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GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO RINGING LITERATURE

One of the most important contributions to the historical side of ringing literature has made its appearance this week. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's book on 'The College Youths' has been published, and will, we are sure, be of intense interest to all who read it. That 'all' should include every member of the Exercise. This book has not been written specially for the members of the Ancient Society, and its appearance in this tercentenary year, although appropriate, is largely coincidence. The volume, while tracing the formation and life of the College Youths, round whose activities through the years the survey is, of course, written, deals also with the very beginnings of our art and with the way in which, in other days, the birth and growth and, in some instances, the decay of rival organisations affected the existence of the fine old society which, in a few short weeks, will celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of its foundation. As is not inaptly said by the author, the history of the Society of College Youths is an epitome of the history of the ringing Exercise, and if ringers have any interest in the art they practise beyond that of the moment, they will want to read this book.

When the historian sets out upon his task he has to sift evidence, apply common-sense reasoning and put the facts into proper perspective. That is a thing which tradition seldom does. On the contrary, incidents of a distant past, and the association of ideas, often lose their true proportions as they are handed on from generation to generation, and it is the business of the historian to separate the grain from the chaff. In this task Mr. Trollope has, we think, succeeded admirably. Never before has so much research been applied to an historical survey in connection with our art, and it has produced one result for which ringers must always be indebted to the author. Not only has he, as it were, clothed the ghosts of the past with flesh, and provided for us a description of many of the men who laid the foundations of the Exercise and until now have been to us nothing but mere names, but he has brought to light others, hitherto unknown in history, who made important contributions to our art in their time and passed into the shadows.

Mr. Trollope has done much good work in the cause of ringing during the past forty years, mainly through the Central Council. His share in producing many of its publications has been enormous, but nothing he has written up to the present has made such a wide appeal to ringers as this history of the College Youths should prove to have. Most of our readers have read articles by Mr. Trollope in these columns. They are familiar with the fluent style in which he is able to tell a story or make a

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debating point. The new book is Mr. Trollope at his best, and readers will find it packed with interest from cover to cover. Its great value, however, lies in the new light thrown upon those distant days, when our art was in the making.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER 1 Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
JACR M. CRIPPS 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
EDWIN H. LEWIS 5	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford,

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*CLAUDE DE STE. C. PARKS Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 7
†MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8
RONALD H. DOVE 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
FRANK E. DARBY 5	ROYDON DAVIES Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire on a working bell.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
ERNEST J. KING 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	*PHILIP A. CORBY 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5	HENRY T. WILSON Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the 81st birthday of the wife of the ringer of treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. G. H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
H. RICHARD FRENCH 2	HERBERT E. ADDLEY ... 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	ALEC RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE J. BOTCHER 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

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On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING... ..	1	Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2		FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS	6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	3		RUSSELL RICHES	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4		WALTER BARRETT	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN	1	Treble	ARTHUR H. EVERITT	5
MISS AMY E. WALDOCK	2		HERBERT DEVONISH	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	3		FRED CHALK	7
PERCY GREEN	4		HORACE J. MANSFIELD	Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN COOK	1	Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFER	5
PETER CHARMAN	2		EDWARD J. CHARMAN	6
THOMAS ADAMS	3		CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
WALTER CHARMAN	4		ALFRED H. POLLING	Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Warnham (the Rev. F. D. Farebrother) and Mrs. Farebrother on the 25th anniversary of their wedding day, and to the conductor and Mrs. Polling on the 33rd anniversary of their marriage. It was also a birthday peal for W. Charman and T. Adams.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

E. JACK PARISH	1	Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	2		FRANK W. LACK	6
ELLIS CLARKE	3		HERBERT FIELDS	7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4		CLAUDE COUSINS	Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday peal to the conductor's wife.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY	1	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2		WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
REV. FRANK BONNER	3		LIONEL CLOUGH	7
WILLIAM FERNLEY	4		JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SPEIGHT	1	Treble	HENRY TOOKE	5
ERIC G. BENNETT	2		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3		T. WILLIAM LAST	7
RUSSELL W. CURSON	4		LESLIE G. BRETT	Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER	1	Treble	ALAN M. HICKMAN	5
THOMAS PRICE	2		EDWARD V. RODENBURY	6
FREDERICK PRICE	3		ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
REGINALD W. CHESTER	4		WILLIAM WEATHERBY	Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Dowell Lee. The conductor's 50th peal.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

C. RICHARD BELTON	1	Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2		WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3		FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*JOHN H. BAILESS	4		†THOMAS C. BELTON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT GORRINGE	1	Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOIR	5
EDWIN BRERZE	2		JAMES MELDRUM	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3		JAMES MARTIN	7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND	4		EDWARD CAUFCE	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Bebington by Sir W. Bromley Devonport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BALDRY	1	Treble	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	5
*FREDERICK W. ADCOCK	2		LEONARD C. WEBB	6
RICHARD W. R. COATES	3		ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	7
†ARTHUR W. BIRD	4		FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D

NOLAN GOLDEN	1	Treble	Cecil V. EBBERSON	5
WILLIAM FLATT	2		FREDERICK C. GUNTON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3		CHARLES W. LOOME	7
ERNEST WHITING	4		FREDERICK SEAGER	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES A. HART Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
WILFRED BOOTH 2	FRED MILES 6
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by W. J. SEVIER.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. A birthday peal for Miss E. V. Jarvis, daughter of the ringer of the third.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 374, is rung for the first time.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* FREDERICK NICHOLS ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

ERNEST HERBERT ... Treble	* CLAUDE COUSINS 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
* WALLACE COUSINS 3	CRCIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 2	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 6
JOHN E. PHILBRICK 3	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ELI HAWKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for the patronal festival.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

WALTER ELSEY Treble	FREDERICK C. ROPER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	ROSSLER RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
PERCY E. CLARKE 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Arranged and rung as a tercentenary peal for the society and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Powell, wife of the Rector of Milton, and the ringer of the tenor. The ringers of the treble, 2, 3 and tenor are past masters of the society.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble	* ERIC V. SYMONDS 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIS 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	GEORGE ARROWSMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal. Rung on the 35th anniversary of A. H. Pulling's first peal as conductor.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* LEN DAVIES Treble	EDWARD STEELE 5
ANDREW THOMPSON 2	FRANK YATES 6
* ALBERT FORD 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 4	SIDNEY THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Edward S. Woods as Bishop of Lichfield.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

HENRY HUBBALL ... Treble	* ALBERT PRESTIDGB, JUN. ... 5
JOHN GOODMAN 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGB 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
* FRED C. BOOTE 4	JOSEPH H. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Breakwell and Mr. H. Hadley on the 80th birthday of each.

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	HARRY SMALE 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN 4	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by F. G. COLE.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. H. Andrews 1, L. Pryke 2, F. L. Leeks (Croydon) 3, F. S. Mortlock 4, W. Faies 5, W. Jarvis 6, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 2 and 5.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 10 callings.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST ASQUE ... ..	... Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSON	3
GEORGE SEITH	2	WILLIAM STOCK	4
		DONALD L. COCKINGS	Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal in two methods. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Higgins, who is leaving the parish for Ireland.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

FRANK MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN	4
JAMES MAWDESLEY	2	ERIC W. YATES	5
ALAN CARPENTER	3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the church.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..	... Treble	JOHN CHURCH	4
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	FRANCIS BEAUMONT	5
EDMUND WAGSTAFF	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose; (2) London and Wells; (3) York and Durham; (4) Hull; (5) Cambridge and Primrose; (6) Ipswich; (7) Bourne.
Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN T. POLLARD ... ..	... Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
WILLIAM OLDMAN	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in ten Surprise methods.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Twenty-one extents of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob, 14 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.

T. GEORGE BREEDON ... ..	... Treble	JOHN WHITEHURST	3
RONALD ARMSTRONG	2	TOM CLARKE	4
		JOHN L. SHOOTER	Tenor

Conducted by T. CLARKE.

First peal by all except conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings.
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

ALAN R. ANDREWS ... ..	... Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT	4
GEORGE A. ANDREWS	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
GEORGE A. BUTTON	3	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Woodbine Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN MYHILL ... ..	... Treble	OLIVER J. LONGLEY	4
MISS ANNIE WHITE	2	ERNEST J. RUNTER	5
HENRY W. SHADRACK	3	EDWARD KEMP	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD KEMP.

* First peal in four methods and first peal of Treble Bob Minor 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th, and rung also for the wedding anniversary of H. W. Shadrack.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being seven extents, viz.: Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... ..	... Treble	FRANK VERNON	4
KENNETH W. MAYER	2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER	5
JOHN FREEMAN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 25th peal. † First peal in seven methods and first peal of Minor as conductor on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. E. Smith and Miss G. I. Ratcliffe; also of Mr. H. E. Packer and Miss M. Holmes.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 changes of each of Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ROLAND HILL ... ..	... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON	3	DANIEL SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Eveson and Miss Lucy Chant, which took place at Felkirk on the same day.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISEBECCH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN BUCKENHAM ... ..	... Treble	KENNETH NEWMAN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	ARTHUR BASON	5
VICTOR BOWEN	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK FLINT ... ..	... Treble	RICHARD REECE	4
JOHN NORRIS	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
JOE READER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 26th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 minutes: W. W. T. Daniell 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. G. Townsend 3, S. Palmer 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. A birthday compliment to the tenorman.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.
DOUGLAS BARKAWAY Treble | RALPH BIRD 4
ALBERT SANDERS 2 | VICTOR MORLEY 5
* GEOFFREY EVIRALL 3 | RONALD SOCKLING Tenor

Conducted by R. SOCKLING.

* First peal.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2 | JAMES BENNETT, JUN 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3 | ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
LEWIS H. BYWATERS Treble | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON 2 | EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3 | HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Ascension,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.
* REV. FREDK. S. H. MARLE Treble | WILLIAM JAMES 4
HARRY E. BALAM 2 | HENRY LAWRENSON 5
FREDERICK GOSLING 3 | *CECIL JAMES Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LAWRENSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Canon R. S. Medlicott, for 22 years Rector of the parish, on his retirement.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
C. HENRY HARDING Treble | EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 2 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
HERBERT SHERMAN 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Thursday, September 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

* ALFRED BARNES 1-2 | * ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 3-4 | PETER LAFLIN 7-8
† HARRY ASHTON 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* 100th peal together on handbells. † First peal of Treble Ten. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

The 81st birthday of Mrs. Hayden, wife of Mr. George Hayden, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints' Church, West Ham, on October 2nd. Mr. Hayden, himself 77 years old, rang the treble. He is sexton and steeplekeeper at West Ham.

Mr. T. E. Sone and Mr. W. Wenban, two well-known Kent ringers, rang their 75th peal together at Linton on October 2nd.

The birthday of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, London, was celebrated by the Ancient Society of College Youths with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on September 29th on the bells made famous in the nursery rhyme. The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford annually holds an 'Oranges and Lemons' Service.

Mr. Alfred Palling, of Guildford, rang his first peal as conductor on October 2nd, 1902. He celebrated the 35th anniversary by calling his favourite transposition of the 'Four-Part' at Chiddingfold. 'Palling's Surprise' we have heard it called, but the Surprise is only when the peal isn't successfully brought home.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Lyme Regis for the patronal festival of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel. The band regretted that the Vicar, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, was unable to take part owing to his being engaged at the Bishop's Conference at Sherborne.

Mr. George A. Andrews has now rung each of the six bells in the tower at Great Bromley, Essex, to a peal. He 'completed the circle' on September 25th.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, to celebrate Alderman and Mrs. Pritchett's golden wedding was the one hundredth peal together of the two Newcastle men, Bill Barber and W. J. Davidson.

The aggregate age of the band who rang the peal on September 28th in celebration of the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Rebington, Cheshire, was exactly 500 years. Hats off to the veterans!

Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Silverdale, Staffs, on October 2nd, in honour of the enthronement of Dr. E. S. Woods as Bishop of Lichfield. Dr. Woods was formerly simultaneously Bishop, Archdeacon and Vicar of Croydon, and was responsible for recasting the bells of the Parish Church into a ring of twelve.

We recorded last week that the Vicar of Hounslow had asked a meeting of the London County Association whether Treble Bob Major in B flat was possible. Well, this week a record has been sent us of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in B flat. B flat was, of course, the key note of the handbells used. The peal celebrated the birthday of James W. Washbrook (how familiar that name sounds to the old 'uns who knew his father!). Incidentally it happened to be the one hundredth handbell peal that Alfred Barnes and Allen F. Bailey have rung together.

Four past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths took part in a tercentenary celebration peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend on October 2nd. They were Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., J. S. Hawkins, P. E. Clarke and F. M. Mitchell.

It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and the band afterwards adjourned to the 'Glue Pot,' where Mrs. Mitchell extended her usual hospitality.

One of the visitors arrived home 'before' midnight with the 'dessert' for his midday meal on Monday safely stowed away. We hear his companions could not lose him. They had to follow the 'scent.'

For the wedding on September 25th of Mr. Fred Evesson and Miss Lucy Chant, sister of Mr. H. Chant, a ringer at Felkirk, where the marriage was solemnised, a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods was rung at Silkstone, near Barnsley.

As a farewell to the Rev. Dr. Dowell Lee (Vicar), who is leaving Market Drayton, Shropshire, a peal was rung at the Parish Church on Sunday, September 26th. It was also a birthday compliment to Thomas Price.

On the retirement of another incumbent, the Rev. Canon R. S. Medlicott, for 22 years Rector of Burghclere, Hants, a farewell peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 27th. In this the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, secretary of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, rang the treble to his first peal.

There were some quick changes in Hunts on Saturday week. A peal arranged at St. Neots was changed to St. Ives almost at the last minute, owing to illness near the former church. Mr. F. G. Gleaves took a rope at a moment's notice to fill an unexpected gap, and five minutes before the start Kent Treble Bob was asked for and the conductor had to produce a peal out of the proverbial hat.

Mr. Frank Warrington is the first to ring a peal on all the bells at St. Ives. The thanks of the band are extended to Messrs. Noble and H. Pratt, who obtained the permission to ring and had the bells in readiness when the band arrived.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, celebrated several anniversaries, principally the silver wedding of the Vicar and his wife, the Rev. F. D. and Mrs. Farebrother. The 33rd anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Palling (Alfred called the peal) was also celebrated, and it was, in addition, a birthday compliment to Walter Charman, the Warnham veteran, and Thomas Adams.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL.

In the last two weeks there has been a good deal said by correspondents upon how and what to teach beginners. Beginners themselves have probably read these letters with interest. We do not propose to discuss what has been written; whether the first method should be Plain Bob or Grandsire. The essential thing, to our mind, is that before he goes very far in his change ringing career the beginner should learn to ring both. Given a ringer of average intelligence and an instructor who knows his job, it does not seem to us that the novice should find it any harder to ring Plain Bob, after he had started on Grandsire, than he would to ring Grandsire after having started on Plain Bob. But, whatever the explanation, it is a fact that where there is a young band, as distinct from a single individual learning with a more or less proficient company, better ringing is obtained when there is a tenor behind to keep a beat and give the other bells a leading point. And the public need consideration even when we would make excuses for a new hand.

That leads us to the point that in many cases beginners are not allowed to gain sufficient bell control before being pushed into change ringing. Bell control is not merely being able to catch the sally and keep the bell up; it means being able to put it in its place this time, next time and all the time. Only constant practice will do this, and call changes are a valuable step in enabling the beginner to gauge the spacing over the big and small bells. Until he can place his bell with precision in call changes he cannot be expected to do so when he is moving his position at every half-pull.

It is here that the ears must be brought into use; and the first step in this direction is most easily achieved if the bells are few and the pace not too quick. The slower beat will enable the beginner more easily to pick out the sound of his own bell and will emphasise the bad blows. The number of bells can be increased and the pace quickened when the learner has proved his ability at the first stage.

This type of practice may be tame for the older hands, but patience at this juncture may make all the difference between turning out an accurate or a slovenly striker. If he has never been taught better, he cannot be expected to do more than put his bell 'somewhere' among the rest; if he is taken along by simple stages and properly coached he will develop an 'ear' and accuracy.

This is not to say that he should not be started in the theory of change ringing. The sooner he is given some elementary instruction on paper the better; it will help to maintain his interest through what may be termed the 'drudgery' period—that is the stage between the time when he can pull a bell, and thinks he knows all about it, and the time when he can strike a bell accurately and knows when he doesn't.

Most instructors, we are afraid, do too little in the way of teaching theory. Sometimes, even, it consists of only a verbal explanation and a finger of one hand making unintelligible signs in the palm of the other. And from this the pupil is put on the end of a rope and 'guided' through a course, so that at the end he is, if anything, more confused than when he started.

Like Columbus, as described by an American, when he set out he did not know where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was, and when he returned he didn't know where he'd been.

Every instructor should give his beginner paper and pencil work, and, if he is unable to draw up some plan and explanation for himself, he should obtain one of the several good elementary text books now available, and go through it with his pupil. It is far better to do this than just hand the book to the beginner and say, 'Read that.' It may be sufficient for some apt learners, but quicker progress is made when the instructor supplements the written word with verbal assistance.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 4th, at the Parish Church for morning service, 1,280 Bob Major: R. D. St. J. Smith 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Mrs. Bowles 3, Rev. E. Banks James 4, W. Bonner 5, H. W. S. Gregory 6, W. Webb 7, S. H. Wood 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 3, 5, 6 and 7.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: James Robinson 1, John Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Heskehl (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 4, R. Ludkin 5, J. W. Gardner 6, W. Robinson 7, A. Maddock (first quarter-peal) 8.

PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous column.)

A peal of Minor at Coppull, Lancashire, on Saturday, was rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of St. John's Church. It was the first peal on the bells in which five local men have taken part.

A peal of Minor at Springfield, Essex, on September 24th, celebrated the birthdays of half the ringers and the wedding anniversary of one of them.

A peal of Minor on September 25th at Cuckney, Notts, was rung as a farewell to Frederick Flint, who is leaving the district.

At another Nottinghamshire church, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles was rung on Sept. 25th, the first peal by all except the conductor.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

STRENUOUS AND SUCCESSFUL WEEK IN SOMERSET.

This year the Cambridge University Guild's annual ringing week was held in Somerset, the headquarters being that well-known establishment, the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington. Arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who had prepared an excellent programme in this delightful ringing district. It was very unfortunate that more members could not make the opportunity to be present, as the party only just numbered a peal band, two members of which were on the sick list for most of the time. Those who were unable to come through illness and business or family ties included six Surprise ringers, and even one or two of these would have made a great difference. The Guild was, however, most pleased to have with them in addition four members who were making their first tour, and these obtained much useful practice in the elementary stages of change ringing.

Following the Guild's usual practice, one peal was attempted each day, the rest of the time being given up to ringing for short periods at two or three other towers. Of the four tower-bell peals attempted, three were successful, while a handbell peal on the last evening enabled all who had been present for more than one day to score at least one peal.

The party assembled at various times during the week-end, and five, who arrived early enough on Monday, were joined by members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in a peal of Cambridge at Chewton Mendip in the evening.

Two members of the peal band did not arrive until lunch time on the Tuesday, so the morning was given up to some intensive Bob Minor and Major practice for the beginners at Backwell (6), Nailsea (6) and Clevedon (8). A good peal of Bob Major was rung at Wraxall in the afternoon; and later in the evening members of the Guild had the pleasure of ringing on the ten at Wrington with Major J. H. B. Hesse and some of the local band.

REINFORCEMENT ARRIVES.

On Wednesday the party was reinforced for the day by the arrival of a reverend gentleman fresh from a protracted tour in Italy, who was visiting Bristol for the purpose of buying a typewriter. It is to be hoped that this machine will enable him to keep up to date with his list of the towers at which he has rung, as considerable additions were made during the day. In the morning a peal of Cambridge was successful on the excellent light eight at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, during which the two invalids of the party were hopefully watching each other for signs of collapse. Both, however, stuck it nobly and the peal duly came round.

The afternoon's programme was a strenuous one, no less than nine of the numerous towers in the heart of Bristol being visited between 3 and 8 o'clock. This was made possible by the willing help of a number of Bristol ringers, who went ahead and raised the bells, and special thanks are due to them for their kindness as well as to the authorities who gave permission for their bells to be rung and the steeplekeepers who met and welcomed the party. In the evening a cinema show was given at the Golden Lion, one of the films including shots of several well-known ringers who had been on another 'week' at Wrington a month previously.

On Thursday the peal band sustained a severe loss when the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, who had been suffering from a badly strained hand, consulted a doctor, who forbade him to ring again during the week. All credit is due to him for the way he rang in two peals to avoid letting the band down, and for carrying on until it was quite obvious that he could not possibly continue. In the morning a peal of Bob Major (instead of Double Norwich, as planned) was rung at Bitton, a fine eight which have been recently augmented, tuned and rehung. In this the president scored his first peal on eight in the tower and his first tower-bell peal since before the war. Later in the day the Guild rang at Marshfield (8) and Swainswick, where a unique frame was inspected with interest—the six bells being hung in three tiers—and finished by ringing on the magnificent heavy eight at Chew Magna. In the evening an attempt was made for a handbell peal, which came to a sudden end after half an hour.

Friday started with Corporate Communion at Wrington at 7.30, and after breakfast tracks were made for Barrow Gurney, where some time was spent rehanging the bells prior to starting for the peal! Unfortunately, however, this work proved to be in vain, as one of the band had to give up after Grandsire Triples had been in progress for two hours. Later in the day the party drove across the Mendips via Burrowing Combe and Cheddar Gorge and rang on the fine eight at Wedmore. Visits were paid to Wokey Hole Caves and Wells Cathedral, and the week finished with ringing at Binegar. In the evening four members sat down with great determination and rang a handbell peal, which came round shortly before midnight.

The party dispersed after breakfast on Saturday after a week which, though strenuous—owing to shortness of numbers there was practically none of the usual sitting out and listening—had been most pleasant and enjoyable.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Maldon, Essex, on Sunday, September 26th, for harvest festival and on occasion of the wedding of Mr. S. C. Card, one of the local ringers, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Raven 1, Miss A. E. Waldo 2, F. White 3, H. J. Mansfield 4, R. Bird (conductor) 5, D. A. Hann 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

ENJOYABLE FESTIVITIES.

The general hon. secretary and the Dinner Committee of the Worcestershire and Districts Association are to be congratulated on the splendid arrangements they made for a highly successful sixth annual dinner, held on Saturday, September 25th, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Worcester. Eighty members and visitors sat down to an excellent meal, after ringing at All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) during the afternoon.

Mr. J. R. Newman presided, and among those present were the Rev. E. G. Benson (Hereford Guild), the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, Mr. W. Short (Master of the association), Messrs. J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary), W. H. Johnson (treasurer), E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt (auditors), R. G. Knowles and J. Hemming (freemen), T. Hemming, O. Camm and J. W. Heath (Branch Ringing Masters), J. S. Mason, G. E. Large and J. E. Newman (branch secretaries), C. H. Woodberry (Central Council), W. Ranford and J. Bass (committee), H. H. Fearn and C. Webb (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), G. Lewis (Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. J. R. Newman, Miss F. Johnson, Miss C. Heath and others.

Apologies were received from the Dean of Worcester, the Revs. W. Buchanan Dunlop, J. F. Hastings and G. W. Webb (clerical secretary, who, unfortunately, had not recovered from his recent illness), Mr. E. P. Thomas (vice-president), Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas (London), Messrs. L. W. G. Morris (Leeds), J. Pigott, etc.

After the toast of the King had been honoured, 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. C. A. Binyon (Badsey, Evesham), who said that everything that made life worth living came from two institutions, Church and State. It was a splendid thing for the State to be influenced by the Church, but it was very often the wrong way round when the Church was influenced by the State. Concluding, Mr. Binyon said, 'The Church needs more freedom. She should not be the plaything of any one party. It is her duty boldly to rebuke the vice of high and low, rich and poor.'

A CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Rev. E. G. Benson (Burgbill, Hereford), who responded, said he had had close touch with the Worcestershire Association when at Tewkesbury, and recognised it as a church society. The Church, he said, meant not only bishops, deans, archdeacons and priests, but the whole body of Christian men and women, and we should be proud of it. Members of the Church belong to an ancient society which was in existence long before there was a State in this country, and the best relationship between ancient Christian society and the modern State was when we could be loyal members of both. 'One of the clauses of Magna Charta,' added Mr. Benson, 'says that the Church shall be free, but it is not always the case, very seriously, sometimes, not the case. There may be difficulties in the future about this freedom.' Concluding, the speaker said, 'The ringing of bells does somehow bring Church and State together, as, for instance, at the Coronation this year, when we were symbolically shown the union of the two.'

The next toast, 'The Worcestershire Association,' was proposed by the Chairman. The association, he said, had fulfilled its purposes and was continuing to make progress. He was pleased to say this dinner had drawn a larger gathering than any since the Jubilee Dinner. Mr. Newman said he would like to couple the names of three members with the toast, first, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who had recently celebrated his golden wedding. He was sure they all wished many more years of happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett. The second name was that of Mr. R. G. Knowles, who also had recently celebrated his golden wedding. 'Bob Knowles looks a picture of health and has got into his second wind at over 70 years of age. I am sure we all wish Mr. and Mrs. Knowles many more happy years together.' The third person to be coupled with this toast was Mr. W. Short, Master of the association. 'We congratulate him,' said the speaker, 'upon being the first Worcestershire ringer to ring 900 peals.'

CHAIRMAN'S SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

After the toast had been enthusiastically drunk, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak) responded, remarking that they were all grateful to Mr. Newman for the nice things he had said. They all knew what their chairman had done for the association. It was true to say that during the 30 years Mr. Newman had been general secretary the association had advanced in all directions to what it is to-day, and, he added, 'we will certainly do our best to keep the old flag flying.'

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung by W. Short 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, Rev. E. G. Benson 5-6, J. Bass 7-8, and C. H. Woodberry 9-10.

Proposing 'Kindred Associations,' Mr. G. E. Large (Western Branch secretary) said it was always a pleasant duty to welcome friends from neighbouring associations. They had with them that night representatives from the St. Martin's Guild, the Hereford Guild, the Yorkshire Association and the Dudley and District Guild. He trusted that as hosts the association were doing their duty well enough to make their visitors want to come again another year. Although they had no representative there from the Ancient Society of College Youths, they had present many who were members of that great society, and he felt they could not let the occasion pass without expressing their admiration for the unique position which that society held to-day. In six weeks' time they would be celebrating their tercentenary by a great gathering in London. In conclusion, Mr. Large

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

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Again they sound and nearer still,
Our anxious hearts with transports fill;
Hark! Hark! the strain that sweetly tells
Of home and friends, those distant bells!

Richards.

The two towers for Friday were Caythorpe and Edenham; a pretty drive in lovely weather and more 'distant spires.' The former church, dedicated to St. Vincent, has a tall, closely crocketed spire. Domesday mentions two churches here before the present one, but of these no trace remains.

There were Rectors from 1221, the earliest recorded Benedict Simon Melbourne, 1419. The present Rector Sherreff is approaching 80 years of age, and is soon retiring. He kindly assented to our visit to the church—strictly limited to 3 hours 20 minutes—and spared his house-keeper, Mrs. Simmons, to help Mrs. Walter at the Red Lion with our excellent dinner at 2 p.m. We had another Lincoln Surprise at the inn, the diameter of the joint disappearing under the skilful hands of Carver Shepherd, who tended his flock liberally. It was a revelation to find how well a country village could provide for 14 hungry people at such short notice.

A good deal of repair work has been done here (in 1842 and 1896) to frame and fittings, etc. When the old bells were restored in 1744 several were retained with new ones by the Whitechapel Foundry (tenor 12 cwt.). The octave was made in 1759 by the generosity of William Wilson, but no trace or any record of the name or family can be discovered locally. In 1913 Messrs. Taylor and Co. made a restoration, recasting the first four bells, with new iron frame complete. By a curious coincidence the oldest bell is dated like the Red Lion Inn, 1639. Forty years ago the Rev. E. Lewis was Vicar and raised £108 for the bells fund.

INTERESTING CHURCH AT EDENHAM.

Edenham has a battlemented tower with four corner pinnacles, but no spire. The church stands on an eminence and effectively spreads the sounds of these fine bells across the sparsely populated parish. Effigies of two monks of Edenham, carved in stone, are recumbent in the tower porch. An altar tomb, standing for years in the churchyard, is now in the church, dated 1307. There is a brass, circa 1500, formerly in a stone frame, on the tower face, probably of St. Thomas-a-Becket. A very large circular font of quaint design and some fine cypress trees in the yard are interesting features. The chancel is crowded with fine carved marble statuary; that to Lord Willoughby de Eresby has the 'storied urn' in centre and seven 'animated busts' in arched form on a slate background. With regard to the bells, Messrs. Taylor, who seem to have been very active in Lincolnshire, carried out restoration in 1931, recasting two trebles and the tenor. The old bell frame, made in 1807, is still in use.

The peal began at 4.30, and I had the pleasure of listening to three hours of Norfolk, with Mrs. Richardson at the helm. The foreman, Mr. A. Holmes, met us, and Vicar Hopkins, also a ringer, was very glad to congratulate us upon the excellent ringing. A new method for the county was thus rung on the same bells on which the late Rev. H. Law James rang his last touch of Stedman. Of the old five bells there were three bellfounders. The tenor, by Thomas Norris in 1636, was reputed to be made with metal from a former bell brought from the neighbouring Abbey of Valle Dei, in Grimsthorpe Park. Whilst having a cup of tea with Mr. Holmes, who has rung 120 peals,

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

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pleaded for mutual co-operation on the big scale in order to achieve the aims of every association, and ended with the words, 'Take care of the associations and the art will take care of itself.'

The Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, responding, said he was a ringer from his little toe to the top of his head. When he came to Elmley Castle they for three years rang for Ascension Day as soon as the first sun's rays broke across the sky. He was certain that it was bells that played such a big part in keeping up the Church's festivals; it was bells, too, that helped to keep up the Sabbath, and they should be rung at any rate once for service each Sunday. In conclusion, Mr. Fowler caused much laughter by saying, 'I shall be 79 next month, and I hope you will have learnt something from "that old fool, Fowler."'

A full and varied musical programme was interspersed between the toasts. The Rev. H. B. S. Fowler contributed some of his special brand of songs and yarns, Miss C. Heath gave two piano-acordion solos and a pianoforte solo, and Mr. G. J. Hemming was in great form with a number of songs. Humorous songs were given by Mr. A. L. Carter, and Messrs. V. T. Cullis and G. Forster, as ladies in a sketch entitled 'On the panel,' brought forth much laughter. The Wollaston handbell band played a number of tunes which were thoroughly enjoyed. At 9.55 p.m. the company sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' and finally the National Anthem brought to a close another happy gathering. Amid the general rush for trains and buses, Good-byes were said—some, 'See you at the Easter meeting'—others, 'See you at Kidderminster next Saturday'—while still a few others, 'Cheerio, see you in the morning.'

THE FINALE AT SURFLEET.

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I had a glance at his grandfather's notebook of 1851, which states the bells were rehung in December, 1852, by William Pitts, of Edenhall, and opened January 12th, 1853. A new set of handbells for the society was purchased in 1859 and sold to the Vicar in 1872. The old gentleman's writing was very neat and exact. He had evidently taken some six-bell methods out of the Clavis. He felt the loss of his son at an early age, consoling himself by carrying his young grandson up to the belfry on practice nights. Holmes and Hollis, the Grandsire composer, rang many peals together.

Mr. Bradley, of Folkingham, came to meet us and hear the ringing. At its conclusion, the old inn, the Five Bells, provided a rest and we left at 7 p.m. for Spalding 15 miles away.

For our last day we left the Cross Keys at 9 o'clock and got going in Double Norwich at Sutterton by 10 o'clock. This cruciform church, in late Norman style architecture, has a central ringing room just below the bells and is very, very noisy, like many of the Hampshire ringing rooms. It is a large apartment, about 22ft. square, dark and ill-ventilated, the only light and air coming from the only door from off the transept roof. There is, however, a good circle of ropes and draught, and the bells are in good going order, recent work carried out by Taylors, who recast the 6th and 7th in 1920. Originally six by Penn in 1720, the trebles were added in 1797. John Cabourn, a noted bellhanger and donor of the treble, died in 1813; and the donor of the 2nd, Vicar in 1792, was afterwards consecrated Bishop of Kildare. On concluding the peal the Vicar came to give us a welcome and a compliment. We all signed his visitors' book and he had read 'A Great Adventure.'

At lunch at The Angel, Sutterton, we recovered our normal hearing again and the conductor cleared his throat. Having a naturally deep voice, we got on all right with his 'bobs,' but kept a sharp look out at the 'singles' for a diagram waved by his arm like an 'S.'

The grand finale of the tour was at Surfleet in the afternoon. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Cinques began at 2.15 p.m. We had to cross the river with its miniature Sydney Harbour bridge—a stream that once nearly saw the end of Frank Hairs—and we recrossed it successfully, thanks to Gabriel's musical brains and lungs. I have only taken part in two of such peals during the past 40 years—rung many miles apart—and in these two peals 17 of my mates have been 'starred.' Like the leaning tower of Pisa, we left St. Lawrence's steeple to hang over for perhaps another three or four centuries; but the old sundial on the south side looks a bit 'squiffy,' for they built it true vertically so as not to rob old 'Tempus' of his honesty. Had the late Vicar of Surfleet never joined the Cambridge University Guild it is doubtful if 12 bells would ever have sounded from its tower. I must not omit to mention that we crossed the road—a few yards

separate the tower and inn—to drink the health of the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on his birthday and that of the youngest member of the Royal family, Princess Margaret Rose—'May their shadows never grow less!'

At Glyn Garth dinner was served at 7 o'clock, the old mahogany table being extended to suit the titmums extent in the home position. It was a great parting about 11 p.m., after seeing the Rupert Cinematograph, through the smoke, and the farewell handshakes, in hearty appreciation of all the hospitality shown by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. In and around London there are many ringers who have happy recollections of Surfleet, including our Editor. The Lincoln air is so bracing that most ringers meet with an 'adventure' by car or rail when they come amongst the Fens. Most members of the Ladies' Guild are well domesticated, judging by the number who have said, 'I will,' but how Mrs. Richardson managed to knock off a peal of Cinques between the busy preparations for her guests is a Surfleet wonder.

W. H. F.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Penarth on Saturday, October 2nd, when about 50 members attended. The bells, a new light peal of eight by Taylor, were kept going during the afternoon and evening except during the service, tea and business meeting. The service, fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. P. Symonds), assisted by his curate. No sermon was preached, but a few words of hearty welcome were offered by the Rector. He said it was a great pleasure to him to see that a service in the church was a feature of the meeting, and he would not hesitate to tell his friends and parishioners that practically every member attended.

Tea was very kindly provided by the ringers, their wives and friends, who also waited at the tea tables.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards).

Instructors' reports were received, progress being reported from both Cowbridge and Ebbw Vale.

Augmentations and restorations reports were received, the hon. secretary mentioning that the new peal at Ebbw Vale was rung by association members at the dedication service, each member representing a different tower affiliated to the association in both dioceses.

Mr. John, of Llangynwyd, reported that he thought next year would see the completion of the octave in his tower.

The next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held at Blaenavon, and the following Glamorgan meeting at Baglan.

Mr. O. Addams Williams, a keen supporter of the church, bells and ringing, was unanimously elected a honorary life member.

The Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to all the churchworkers who had helped to make such an enjoyable and pleasant meeting.—The Rector responded.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the distinguished guests who have promised to attend the tercentenary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 6th are the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Bishop of London, the Duke of Argyll and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

All the tickets for the dinner have been disposed of and further applications will be useless.

'A History of the College Youths' (by J. Armiger Trollope) is now on sale. It can be obtained direct from 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, price 5s. 6d. post free.

Much regret will be felt that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson has been seriously ill. He is making slow recovery at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. E. H. Lewis, at Brasted, Kent. Mr. Richardson is Vicar of St. Nicholas', Hereford, and has done much good work in the cause of ringing, which he entered with enthusiasm in his Cambridge University days.

Mr. Charles W. Clarke, of Bedford, now a veteran in the Exercise, is still to be numbered among the conductors. He called a peal in seven Minor methods on October 2nd. He conducted the first peal in Bedfordshire over 50 years ago, and although he does not ring as many five thousands now as he used to do, he has an immense total to his credit. He has not kept a record, but it is thought that his peals must number over a thousand.

CORONATION BELLS DEDICATED.

POOLE'S PEAL INCREASED TO TEN.

Two new trebles have been installed at St. James' Church, Poole, to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI., and were dedicated by the Dean of Salisbury, the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson, D.D., on Saturday, September 25th. In spite of inclement weather, a congregation of nearly 500 was present, the Mayor and Corporation and other civic heads attending.

Immediately after the lesson a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members of the local band, then followed the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' during which a procession, including the Dean, the Rector, the Mayor and Sheriff, preceded by macebearers, moved to the porch, where the two new ropes were suspended.

The Mayor handed the ropes to the Dean and requested him to dedicate the two new bells 'to the glory of God, for the use of the church and to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI.'

After the dedicatory prayers a few well-struck rounds were rung by members of the local band, all of whom learned to ring in the tower, and five of whom are choristers, one churchwarden, one vestry clerk and one sidesman.

The Dean gave a very appropriate address based on the text, 'Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house.' During the interval between the service and tea an opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung, giving all present an opportunity to hear the ten at their best. Nearly 200 sat down to tea in the Guildhall, where the Rector expressed his pleasure at the way in which the people of Poole and old parishioners from all over the country and even abroad had responded to the appeal.

The Mayor said the people of Poole, whatever their denomination, loved to hear their bells.

The Mayoress also paid a compliment to the bells and bellringers of England, and remarked that the bells of Poole could be heard to advantage at any point in the harbour or in the channel outside. Nothing was more beautiful, she said, than to hear the bells of England pealing across the hills and valleys.

Mr. I. Davis, secretary and churchwarden, gave a brief resumé of how the money had been collected, expressing his gratitude to Mr. F. Townsend, Ringing Master, for the great amount of help he had given in organising and collecting. He then asked the Rector to hand a cheque in full discharge of their account to Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, thanking him for the splendid way in which the work had been carried out.

The bellfounders have certainly completed their work admirably, not merely adding two trebles, but transforming a good eight into an excellent ten. Everyone agreed that the bells are a splendid splice, and it is interesting to note that seven of the old eight are maiden bells cast in 1621 by William Dobson, of Downham Market.

The founders were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. R. MacDonald and Mr. J. Thomas, who did the installation. Among others present were Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Mr. Whitehead (Dover) and Mr. W. Wilson. One other enthusiast cycled from Portsmouth, a distance of 60 miles each way, in drizzling rain. About 50 ringers in all attended from Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Christchurch, Wyke Regis, Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, Ringwood, Wareham, Swanage and other towers, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION. PRESIDENT OF HOBART ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINED.

Gifts For St. David's Cathedral.

Three years ago, at this time, a little band of ringers were on their way from the Motherland to Australia, to take part in the Melbourne centenary celebrations and to visit the scattered churches of the Commonwealth where peals of bells exist. Each year since the party have been able to gather for a reunion, and when they met for the purpose last Saturday in London they had the privilege of entertaining the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood, of Hobart, Tasmania, Mrs. Blackwood and Miss M. E. Blackwood, who came over for the Coronation and are returning to their distant home a fortnight hence. It was a special pleasure to have them as guests, for the Archdeacon, as president of the Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association of Hobart, was, with Mr. Ray Wilson (the hon. secretary), behind the planning of the wonderful hospitality provided for the tourists when they were in Tasmania. And it was as members of the Holy Trinity Association that the party held this year's reunion.

They first of all met at St. George's Church, Southwark, for a peal of Stedman Triples, through the kindness of the Rector, and of Mr. W. Bottrill, who made the arrangements for them. Unfortunately the peal was lost through a trip, which led to a change course, but other ringing took place afterwards and concluded with a quarter-peal of Stedman in honour of and to welcome the Archdeacon, who arrived at the church while the bells were ringing. Mr. Bottrill stayed throughout the afternoon and his attentions were very much appreciated.

Later the party gathered at the Howard Hotel, Norfolk Street, W.C., for dinner, and were joined by other guests. The company, presided over by the Rev. E. Banks James, included the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood, Mrs. Blackwood, Miss Blackwood, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. O. Peake and the following members of the party who, with the chairman, made the journey to Australia: Mr. Rupert Richardson, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Enid Richardson (Surfleet, Lincs), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough, Bucks), Mr. R. Maude (Pudsey, Yorks), Mr. W. Liuter (Fareham, Hants), Mr. C. Sharples (Blackpool, Lancs), Mr. G. Martin (Maidenhead, Berks), Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford, Yorks), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking, Surrey). Mrs. Sharples was, unfortunately, prevented from being present. Before dinner began, Miss Enid Richardson handed to Mrs. Blackwood a bouquet of chrysanthemums, brought by Mr. Fussell, and a cable of greeting and good wishes was dispatched to the members of the association in Hobart. After the meal the loyal toast was honoured, and a cordial welcome was offered to the guests.

WELCOME TO GUESTS.

The Chairman recalled the warm welcome given everywhere in Australia to the ringing tourists on their visit, but nowhere, he said, did they receive a more cordial welcome than in Hobart. He remembered how, when their train arrived at the railway station, their friends rushed to greet them and handed them free passes granted by the authorities to enable them to use the trams. Then they carried them off in motor-cars (laughter). Throughout their stay they were lionised and everything was done to add to their enjoyment.

They were only too pleased that evening, he continued, to welcome to their midst in this country the Archdeacon, Mrs. and Miss Blackwood (applause). It was a great treat to have them there as their guests, for they (the ringers) would never forget the kindnesses they received on their visit to Hobart (applause).

The Chairman also welcomed Mr. Lewis as president of the Central Council, whom he knew as a fellow-member of Cambridge University Guild long before he succeeded to his present official position. They also welcomed Mrs. Hughes, a representative of the oldest firm in the whole of the city of London, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, which had sent bells to every part of the world and cast the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, on which some of those present rang two peals while they were in Tasmania.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who supported the chairman's welcome, reminded those present that that was their third reunion, and on each occasion they had had the privilege of entertaining guests from overseas. On the first occasion they had with them Mr. Malcolm Taylor, of Hobart. Last year the Rev. R. and Mrs. Sherwood were their guests. Although they had just returned to settle in England, they were at Melbourne during the ringers' visit, and Mr. Sherwood was the link with the Cathedral Chapter. This year they were delighted to have with them the Archdeacon, Mrs. and Miss Blackwood, whose presence recalled again the wonderful hospitality and lavish entertainment showered on them in Tasmania and for which they indebtedness to the Archdeacon and Mr. Wilson particularly could never be adequately repaid. Mr. Goldsmith reminded the company of the parochial, civic and ecclesiastical welcomes which were extended to them, the reception by the Governor (Sir E. Clarke), the excursions to the beauty spots of the island and of the no less enjoyable but more intimate frolics at the homes of some of the ringers. Each of their party, he said, would have liked to show their visitors personal hospitality, but the strenuous activities of their time in England made this impossible, so the ringers asked them to accept this collective

gesture of their delight at having them among them. When they returned to Tasmania, he asked them to convey their warmest greetings to their fellow-members in Hobart and their good wishes in the uphill struggle they were having in mastering the art of change ringing.

A RELIC OF TINTERN ABBEY.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in supplementing the welcome, also referred to the magnificent reception given to the English ringers in Tasmania. He said there was one incident which struck him particularly, and that was that the Governor of Tasmania took the trouble to have the bell on the roof of Government House brought down, so that they might examine it at close quarters. It was placed on a table in the hall and he managed to sound it and add one more to his list of interesting bells.

From the Governor, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, the Rector of Holy Trinity and the Holy Trinity Association they received nothing but kindness—indeed, their visit was one grand march. It made him long to go back, but he was afraid, at his time of life, he must not look forward to it.

Mr. Fussell reminded the company that Hobart was situated in the county of Buckingham. He did not know how it came by that name, but as he was born in the county of Buckingham, England, he felt a sort of affinity with the people in Tasmania, and in recognition of the kindness they experienced there he was asking the Archdeacon to take back to St. David's Cathedral a volume dealing with the history, the founders and the inscriptions of the bells of Buckinghamshire, England. If the book were placed in the Chapter Library it might prove very useful for reference and assist the authorities in Tasmania at any time they were going to consider putting up bells. Only 50 copies of this book, published in 1887, were printed, and it was, he thought, one of the best works on church bells ever written. He hoped the Archdeacon would carry it back with him with the best wishes of the English ringers. He had also brought with him another little gift for the Cathedral in the hope that it would be treasured there. It was an original tile from Tintern Abbey, Monmouthshire. The first service in the Abbey was held in 1268, and the tile was one of the paving pieces laid in the sanctuary. He saw it dug up when workmen were cleaning the ground round the foundations. In St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, there were other pieces from famous English ecclesiastical buildings, and he hoped this tile might find a place among them (applause).

They were met again as a happy family, continued Mr. Fussell, glad to welcome their Tasmanian guests. They were also pleased to have with them a 'bell foundress,' whose foundry supplied the bells to Holy Trinity Church. Also they welcomed Mr. Lewis, who had served the art in many ways. Not only was he president of the Central Council, but his work had saved many towers and bellfries from being closed through structural difficulties. If they had a man like Mr. Lewis in Australia and Tasmania, it might lead to the restoration and augmentation of the bells in many churches.

The toast of 'Our Guests' was drunk with musical honours.

STIMULUS OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

The Archdeacon replied. Everywhere they had gone in the 'home-land,' he said, they had received the warmest welcome. They had had a wonderful time, but best of all was the cordiality of the welcome that night from their old ringing friends who made the pilgrimage in 1934. They appreciated to the full the extreme kindness of the thought that was behind that reunion. It was one of the greatest joys they had had in their trip to England to meet the old faces, and the young faces, that had greeted them that night. They remembered the pleasant time they had when the ringers visited Hobart and the stimulus that was given to the local ringers. They had not got as far as five thousand changes yet, but they were making progress and hoped to achieve it some day. The ringing at Holy Trinity had much improved as a result of the visit. Another direct result of the visit was that their splendid Cathedral, which was now complete with its new tower, had eight bells that could be rung, that could be turned upside down (laughter), as well as five that could be 'rung a little bit' (laughter). He believed that the eight ringing bells were due entirely to their visit.

The Archdeacon added that he was very pleased to meet Mrs. Hughes, who was connected with the ancient firm that cast the bells for Hobart 90 years ago. He hoped Mrs. Hughes would convince her firm that what they needed was a bell foundry in Australia. They were still 98 per cent. British stock there and he hoped they would always remain a 'white Australia.' What they wanted was not farmers—they could already produce more than enough from the land for their needs—but industrialists who would set up factories and bring out their men and the families. He thought they would never go ahead with bells in Australia until they got a bell foundry out there, with, behind it, the knowledge and skill of craftsmen from home. At present there were high duties on bells imported into Australia and that made them very expensive adjuncts to the Church.

The Archdeacon spoke of the bells, which, he said, were so characteristic of England, and which he had heard in so many places during his travels. He referred also to the splendid service which ringers were rendering to the Church and to the spirit of freemasonry which existed between them. He had that day received a letter from Mr. Malcolm Taylor, who was at present in Glasgow, and regretted he could not join them, who wrote of the way in which he had been

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ADVICE.

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received by the ringers in England. They gave him a wonderful welcome and particularly in Kent he had made many friends.

Bellringers, added the Archdeacon, were doing a great work for God and His Church. They were helping to keep alive the sense of God and religion in the country to-day when there was a tendency to back away from it. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that another visit of ringers would be paid to Australia and that it would not be many years before they in Tasmania would have the pleasure and privilege of receiving them again.

Mr. E. H. Lewis expressed his gratitude at having been asked to join the 'family party.' He had heard a lot about the trip to Australia which had made him feel envious. He would have liked to make the journey, but that was quite impossible. He thought it was a very good thing that the visit was made. It must have stimulated ringing on the other side of the world. It would be a very good thing if similar visits could be made to other distant places, such as Vancouver or South Africa. He had long had a wish to go over to America to see something of the bells out there and to see if they could not stimulate ringing in the States. Recently in 'The Ringing World' there was an article on this question of ringing in the outposts of the Empire and some opinions were expressed as to how ringing might be encouraged. But there was one thing he did not see mentioned, and, if ever a tour were undertaken again, he hoped an effort would be made to give ringers an insight into handbell ringing. One of the difficulties was to keep a band of ringers together. It was very disheartening, when they had eight ringers, for one or two to drop out, and they had to start again right from the beginning. It might take a year or two to build up the band again. To maintain interest there was nothing like handbell ringing, and if there were only three left they could still provide themselves with an infinite amount of interest and amusement with the handbells.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he felt he had some connection with the Holy Trinity Association, for, at Christmas for the last two years, he had received a card from the ringers there and he appreciated it very much indeed. It was very nice to feel that they were in close touch with the ringers of this country (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith announced letters of regret for absence from the Rev. R. Sherwood and Canon Coleridge, and said he had recently received a letter conveying greetings from Mr. Arthur Savage, of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne.

After the speeches, the proceedings became quite informal, giving those present the opportunity of mixing freely. Mrs. Hughes, with Mrs. Peake at the piano, delighted the company with selections on handbells, which all, and particularly the overseas visitors, greatly appreciated. She played a number of pieces with that grace and charm which has become so well known among ringers and which is now giving pleasure to vast audiences through a film in which Mrs. Hughes performs on her bells.

During the evening Grandsire Caters and touches of Bob Major were rung on the handbells that made the journey to Australia with the tourists and which were used during a service in Holy Trinity Church, Hobart. The evening would not have been complete without a repetition of the 'turn' by Messrs. Fussell and Martin, who, 'four-in-hand,' had delighted many an audience in Australia and on the seas as well.

Great interest was taken in the copy of the first 'Tintinnologia' (1667), which Mr. Lewis brought for inspection. It is the best preserved of the only three copies now known. Altogether the party spent a very happy evening, which drew to a close all too soon.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLK TOWERS VISITED.

Dagenham ringers spent their annual outing in visiting towers in Essex and Suffolk. They left at 8.15 a.m. and called first at St. Paul's, Bocking, where everything was in readiness to start ringing on the fine peal of eight. Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and the youngest member, John Day, made his debut in the realms of eight-bell ringing with a very creditable performance, ringing the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples. A run through the beautiful country on the borders of Essex and Suffolk brought the party to Lavenham at midday. Some visited the historical places of this old-world town, others climbed the great height of the magnificent church tower, which is a landmark for many miles round.

After lunch the visitors rang on the celebrated bells—one of the most glorious peals in England—touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. Leaving Lavenham with regret, they went on to Clare, reached by an hour's perfect ride through beautiful country, and, everything being found in readiness, touches were rung on this grand ring of bells (tenor 28 cwt.). After tea the journey was continued to Castle Hedingham. Here, there being no local ringers, the visitors had a cordial reception from the Vicar, and further good ringing, including Oxford Treble Bob, took place. After lowering the bells a run of 40 miles brought the party back to Dagenham, after a most enjoyable excursion. The arrangements were made by Mr. James Bullock, on behalf of the local secretary, and the Dagenham men desire to express their thanks to the clergy and ringing masters at the various towers visited.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD BELLS RECAST.

A WOODEN FRAME INSTALLED.

The bells of Wheathampstead Parish Church, Herts, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The original ring of six was cast by R. Phelps in 1717, but the back five were recast in 1885 by Messrs. Warner and Sons. When, a year or so ago, application was made to the Consistory Court to permit recasting the bells and rehanging them in an iron frame on steel girders, the Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr. Kenneth Macmorran) declared that his whole nature rose up against the proposal to put such a frame in the belfry, and he said he was simply amazed that the Parochial Church Council wanted to do it.

As a result the Bells Restoration Committee decided to have fresh plans prepared for a wooden frame and supports. Although this involved increased expenditure, generous subscribers came to the aid of the fund and the work has been carried out.

The new frame, the bells and the fittings are an excellent example of the work for which the firm of Messrs. John Taylor is famous. The treble bell bears the inscription: 'Thomas Crouch gent: benefactor towards these six bells. R. Phelps Fecit 1717.'

In the recasting the founders reproduced the following almost unintelligible inscription which appeared on the waist of the fifth bell: 'Hae Campanae Quinque Cadito Metallo in Sex Dilatabantur Muneribus Diversorum Collectis Studio et Opera Riccardi Crouch Generosi.'

The tenor bell, which weighs 14 cwt. 22 lb., bears the following inscription:—

'Richard Phelps made me 1717. Edward Wake, D.D., Rector, Richard Crouch Gent, Thomas Street, Churchwardens. This ring was partly recast and rehung A.D. 1885. Owen W. Davys, M.A., Rector; John Nash, John Ransome, Churchwardens.'

On the opposite side of the waist is the following: 'This peal of six bells was recast July 23rd, 1937. A. M. Baird-Smith, Rector; J. T. M. Campbell, G. Norbury, Churchwardens.'

The bells were dedicated on Sunday morning, September 19th, by the Bishop of Bedford. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Baird-Smith.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the summons of church bells and the growing apathy towards church-going. In some outspoken sentences the Bishop addressed those who were present for the special occasion. 'If everybody treated the church as you are in the habit of treating it,' he said, 'what would happen to it?' The easiest way to destroy a church was to do nothing about it; just let it be. An increasing number of people were letting it be. One of the things that showed they appreciated their privileges was that they used them. There was the church in their midst; and he reminded them that every privilege carried with it responsibilities.

After the services the bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles by the local band: W. Folds (foreman), F. Ivory, C. Bradley, F. G. Edmunds, W. Bygrave, F. Kelvey and S. Thornton.

The Bells Committee have presented a table bell, suitably inscribed, a replica of one in the tower and cast from the same metal, to Mr. Leslie Carter, whose services as architect have proved of such value. They have also given to Mr. W. J. Housden, the hon. secretary, an inscribed silver cigarette case in gratitude for the invaluable work he has done.

MISSING KEYS.

FAIRFORD RINGERS OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Fairford, with a few friends, held their annual outing on Saturday, September 4th. Starting at 7.50 a.m., a lovely ride brought them to Harwell at 9 a.m., and the nice peal of eight was soon going to some good ringing. At Blewbury, the next stop, the church was open, but the lower key could not be found. The head ringer's house, the clerk's and the clock winder's were tried in vain, so a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the churchyard. Since the visit the ringers have heard from the Vicar that he had given permission to a lady artist to go on the tower to paint a picture. The lady had locked the tower door inside and was busy painting her picture while the ringers waited. She much regrets locking the door.

East Hagbourne was next visited by the ringers, who were met by Mr. Webb. He had got a key and some nice ringing took place on this peal of eight. At Wallingford, where lunch was taken, the head ringer with the key was lost, but the Vicar soon found another key. Ringing was curtailed here owing to a wedding, but no one grumbled, for the tenor did not go well. The journey was resumed to Beusson, where there is a nice peal of eight, going the 'opposite' way, which took a little getting used to, but some good ringing was enjoyed. Tea at Dorchester was followed by a visit to the Abbey Church, a fine old building, with a nice-toned peal of eight. Abingdon was reached at scheduled time, but, owing to serious illness near St. Helen's Church, ringing on the peal of ten was not possible, so the visitors went to St. Nicolas' Church, containing a ring of six—quite a ladies' peal—which they enjoyed very much indeed. After supper and handbell ringing at the King's Head and Bear, the party started for home at 10 p.m., and arrived at Fairford at 11 o'clock, tired but happy. The methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**DIAMOND JUBILEE GATHERING AT DURHAM.**

The diamond jubilee festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Durham on Saturday, September 25th. It was appropriate that the festival should be held in this city in view of the fact that when the association was founded in 1877, prior to the formation of the Diocese of Newcastle, it was called the 'Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.'

Favoured with a fine day, a gathering of 75 members, representing 24 towers, assembled in the ancient city. The festival service was held in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong, and the music and singing of the far-famed choir was an inspiration to those whose good fortune it was to be present. The address was delivered by the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen), who took for his text the words 'Remembrancers of Christ.' The Archdeacon pointed out how the work of ringers was in no small measure responsible for the spreading of the Gospel, and how much their work was appreciated by the Church.

The dinner, followed by the annual meeting, took place in the Three Tuns Hotel, and was presided over by the president (Councillor Arthur Payne, O.B.E., J.P.), supported by the Archdeacon of Auckland, Canon Stephenson (Gateshead), Mr. R. Park (hon. secretary), Mr. W. N. Park (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. L. Routledge (hon. editorial secretary), Mr. W. Story, J.P., and Mr. John Anderson (past presidents).

In a message of welcome to the Archdeacon, the President said how greatly the association appreciated his presence, as well as the very appropriate address given in the Cathedral. He extended the thanks of the members to the Archdeacon and to all the authorities of the Cathedral who had co-operated in assuring the success of the service.

The Archdeacon responded and apologised for the absence of the Dean of Durham (Dr. Alington), who was unfortunately indisposed. He went on to reiterate how the Church appreciated the work of ringers, and said he noted with pleasure the presence of many young ringers. He further stated that the sound of the bells always recalled happy memories, because it was to the sound of the bells of a Cathedral that, on the happiest day of his life, he walked for the first time with his wife on his arm.

A 'NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL' YEAR.

The secretary's annual report was presented and adopted. This stated that the year had not been too successful, especially in regard to the meetings, which were very meagrely attended, and it was to be hoped that the members would endeavour to ensure the success of the meetings to be held during the coming year.

The secretary pointed out that in past years the association had made ringing history, and urged the members to assimilate the truths contained in the article entitled 'This means you,' published in 'The Ringing World' and reprinted in the association's last report by kind permission of the Editor.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £76 10s. 10d.

The Sunday service ringing scheme maintained the level of the three preceding years. Whitley Bay topped the 8, 10 and 12 bell section for the second successive year with a score of 1,386 points, with North Shields a close second, having recorded 1,322 points. Holy Trinity, Darlington, again led the six-bell section with 1,543 points, an increase of 300 on last year, Benfieldside being second, having scored 988 points, 200 more than last year.

The peal report, compiled by Mr. Routledge, stated that the number of peals rung during the year was 23, a decrease of five on last year. Fourteen of last year's peals, however, were rung by the touring band, so actually the number of peals rung showed an increase of nine. There was not a monopoly in this direction, as a good number of ringers took part, the conducting was evenly distributed, and the peals were rung in about 50 per cent. of the towers in union.

In accordance with rule, Mr. Payne relinquished the presidency at this meeting, and Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth, was unanimously elected to this office. Mr. Oubridge asked the members to support him in his efforts, and said that he would endeavour to uphold the traditions of the association.

The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, hon. editorial secretary and hon. auditor were re-elected en bloc, as were the Peal Referees Committee (Messrs. W. H. Barber, J. W. Parker, J. E. Keen and W. J. Davidson).

A SURVIVING ORIGINAL MEMBER.

The passing of three members during the year was noted with regret—the Rev. H. A. Mackenzie, Vicar of Benfieldside, an honorary member since 1925; Mr. W. Brown, of Chester-le-Street, a member since 1884 and one of the founders of the Wednesday Guild; and Mr. T. Clark, of Darlington, a member since 1898 and a former vice-president. To those left behind the association tendered their deepest sympathy.

The members heard with pleasure that Mr. William Newton, of Stockton-on-Tees, the sole surviving original member of the association, had reached his 81st birthday, and Mr. T. Wick, of Shildon, his 80th birthday. Amidst applause, 'Many happy returns' were wished these old friends.

Mr. W. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, for whom Mr. C. L. Routledge responded. Mr. Story also addressed a welcome to Canon Stephenson, M.A. (Rector of Gateshead), a staunch supporter of the association, and the Canon responded in his own inimitable style.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT WELCOMED TO CAMPSALL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Campsall on October 2nd, a perfect autumn day, and was attended by ringers from Arksey, Beverley Minster, Burghwallis, Conisborough, Doncaster, Hemingbrough, Hebble, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and the local company.

Twenty-seven sat down to an excellent tea at the Old Bells Inn. At the business meeting, over which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Abel Turner) presided, and held in the Church Hall, one new member, Mr. Charles Ellerington, of Beverley Minster, was elected.

Howden was suggested as the next place of meeting.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of Mr. C. P. Bradley, of Beverley Minster company, an old member of the association, who passed away after a brief illness, was recorded, the members present standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting, the Vicar welcomed the members to Campsall. He said the bells were at their disposal at any time for a meeting, and he hoped to see the association at his church again in the near future.

A vote of thanks to the local company was also passed.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. B. Cook, of Hull, Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster.

The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, the bells being kept going till 8.30 p.m., when a very pleasant meeting terminated.

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During the evening Mr. E. A. Gallimore, of Durham Cathedral choir, rendered songs to the great enjoyment of the meeting, his own compositions regarding the activities of certain members and 'The Surprise Ringer' bringing the house down.

The meetings for the ensuing year were arranged to be held in the following places: Special, Bishop Auckland (at the invitation of the Vicar); pre-Lent, Whitley Bay; pre-Whitsun, Darlington; summer, Sunderland; annual, Newcastle.

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR.

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN A WEEK OF TRAVEL.

After the enjoyable tour in Northern Ireland undertaken last year by Mr. C. T. Coles and his party, it seemed only natural that North Wales should be visited in 1937, and, after a few inquiries as to the possibilities of peal ringing had been made, this district was chosen. To start with, a long week-end in Chester was decided upon, to be followed by a run westward to Barmouth, thence to Aberystwyth, and finally to Llandudno and Rhyl. The towers in the Chester district were fixed up through the agency of Mr. R. Sperring, whilst Mr. W. Cathrall made himself responsible for those in the area of the North Wales Association.



THE FINE TOWER OF WREXHAM CHURCH.

Headquarters for the first three days was the Washington Hotel, Chester, a very comfortable and central place, where every consideration was shown. By lunch time on Saturday, September 11th, most of the party had arrived, according to schedule, and at three o'clock met Mr. J. Swindley at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls for the first peal. Here there is a musical octave by Mears and Stainbank, 1887, a Queen Victoria jubilee peal, the tenor weighing a few pounds under a ton. A good peal of Superlative turned out to be Rupert's 650th peal, and at night the town was illuminated in his honour!

The evening's entertainment included the first performance (this year) of their famous disappearing trick by 'The Two Leslies,' assisted by 'The Gay Lindy.' This performance was repeated on many occasions during the following week, and never on any occasion failed to gain applause, even if the applause was only an expression of relief at their reappearance when hope had almost been abandoned.

The programme for Sunday included a visit to the Cathedral, where touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung; whilst in the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Major was rung at Pulford, after a very cordial welcome had been received from the Rector, the Rev. P. G. Lowndes.

Unfortunately the afternoon and evening turned out very wet, and the illuminations (and other attractions) in the town were visited only by a few. During the evening a somewhat mysterious telephone message was received, which appeared to come from a lady enjoying the name of Birdwhistle, who was inquiring after a certain bachelor member of the party with a view to a meeting. The bachelor in question, on hearing of the message, promptly intimated that he would not go out again that evening for anybody, and at once put on his slippers as proof of his determination. It was strongly suspected that the once famous Kate had turned up again.

On Monday, September 13th, the programme included visits to Eccleston and Christleton. At the former place, with a band strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, a good peal of London was rung in 3 hours and 19 minutes. Mr. G. Jones, the towerkeeper, was courtesy itself, and did not forget to point out the memorial tablet to the late Henry W. Wilde, which is fixed on the inner wall of the church at the base of the tower in which he did so much good work. The bells are a very fine eight by Taylor, with a tenor weighing 26½ cwt.

At Christleton the party was joined by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, and welcomed by Mr. Griffiths. Here Superlative was rung in nine minutes under three hours on bells recast at Loughborough in 1928 and now hanging in ball bearings. After the peal the company, together with

friends from Chester, was entertained to tea by Mr. H. A. Heywood, cousin of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, and also met the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Guest-Williams. Mr. Heywood was interested to hear that some of the visitors had known the late Sir Arthur.

At Northop, Flintshire, the next morning, the Rev. C. Mostyn Davies (Rector) greeted the party, and on a musical octave from Whitechapel the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the North Wales Association was rung. Lunch at the Chester headquarters was a prelude to a good-bye to that picturesque town and to the long run round Wales. Wrexham, reached about 4.30 p.m., was found to be gaily decorated, and even the hotel people were in a state of great excitement. First thoughts, however, turned out to be very wide of the mark—the truth being that a carnival was to be held in the town next day, whilst a wedding reception was taking place at the hotel. A party of ringers was, therefore, of no account at all!

The noble tower of St. Giles', Wrexham, contains a fine peal of ten by Rudhall, which were rehung in 1907 by Mears and Stainbank, and the tenor again later by Taylors. Mr. W. Jones (steeplekeeper) and Mr. W. Cathrall (hon. secretary, North Wales Association) met the party in the tower, and after the usual rope adjustments, etc., had been completed, a very good peal of Stedman Caters was rung in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Wednesday, September 15th, was the first of the really busy days, especially for the three car drivers, Messrs. G. R. Pye and R. Richardson and the Rev. C. E. Wigg. As over 60 miles had to be travelled and two peals rung, an early departure from Wrexham was imperative. Rupert was therefore appointed O.C. transport for the rest of the week, with an exhortation that it was his duty to see that running times were adhered to, and on no occasion could it be said that he failed in his job.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Llangollen was reached by 8.30 a.m., and by 9 o'clock London was being well struck on a very fine toned peal by Taylor, 1887. Alas! by 10.30 all was over—the peal attempt was only an attempt. No time was lost, however, in vain regrets; it was decided that Barmouth, 50 miles away, should be reached as early as possible. One car party nearly did not reach that town at all, for Rupert, on the way out of Llangollen, was almost run into by a car doing a little bit of red light shooting at high speed. Fortunately, Rupert himself was going slowly and was able to pull up sharply, but only about a yard separated his car party from a nasty bump, and perhaps no more peals for that week, to say the least of it.

Travelling past Bala Lake, through Dolgelly and over the picturesque road to Barmouth, with many needless 30-mile limit signs on hills and double-S bends, the latter town was reached by 3 o'clock. Here the towerkeeper met the visitors, and a good peal of Cambridge was rung in about 3½ hours. Some of those resting had an entertaining talk with the Rector, Canon R. Hughes Williams, during the progress of this peal, and could wish most sincerely that there were many more clergy with such an interest in bells as he proved to have.

Next day another early start was necessary, Machynlleth being 26 miles away, through some very difficult country. At this church there is a mixed ring of eight, some by Barwell, and on these bells the first peal of Bristol in the county of Montgomery was rung. Llanbadarn, near Aberystwyth, was the next objective, and at St. Padarn's Church a peal of Superlative was completed. Six of the bells are by Rudhall and two by Warner; all were rehung on ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank about 15 years ago. They go very well, but are hung in the middle of a huge tower with three small windows on 'eye level,' consequently a good light is difficult, especially with the sun shining through one window. The Rector, the Rev. D. James Jones, met the ringers after the peal, and gave a special welcome to the lady member of the band, and to Gabriel Lindoff, whom he remembered from a meeting about eight years ago.

During the progress of this peal a bachelor, a real lady's man, escorted the two non-ringing lady members of the party on a trip to Devil's Bridge. We wonder what Miss Birdwhistle will say?

Portmadoc, 60 miles away, was reached by 10.45 next morning after a run through some very fine country, with the Cader Idris at first in front, then to the left and finally, still towering, far in the rear. How difficult it is to get away from such a giant! Another attempt for London was made at Portmadoc, on a light Warner octave, but this came to grief, curiously enough, in the same course as at Llangollen.

Every cloud has a silver lining, however, and the failure gave a little more time for the difficult journey to Bangor, 30 miles further on. Part of this journey was made through splendid mountainous country, with Snowdon away to the right, whilst further on a glimpse of Caernarvon Castle was obtained.

Bangor was reached by 3.50, and here Mr. Wigg had to make his departure, having received an urgent message which caused his return to his parish. The rest of the party very much regretted his going, and wished him a safe run on his long journey south. At St. David's Church, Mr. A. E. Pegler had all ready, and a peal of Cambridge Major was rung in just under 3 hours, on a ring of eight from Whitechapel in 1888. This peal was Jim Shepherd's 400th. Mr. Pegler assisted by ringing the treble, and helped to release the two Leslies and the Gay Lindy for a really long disappearing act. Indeed, they disappeared all the way to Beaumaris, where they appear to have

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A BLIND RINGER.

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made a vain attempt to obtain permission to ring a peal! This effort, however well intentioned, nearly lost them their dinner, which had almost disappeared when they made a somewhat belated return.

The Railway Hotel at Bangor contains some relics of the past, one of which is said to be Queen Anne's bed. Some amusement was caused by Rupert trying to get into this bed (Queen Anne is dead, of course!), and much advice was given him as to the best way to get in, and when in, to stay there. We understand that later on he actually did get in—indeed, he must have done, for next morning he said that he had no sleep all night, the bed was as old as Queen Anne. The famous tenor measurer was requisitioned to measure the bed, which turned out to be 6ft. across, with four thick corner up-rights about a foot square. It was just as well, too, for if the heavy top had fallen in there would not have been much left of anybody underneath, even of Rupert.

Saturday, September 18th, the last day of the tour, brought the party to Llandudno, where, at Holy Trinity Church, Superlative was rung on a fine peal of eight, from Loughborough in 1893. This was the first Surprise peal on the bells, and Bob Pye's 1,800th. These bells were given by Herbert and Catherine Keeling, and now hang as a memorial to the donors.

Previous to the peal being started, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, by request, with Mr. G. Bromley, a blind ringer, on the sixth. It was interesting to notice his keenness and enthusiasm and the way in which he has conquered a great physical handicap. He should become quite a good ringer. He remained in the church, or in the vicinity of the tower, for the whole of the peal, listening to the music of the bells. From a conversation with him it transpired that his greatest difficulty is striking his bell properly when the other bells are not being rung with a good beat. It was quite evident from observation, however, that his hearing is so acute that his striking would not spoil any ringing done by a band of good strikers.

After the peal the visitors, together with Mr. A. E. Peglar and Mr. S. Brown (the towerkeeper), were entertained to lunch by the Rector (Canon Rowlands) and the churchwardens, Messrs. A. M. Davies and E. Royle.

The last fixture of the tour had to be abandoned. Rhyl was the original tower, but permission was withdrawn. Buckley was substituted, but very regretfully it was decided that it was too far away. Eight of the band, however, went to Bodellwyddan, near Rhyl, where is the famous marble church, and obtained permission for a short ring. A very musical peal was found, tenor 14½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, the treble, fourth and tenor 1860, the others 1872. Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were the methods rung, and a local ringer entered the tower and said enthusiastically, 'That's what I call ringing.' With this the tour ended. Seven counties were visited, eleven peals rung out of thirteen attempts, whilst nine members of the band shared in the conducting, eight proving successful.

The thanks of the whole party are due to Mr. Robert Sperring and Mr. James Swindley for arrangements made in Chester and district; to Mr. W. Cathall for so much trouble taken in fixing up peals in a district where very few towers with bells are to be found; to the many clergy and towerkeepers for their permission and assistance; and to those kind friends who gave hospitality at Christleton and Llandudno. The three car drivers, too, deserve most sincere thanks for the hard work put in. To drive anything from 50 to 100 miles, and perhaps stand in two peals, is no bad day's work for any man. And drivers do not see the best of the scenery, especially when a bend on the road has to be negotiated about every 100 yards. So here's to the drivers!

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 18th. Forty-five members and friends were present from 16 towers, namely, Appleby Magna, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Derby, Exhall, Leek, Longton, Newcastle, Norton, Oversenle, Uttoxeter, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent and Tunstall.

A service was held conducted by the Rev. W. E. Charlton (Vicar of Uttoxeter). The Vicar extended a warm welcome to all present and referred to the loss of Mr. R. G. Lewis since the last meeting at Uttoxeter. Mr. R. G. Lewis was not only a good ringer, but a very good churchman and had been greatly missed.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, hon. secretary of the Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association, expressed the pleasure of the visitors at being present.

Four new members were elected, viz., F. G. Parker, L. A. Smart, F. L. Oliver and E. Oliver, all of Uttoxeter.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, Leek and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. A. D. Steel took over the official duty of Ringing Master for eight-bell towers, for the first time, and discharged the office very successfully.

A RECORD OF FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.**PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY.**

Two interesting peal boards were unveiled at the Priory Church, Christchurch, on September 18th. One recorded the peal of Bob Maximus, rung by the local band on April 14th, 1937, the first by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, in honour of the jubilee of Mr. George Preston, a ringer for 50 years at this church. The other board recorded a peal of Grandsire Cinques, in which six ringers rang their first peal on twelve bells.

Many visiting ringers attended the ceremony, and among those present were the Vicar of Christchurch (Canon Gay, R.D., C.F.), the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch (Alderman and Mrs. D. Galtou), Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. W. Andrews (captain of the Winchester band), Mr. George Preston (who is secretary of the Christchurch District of the Guild and captain of the local band), Mr. A. Troke and Mr. Walter Tucker (churchwardens).

The dedication was prefaced by a short service, conducted by Canon Gay, including prayers and hymns suitable to the occasion.

The tablet recording the attainment of the local band, covered by a Union Jack, was unveiled by the Mayoress, and the other, draped by St. George's cross, was ceremonially disclosed by Miss B. Stewart, of Ferndown, the daughter of Mr. Martin Stewart, the donor of the tablet, who took part in the peal. After the ceremony the memorials were dedicated by Canon Gay.

During the ringing which followed the unveiling, the rope of the bell which Mr. Preston was ringing broke below the sally, and in endeavouring to prevent the loose end doing any damage he sustained a heavy fall, fortunately with no worse results than a slight shaking.

Following tea at the King's Arms Hotel, Mr. Preston thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for presenting the board recording the peal of Bob Maximus, rung to commemorate his 50 years as a ringer at the Priory Church.

During that time, he said, I have seen many changes, but I can honestly say I do not for one moment regret the time I have spent in the tower; in fact, I am proud of being a ringer at the Priory; during my 50 years' service there I have made many friends from all parts of Great Britain.

'I do regret, however, the fact that our young churchmen do not show more eagerness to learn the art of campanology, so as to carry on the good work as the old ones die out; if they would only come forward I should be only too pleased to welcome and teach them all I know concerning ringing. Although these young people are so shy in coming forward, when the time comes that I have to leave the tower, I think it may safely be said that I shall leave it much better than I found it.'

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. PRESTON.

Mr. Preston extended his thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for visiting the ringing chamber to unveil the tablet, and to Mr. Stewart, of Ferndown, for presenting the board recording the peal of Grandsire Cinques, and to Miss Stewart, who had come to unveil it. He had Cinques, and to Miss Stewart, who had come to unveil it.

Mr. Preston thanked Canon Gay for the trust and confidence which he always showed in the ringers, for his readiness at all times to grant him the use of the bells, and for dedicating the two peal boards. He also extended his thanks to Mr. D. Llewellyn for assistance rendered with repairs to the bells. Finally he thanked the Priory ringers for their loyalty to him at all times, for without their co-operation, he said, he could not have done what he had.

Canon Gay referred with admiration to the work which had made the records possible, and said that much of the enthusiasm for bell-ringing in the diocese was due to Mr. Preston, who had instructed so many people in the art.

The Mayor of Christchurch spoke of the pleasure which it had given the Mayoress and himself to be present, and he extended to his old friend, Mr. George Preston, his heartiest congratulations on the completion of 50 years' ringing in the Priory tower. There was no doubt his fellow-ringers appreciated his leadership to the full and that the officials of the church valued his work. He had no doubt, also, that the people of the Borough of Christchurch would like to be associated with the congratulations.

Mr. Martin Stewart said he always thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Priory, because the Christchurch ringers had a way of diffusing happiness to all.

In presenting one of the tablets, he was only contributing a small quota to a tower, the walls of which were already becoming too small to hold the many memorials of past records. The Priory tower was the centre of bell-ringing in this district, and that was largely due to the great work of Mr. George Preston. It might be thought that a review of past years and records made them feel old. This was not so. 'One enjoys a kind of perpetual youth in bell-ringing,' he declared.

Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild) told his audience that he had rung in the Priory tower before many of them had been born. It was in 1888 that he had come to Christchurch to ring the first peal on the bells.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild) congratulated the local ringers for the work they were doing in twelve-bell ringing.

As a member of the Priory bellringers, Mr. F. A. Sparshott said that they fully appreciated the fine instruction and training they received from Mr. Preston, and they considered it a privilege to ring with him. It had been their greatest pleasure to give him loyal support.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. TERCENTENARY DINNER.

All seats for the dinner on November 6th are now booked up, and no further applications can be received.

Detailed arrangements for the day will be published about a fortnight before the date.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th (nomination night), at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Lambeth Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 7.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, in memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon (founder and first president) and past officers of the association, will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, October 9th, at 6 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon: Parish Church (12), St. Michael's, Headingley (8), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the South-Eastern Division will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 9th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege's (6) and St. Dunstan's (6) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cathedral (12) after meeting only. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the St. James' Society.—Charles R. Raine, 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Elston, near Newark, on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing on the six, 3 to 9 p.m. Please notify me for tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Terrington St. John on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like *you* to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (9) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify for tea, if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Benington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Desford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Kindly send cards for tea arrangements to A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. K. G. Sandberg).—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting, as they will also be able to view the illuminations after the ringing.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Netley Abbey on October 9th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Southampton (St. Mary's) bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Grinstead (six bells) on Saturday, October 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.45, followed by the annual business meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. The secretary hopes to be present. All ringers wishing to see him, please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

'NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR.'—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open Saturday, October 9th, 5 to 8 p.m. Hearty welcome to all visiting ringers.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of term will be on Tuesday, October 12th, at 8.30 p.m. in the Bursar's Room, Keble College. Any ringer coming up will be welcome. Special attention is given to the teaching of beginners. Any particulars will be given by the secretary, the Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Wednesday, October 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send number for tea as soon as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Please do your best to attend. The success of the meeting depends on you.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at a small charge) in the Parish Hall, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Please send word by Tuesday, October 12th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m., when the subject of creating a Branch Ringing Master will be discussed. Will you please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stoneycroft.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeob, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available 4 p.m. This peal has just been recast. All are welcome.—J. P. Turlton, Dis. Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, October 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD (Chippenham Branch) will held their October meeting at Colerne on Saturday, October 16th. Eight bells, good going, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea after service. Will visitors requiring tea please notify early?—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting at 5 p.m. Intending visitors desiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, October 12th. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, the Schoolroom, 5, followed by a short meeting. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring teas please notify Mr. J. Fitzgerald, 22, Cross Street, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley. A hearty welcome to all.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton.

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HERTFORDSHIRE AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. The peal of eight at Linslade will also be available. Numbers for tea, etc., to Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, or F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available for short periods from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Committee meet 4 p.m., at No. 8, Trinity Street. Tea in the Riverside Cafe at 4.30. Service, with address, in Holy Trinity Church at 5.30, followed by general business meeting in the tower. Future meetings at Stratford will depend on your attendance at this meeting.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—An informal meeting will be held at Garveston on October 16th (not 9th). Bells from 2.30. One mile from Thuxton Station. All are welcome.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wing, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 by invitation of the Vicar. You will be very welcome. Just drop me a card.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, October 13th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting is arranged for Saturday, October 16th, at St. Mary's, Leyton (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me by Thursday, the 14th.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, Chelsea, S.W.10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, October 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (S. and W. District), and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's Church on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) from 3.15 and after tea. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. Social evening (refreshments) in the Hall from 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed, but will you endeavour to notify for tea, please. Note: Hillingdon (Swakeleys) station is unsuitable; book to Uxbridge.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, October 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—By the kind invitation of Canon H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A., R.D., the autumn meeting of the above district will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseale, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30, to be conducted by Canon Fitzherbert and Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 13th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee festival will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, at Alfreton. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Service in church, address by Rev. R. E. Birtwistle (an old member of the association). High tea at 6 o'clock in the Parish Church Mission Hall, Mansfield Road. Tickets, 2s. gents, 1s. 6d. ladies. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach me by Monday, October 18th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavel's, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, October 20th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Willersey on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (6), which have recently been rehung, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart Church (R.C.), Talbot Road, on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing on the eight bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner will take place on Saturday, October 30th, at the County Hotel, Promenade, Blackpool, at 6 p.m. prompt. Please purchase your tickets early.

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