstoke. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for which please notify the Rev. R. R. Pitter, Laverstoke Vicarage. Business meeting.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The first winter meeting of the branch will be held at Aldbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All members and ringing friends are welcome.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Frequent bus service from Bedford. All welcome. — P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe (bells 6), on Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow. — F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Som.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. All the rings of bells in the town will be available until 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d. now ready, from Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, at which peal tablets will be unveiled and dedicated, followed by tea and business meeting at Greyhound Hotel.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Loxton on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business. Kindly note new address.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. The ringers will be entertained to tea by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus). All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral bells available 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Central Branch Joint Meeting.—By kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. Bond, a joint meeting will be held at Longstanton (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Black Bull 5 p.m. We are hoping for a very good attendance. No excuse, a welcome awaits all.—Miss K. Willers, Ely Branch Sec.; F. Warrington (Central), Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chishall on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Billesdon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Toone's buses leave Humberstone Gate at 2.45 and 3.30. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The postponed meeting at Stoney Stanton will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Tea provided at moderate charge. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

H. W. WILDE MEMORIAL.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde will be dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Okell at the Chester branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild meeting at Eccleston on

Saturday, Oct. 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 and service will be held at 4. It is of particular importance that I should hear from all who wish for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 25th.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The meeting at Poulton Parish Church is postponed to Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (8), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. Foreman Cox, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Kindly notify if requiring tea. Midland Red bus from Banbury 1.45 and 3.30.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the village. The district committee and local ringers will be pleased to welcome any friends who care to come and try this grand ring of bells which have recently been recast by John Taylor and Co.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Those desirous of tea kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 24th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The October meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Arrangements as usual. Please notify Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, for tea (meat tea 1s. 6d.).—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make this meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. For tea, at 9d. per head, please notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, not later than the 25th.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

RICKMANSWORTH.—Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Bells available till 8.30. Rail and coach services direct at cheap rates from all parts.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—All ringing friends are invited to the Church of All Saints on Oct. 28th to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the five back bells of the peal of 8. Bells available all day. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Archdeacon of Wilts (Canon Coulter). Tea will be provided at the Memorial Institute. Please send card of acceptance before the 24th to L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch of Ringers, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Churchdown on Saturday, Oct. 28th. The bells, which have recently been augmented to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Croydon), open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by the 25th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Oct. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Very Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D.), who will also give the address. Tea will be provided (free) for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 24th, and the business meeting will follow immediately after.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Oct. 28th at St. Mary, Stratford-by-Bow (Bow-in-the-Road). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea nearby at 5.30 p.m. Visitors are assured of a good welcome.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 25th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Sat., October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting will be held at Swan Hotel at 5 p.m. Tea 1/- each.—Harold G. Herbert, District Secretary, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 28th, at Dartington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Totnes bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. Those who intend coming please advise me by the 24th inst. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Brodric Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by Oct. 26th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A meeting will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LADIES' GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (free) for those who give notice of their intention to be present.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A joint meeting is to be held at **ALDERSHOT** on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) and business meetings in Parish Hall 5 p.m. **ALL WELCOME.** Please notify for tea, if possible, by Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Dunholme (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Names for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, by first post Wednesday previous.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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