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**A GREAT CELEBRATION.**

Three hundred years of ringing history was celebrated in London on Saturday, and celebrated in a manner unparalleled in the whole story of the Exercise. The Ancient Society of College Youths was honoured, by its members and friends alike, in a manner befitting a great occasion and in a spirit characteristic of the freemasonry which underlies our craft. Not only was the celebration a bellringers' festival, the greatest of its kind ever staged, but it was a tribute to the respect in which the venerable society is held throughout the length and breadth of the land wherever change ringing is practised. The Ancient Society of College Youths is regarded as the parent of change ringing, and to its support in its early days is probably due, in no small measure, the preservation and development of the art, which has become recognised, the world over, as so peculiarly English.

And Saturday's proceedings were also peculiarly English, marked as they were by a service of thanksgiving and a feast. Few who were present under the great dome of St. Paul's Cathedral will forget the impressive service, departing very little from the customary daily evensong, yet sufficiently distinguished in detail to strike the appropriate note. And then the great gathering later on round the festive board, honoured by a distinguished company of guests and shared by ringers from nearly every corner of England, as well as Wales and Scotland. Never before has such a representative company of ringers dined together, and this in itself was a tribute to the Society. The presence of the Lord Mayor of London was a significant gesture, for, apart from the legendary association of the College Youths with Whittington, the society throughout its history has had a connection with the life of London, for its members have been responsible through the centuries for ringing many of the bells of the city on the great civic and royal occasions. And the link was strengthened on Saturday by the little ceremony in the courtyard of St. Dionis' Hall, where was unveiled the renovated tomb of Sir Henry Tulse, the only man who has been Master of the Society while filling the office of Lord Mayor.

For everyone who was present at the tercentenary celebration, the occasion was a great event; but many also felt it to be a parting of the ways. By his own desire, the Ancient Society is 'dropping the pilot.' On Tuesday Mr. William T. Cockerill relinquished the office of hon. secretary after having served it for forty-six years, in the course of which he has earned not only the respect and esteem of the members, but has won the affection of those by whom he has been surrounded in the affairs of the society.

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Forty-six years is a lifetime of service; from first to last it has been filled with ability and efficiency. William Cockerill has been throughout the ringing life of most ringers the personification of the Ancient Society of College Youths; small wonder, therefore, that his departure is a matter of deep regret. The gift which was made to him on Saturday, on his retirement, is but a very small token of the appreciation in which his long service is held, but the cheers which were given and the lustiness of the 'musical honours' must have assured Mr. Cockerill, if any assurance were needed, of the place which he holds in the hearts of the members. Time is inexorable; another will follow Mr. Cockerill; the College Youths will gain a new inspiration from the tercentenary, and will, we hope, for yet further centuries, continue to be one of the pillars of the Exercise and the art of change ringing.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK WEST . . . . .	Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM . . . . .	7
FRED HAYES . . . . .	2	*GEORGE F. HINTON . . . . .	8
RALPH COLES . . . . .	3	LEONARD STILWELL . . . . .	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL . . . . .	4	CECIL A. SMITH . . . . .	10
V. DONALD BOREHAM . . . . .	5	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN . . . . .	11
EDWARD R. COLES . . . . .	6	HARRY WINGROVE . . . . .	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the dedication of the bells after restoration and augmentation. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except ringer of the 4th. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON . . . . .	Treble	FRED SALTER . . . . .	6
COLIN HARRISON . . . . .	2	*CHARLES ALISON . . . . .	7
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD . . . . .	3	*LESLIE W. ST. VENS . . . . .	8
JOHN SADDINGTON . . . . .	4	RALPH NARBOROUGH . . . . .	9
JOHN GRUNDY . . . . .	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS . . . . .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON . . . . .	Treble	*HOWARD HOWELL . . . . .	6
G. RONALD EDWARDS . . . . .	2	BARNABAS G. KEY . . . . .	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER . . . . .	3	HAROLD SMITH . . . . .	8
ALFRED BALLARD . . . . .	4	RALPH NARBOROUGH . . . . .	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON . . . . .	5	COLIN HARRISON . . . . .	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal of Royal.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)On Wednesday, October 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... ..	5
ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... ..	2	FRANK SADLER ... ..	6
JOHN HALL ... ..	3	GEORGE A. KING ... ..	7
J. WILLIAM HEATH ... ..	4	GEORGE MOISEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung, at the request of the relatives, with open clappers as an 'in memoriam' peal, on the 24th birthday of the late Mr. Douglas J. Pethard, B.Sc., ringer, chorister and Sunday School teacher.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. ROOT ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH UPTON ... ..	5
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... ..	2	KENNETH A. ROE ... ..	6
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE ... ..	3	DENNIS DARBY ... ..	7
WALTER BREWIN ... ..	4	EDWIN LLOYD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.'

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... ..	Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... ..	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... ..	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... ..	6
MARIE R. CROSS ... ..	3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... ..	7
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... ..	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 4th bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS ... ..	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	6
WILLIAM SEORT ... ..	3	JOHN LLOYD ... ..	7
THOMAS HEMMING ... ..	4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	Tenor

Witness—Bernard Lawton.

This peal was rung 'silent,' and is the first peal of 'silent' Surprise for the association.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... ..	Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH ... ..	5
GEORGE GREEN ... ..	2	HARRY WAIN ... ..	6
PERCY GREEN ... ..	3	RONALD SUCKLING ... ..	7
HARRY CARTER ... ..	4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and in the county of Essex. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., late Master of the Essex Association.

HEANOR, DERRYSHIRE.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday evening, October 3rd, for harvest festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Stirland 1, J. E. Hobbs 2, W. P. Stirland 3, A. Elliott 4, J. Murrell 5, A. Wathall 6, R. D. St. J. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Cox 8.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... ..	Treble	†JAMES W. JENNINGS ... ..	5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... ..	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... ..	6
†JOHN ARBON ... ..	3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ..	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... ..	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

\* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... ..	5
CHARLES W. LOOME ... ..	2	*FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... ..	6
STANLEY W. COPLING ... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
CHARLES BAKER ... ..	4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... ..	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURY ... ..	5
LESTER GRAY ... ..	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... ..	6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... ..	3	FRANK VARTY ... ..	7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... ..	4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD ROSE ... ..	Treble	*EDWARD STEELE ... ..	5
EDMUND ATKINSON ... ..	2	ALAN D. STEEL ... ..	6
*WILLIAM H. BLOOR ... ..	3	*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... ..	7
*NEVEL R. HOLLAND ... ..	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

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

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	2	JOHN WALDEN ... ..	6
JACK BRAY ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	7
JOHN FREEMAN ... ..	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

J. Bray has now 'circled' the tower.

PRESTBURY, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM DYER ... ..	5
WALTER YEEND ... ..	2	CHARLES W. MARTIN ... ..	6
HAROLD HALFORD ... ..	3	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... ..	7
GEORGE H. WALTERS ... ..	4	THOMAS BOREHAM ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. BALLINGER.

Rung for the tercentenary commemoration of the society.

STANDISH, WIGAN, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*GEORGE T. JENES ... .. 3
*SYDNEY FORSEBAY ... .. 2	JAMES S. HORRIDGE ... .. 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 3	JAMES W. MELDRUM ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	JOHN BROWN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

\* First peal of Major.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 4, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. CARTER'S No. 32.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*ALFRED BUCKLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 5
*HARRY T. HIGGINS ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3	†JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4	*WILLIAM WALKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples and first of Triples as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival and for the 50th anniversary of the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, November 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the tercentenary of the society.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. COREY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Composition No. 190 is rung for the first time.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	JOHN FORD ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 6
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... .. 3	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 7
*GEORGE R. FINCH ... .. 4	ALDERMAN LING ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

\* First peal of Bob Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Waters, of Bredfield, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 3
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
DENIS J. HOLDEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK HOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung for the festival of All Saints. First peal in the method on the recast bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung on the sixtieth anniversary of the first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association, 5,152 Superlative Surprise Major at this church.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERT MAY ... .. Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY ... .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. 6
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 7
WILFRED L. RAYNER ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by G. A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 7
*HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

*MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. Treble	*JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 6
†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 7
*BRYAN O'NEILL ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. First peal on the bells by a local band and first peal of Major for the St. Peter's Society. A compliment to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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## SUNDERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
WILLIAM ARMOUR ... .. 2	REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 6
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 3	ROBERT S. ANDERSON... .. 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. R. L. Patterson on the eve of her birthday. First peal in the method as conductor.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## CLAVERING, ESSEX.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 27, 1937, in Two Hours &amp; Forty Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CLEMENT,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	BARNARD PAYMORE ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 2	ERNEST J. OVERALL ... .. 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal upon the bells.

## OAKLEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with eight callings.

JOHN HILSON ... .. Treble	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. 3
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 4

REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harlow on the 52nd anniversary of their wedding. It was the first peal in the method by the band and in the county.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1937, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble	JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2	LESLIE STEVENS ... .. 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

## EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently, being two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK TORLEY ... .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 4
LIONEL PARKIN ... .. 2	REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 3	CHARLES POULTNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES POULTNEY.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

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## RISELEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

* EDWARD PENTLOW ... .. Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... .. 3
GEORGE SETH ... .. 2	R. S. LITCHFIELD ... .. 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal. Rung on the vigil of All Saints.

## WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH J. CARLTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... .. 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. Cornes, an enthusiastic churchworker for upwards of 50 years.

## SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* CHARLES JACKSON ... .. Treble	KENNETH THACKER ... .. 4
SIDNEY THOMPSON ... .. 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 5
† G. ERNEST KETTLE ... .. 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW THOMPSON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York and Norwich Surprise, Wragby, Kingston, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WALLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... .. 4
HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 2	THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

## COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... Treble	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 4
* HARRY CARTER ... .. 2	THOMAS BIRD ... .. 5
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. C. Lyon, a member of the local band

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Primrose; (2) Beverley; (3) Netherseale; (4) York; (5) Durham; (6) London; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANCIS TOMPKINS ... .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	* FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. Rung in honour of All Saints' Day.

## CLIFTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, November 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... Treble	ARTHUR DILLEY ... .. 4
JOHN CRONCH ... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 5
* LAURIE WILTON ... .. 3	PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. TOMPKINS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

## BRASTED, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Friday, November 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

HERBERT J. FORD ... .. Treble	* JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 4
ROBERT COLLINS ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER BARKER ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\* 50th peal. Rung on the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the society. First peal in nine methods by all except the conductor.

## PEAL NOTES.

A peal of Bob Major by Annable was rung at Longton, Staffs, on October 30th, when six of the ringers rang their first peal in the method. It was also the first in the method and the quickest peal on the bells, the time being 2 hours 50 minutes. It was Mr. William Carnwell's fortieth peal.

As a birthday compliment to Messrs. E. V. Rodenburt (Hodnet), A. Lea, sen. (Wrexham) and W. J. Chesters (Market Drayton), a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Tarporley, Cheshire, on October 30th.

A peal of St. Clement's College Bob at Widford, Essex, on October 30th, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., formerly Master of the Essex Association.

It was the first peal in the method by all the band and in the county and was rung without any previous practice. Moreover, it was Mr. Harry Carter's first attempt for a peal of any kind.

With a peal of London Surprise at Harmston, Lincs, on October 30th, Mr. Jack Bray completed the 'circle' of the tower.

A 'silent' peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by members of the Worcestershire Association at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on October 30th. It was the first silent Surprise peal by the association. As none of the band recollect a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major being rung 'silent,' they would like to know if there has been one rung before this.

Seven out of the eight members of the band at Drayton, Berks, on October 30th, rang their first peal of Bristol Surprise. The one 'unstarred' member of the band was the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Mr. J. Walley rang his sixtieth peal on October 30th when he took part in seven 720's of Surprise and Treble Bob Minor at Cheddleton, Staffordshire.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques at High Wycombe was rung on Sunday, October 31st, to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the dedication of the bells after their restoration and augmentation. It was the first peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the ringers except Mr. W. H. Fussell, who last had this distinction in far off Melbourne.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor at Clifton, Beds, on November 1st, was rung to congratulate Arthur Dilley (the ringer of the fourth) on the birth of a son.

Without having previously struck a blow in five of the methods, Francis Kirk rang his first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods at Apsley End, Herts, on November 1st.

Forty-two six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles were rung in a peal at Oakley, Beds, on October 28th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haylow, on the 52nd anniversary of their wedding. The method was chosen because it was SS. Simon and Jude's Day, and the performance is claimed as the first peal in the method in the county. We doubt if another peal consisting exclusively of this method has been rung anywhere before.

Mr. Douglas J. Pethard, B.Sc., a ringer, chorister and Sunday School teacher at Badsey, Worcestershire, recently lost his life while bathing in Austria. On October 27th, the 24th anniversary of his birth, a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in memoriam' was rung at Badsey. The bells were rung open, at the request of the relatives.

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## PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous column.)

Geoffrey Harrison, of Loughborough, the young son of Mr. Colin Harrison, has rung a peal of Minor and his first peal of Treble Bob Royal within a week. Both were on the Bell Foundry bells, and it says much for his skill in 'handling' that he piloted the treble through both. The Minor was rung on the front bells. Even the tenor of this six weighs only a little over 2½ cwt.

Following on this performance Geoffrey rang two peals in one day last Saturday. Five hours and a quarter's ringing for a boy of 14 is a good proof of stamina.

A peal which the band believe to be the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by all 'local' members of the Ancient Society of College Youths was rung at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on November 3rd. Perhaps someone can tell us if the claim is correct?

Mr. Sydney Flint, who now lives in Yorkshire, took part in a peal at Standish, Lancs, which was specially arranged for him, on November 3rd. His last previous peal in Lancashire was rung 41 years ago.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, now in his 75th year, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on November 6th, arranged as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Sene for his 70th birthday.

A local band of Royal Cumberlands at Burnham, Bucks, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major as a compliment to their 'compunological rivals,' the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Saturday. It was the first peal on the bells by a local band and the first peal of Major by St. Peter's (Burnham) Society.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cheal and a farewell to Mr. W. N. Rayner, who is leaving the district to go to Maidstone, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Rainham, Kent, on November 6th.

On November 6th an interesting anniversary was celebrated at Redenhall, Norfolk. On that day in 1877 the first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association, a peal of 5,152 Superlative Surprise Major, was rung. The same composition was rung last Saturday, conducted by Ernest Whiting, whose father took part in the first peal.

It is an unusual thing to find ringers completing the series in a method from Doubles to Cinques, with Triples, but Messrs. Alfred Buckley, who rang his first peal of Triples, and J. S. Eastwood did this on November 4th at Bloxwich. They had previously rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Caters and Cinques.

The peal was rung for the patronal festival of the church, the 50th anniversary of the bells and on the eve of the 45th anniversary of Mr. T. J. Elton's first peal in the tower.

The ringer of the treble in the Ladies' Guild peal of Double Norwich at Harlow Common on October 30th was Ellen E. Davis.

## THE TERCENTENARY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS. HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON.

### Ringers from all England Honour The Ancient Society.

With a series of events of outstanding interest to ringers in every part of the world, the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded on November 5th, 1637, has celebrated its tercentenary.

On Friday, the 300th anniversary, wreaths of laurel were deposited in the appropriate churches in memory of Lord Brereton, a founder and first Master of the Society; Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, Master in 1682, and Benjamin Annable, of London, Master in 1746.

On Saturday hundreds of ringers flocked to the Metropolis for the principal celebrations. Following ringing at many of the City Churches, the restored memorial to Sir Henry Tulse (Lord Mayor and Master in 1684) was unveiled in what remains of the churchyard of St. Dionis Backchurch.

Afterwards a congregation of nearly two thousand joined in a service of thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral, while, later on, a company of over four hundred, including some distinguished guests, dined together at the Cannon Street Hotel. Many interesting speeches were made, and in the course of the proceedings there was a presentation to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the retiring honorary secretary, who has given forty-six years' service to the Society.

Ringers came from all parts of the country to take part in the festivities, and many spent the hours between noon and three o'clock in a round of famous London towers to take part in ringing. St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Giles', Cripplegate, of the twelve-bell towers; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. Clement Danes (ten bells), and St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Andrew's, Holborn (eight bells) were open, each in charge of a member of the society.

### A DISTINGUISHED MASTER.

#### MEMORIAL TO SIR HENRY TULSE.

In a little courtyard opening off Lime Street, a narrow thoroughfare between Fenchurch and Leadenhall Streets, is the tombstone of one of the members of the College Youths who in the troublous days of the Stuarts was Lord Mayor of London and at the same time held the office of Master of the Society. This little Courtyard, this backwater of the busy city, is all that remains of the churchyard of St. Dionis Backchurch, a church rebuilt after the great fire of 1666, but demolished about 70 years ago. When this demolition took place, most of the memorial stones were removed, but that of Sir Henry Tulse, a benefactor of the church where his remains rested for 170 years, was left, and there it has remained, all but forgotten ever since. To Mr. E. Alex Young, himself a Past Master of the society, is due the 'rediscovery' of the stone, and it was a fitting act on the part of the College Youths to restore the inscription.

Cut in a large and straggling lettering, the original memorial reads as follows:—

In a Vault under-neath  
this Stone Lyes Buryed the Body  
of Sir HENRY TULSE who Departed  
this Life the 31st day of  
August 1689

The society has now added a bronze plate bearing the following inscription:—

'Sir Henry Tulse was a Benefactor of the Church of St. Dionis Backchurch (formerly adjoining). He was also Grocer, Alderman and Lord Mayor of this City.

'In his memory this tombstone was restored November, 1937, by the Ancient Society of College Youths (during the 300th year of the Society's foundation). He was Master of the Society during his Mayoralty in 1684.'

A gathering, which almost filled the Courtyard and included the Master and many Past Masters of the society, assembled for the unveiling ceremony at three o'clock.

Laurels and flowers stood at the head of the tomb and on it was laid a simple bunch of violets bearing a card which said: 'An affectionate tribute from a present Past Master to one who has gone before. 1637-1684-1937.'

The Rector of the parish of St. Edmund the King, Lombard Street, with which the parish of St. Dionis is now united, conducted the service, which was also attended by the Rev. W. H. Stewart Dumphreys, Vicar of the daughter church of St. Dionis, Parsons Green. The ceremony opened with a course of Stedman Caters and three whole pulls in slow time rung on handbells round the stone by Birmingham district members of the society: Messrs. F. E. Haynes, F. E. Pervin, A. Walker, G. F. Swann and A. Paddon Smith.

The Rector then offered suitable prayers, and Mr. E. A. Young read the lesson from Ecclesiasticus xlv., 1-15, beginning 'Let us now praise famous men.'

The Master, before unveiling the memorial, said they owed to Mr. Young's researches their knowledge of the stone. The inscription was almost indecipherable, but luckily it was known what was written

thereon. The society had, therefore, been able to have the original inscription restored and to add a small tablet to the stone. He wished to say how pleased they were that the Rector and wardens of St. Dionis had met them in the matter and allowed them to pay that small tribute to one of their former Masters. They were sorry that the Master of the Grocers' Company, of which Sir Henry Tulse was a member, was not able to be present through illness.

Mr. Lewis then withdrew the sheet which had veiled the memorial.

The Rector, in an address, said those who had studied the subject would have noticed that there was a marked difference between public

### THE TOMB OF SIR HENRY TULSE.



[Photo: Topical Press.]

The Rev. Canon Tissington Tatlow giving his address on Sir Henry Tulse, after the unveiling of the restored memorial. Beneath the ancient inscription is the tablet added by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

life in this country and in all the European countries. It had been his lot to see something of public life in the great cities of Europe from Paris to Constantinople, and he had noticed two things. One was that it was not the custom for men prominent in the life of those countries to render public service freely in those great cities, and the second thing he had noticed was that they did not give freely of their substance to objects which, in this country, called forth generous support—hospitals, education, recreation of the people and charitable help of all kinds. Our traditions were different, and in consequence our public life was of a finer quality than anywhere else in the world. This idea of giving both service, and money if they were able, had had a profound influence upon our national life. For centuries the City of London had given and still gave an example of public service which the more intimately they of the city came to know it the more deeply they respected it, and they held in high honour all those who had helped to make or uphold their traditions of public life.



Such a one was Sir Henry Tulse, in whose memory they had gathered that afternoon and whom they desired to honour.

About Sir Henry's private life they knew very little, not even the exact date of his birth. That was believed to have been in the year 1625. He was the son of William Tulse, described as 'gentleman of Avon, Hampshire.'

Tulse was born in a very difficult period of English history, as difficult as that in which we were living at the present time. The speaker gave a brief historical review of those troublous days in which Tulse lived and said that Sir Henry was both a spectator and an actor and he played his part well. He had to react to the intrigue and subtle crossplay of Charles II., and then to the impatient bigotry of his successor, James. It was more than interesting to observe that he was 'King's Friend' when nominated as a Royalist Mayor to a disturbed city only just dispossessed of its ancient Charter by Charles II.; and, again, that later Tulse was to pose as the Church's friend when James II. removed him from the Aldermanic Court for obstruction. But the final act was when William and Mary restored with honour Tulse and all those Aldermen who had been ejected, of whatever party, in 1688.

In civic life, Tulse was recorded to have entered the Worshipful Company of Grocers. He was admitted to the Freedom in 1643, was Warden in 1673 and served as Master in 1681. In 1673 he was elected Alderman of Bread Street Ward, having probably already served several years on the Court of Common Council. In the same year he was elected Sheriff and served in the office of Mayor in 1683-84.

He had joined 'The Company of College Youths' in 1659, was steward in 1674 and Master during his Mayoralty in 1684. The College Youths were Royalists almost to a man, and this was probably one of the links which made Tulse a 'King's man.' He was also a member of the committee of the Honourable East India Company and president of Bethlem and Bridewell Hospitals. He died in 1689 and was buried in the Church of St. Dionis-Backchurch, then newly-rebuilt after the Great Fire.

The interesting ceremony concluded with further prayer and the Benediction.

## IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

### A MEMORABLE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

At half-past three the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, manned by the Cathedral company, began to ring for the service in which the members were to join. Large numbers of ringers listened to the splendidly struck Stedman Cinques on this noble peal of bells, a fitting prelude to the memorable service which was to follow. Ringers and their friends to the number of nearly two thousand had assembled under the great dome when the choir and clergy, with the Bishop of London, entered.

The service followed the ordinary form of evensong, but there were specially selected Psalms, cxlv., 'I will magnify Thee, O God, my King,' and cl., so often associated with ringers' meetings, 'O praise God in His holiness.'

The first lesson was from Ecclesiastics xlv., 1-15, and the second lesson from St. Luke xiv., 15-24. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Stanford in B flat. Purcell's anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was rendered and then for the first time in history hand-bells were heard in the great Cathedral. Standing in the choir, Messrs. W. Roughton, A. B. Peck, H. Langdon and W. Williams rang a course of Stedman Triples.

The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon of London, who took for his text the words, 'With good will do service as unto the Lord and not unto men,' Ephesians vi., 7. 'We welcome at our evensong this afternoon,' he said, 'the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, an honourable institution, keeping their three hundredth anniversary; a body of men who, one after the other for 300 years, have given continuous service to our Church. We rejoice with you all on this happy occasion, and we join with you in your service of thanksgiving. The Lord Bishop of this diocese, the Dean and the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral bid you Godspeed in your work. It is very fitting that you should come together here this afternoon, for bellringing has been connected with the subject of worship from the earliest times.

'Your work is a service not always as much recognised and appreciated as it should be. I admire the team spirit amongst you. You cannot do without one another; it is a service of united and kindred spirits giving forth a message to all who hear your music. Sometimes it is the music of joy and happiness; sometimes it is in muffled tones, speaking of sorrow and passing, but more often Sunday by Sunday your music is a call to worship. "O come let us worship," ring out the bells, "come, for all things are now ready."

The treatment of the message, continued the Archdeacon, might be as it was when our Lord spoke in His parables of 'some who began to make excuses,' but their message was clear, that the House of God was there, its gates open to welcome them, and the opportunity of worship awaiting them. If they would draw nigh to Him, He promised to draw nigh to them.

'You,' proceeded the Archdeacon, 'give the message; those who hear have the responsibility of accepting or rejecting it. And the giving of the message is a real service. Your message is heard not only in the cities and towns and country villages in our own land, but now, by means of the wireless, those bells which you heard ringing

## SIR HENRY TULSE.

### LORD MAYOR AND MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Four members of the Society of College Youths have been Lord Mayors of London, but three of them held that office after they had long since ceased to be actively connected with the society. Sir Henry Tulse was Master of the College Youths in the same year that he was Lord Mayor.

He owed his importance and his position to the political struggles of the reign of Charles II.—the same struggles which (as I have pointed out in my book) brought another College Youth, Sir Francis Withens, to the fore. The popular party, or the Whigs as they were afterwards called, were strong in London, and one of the main endeavours of the Government was to crush them and to get the control of the city into the hands of the Tories, or the Court party. Tulse was a strong Tory, and when he and Robert Geoffrey were elected Sheriffs in 1673, Sir John Robison wrote to Joseph Williamson, the Secretary of State, that they were 'good' men. A little later he wrote, 'We have settled a Lord Mayor, Sir William Hooker, who, I hope, will prove a good one, with two Sheriffs, Alderman Tulse and Deputy Jefferies, honest men.' 'Good' and 'honest,' of course, meant that they would do what the Government wanted.

In 1681 the City drew up a petition to the King praying for the calling of a Parliament, and appointed a number of leading citizens to present it. Tulse was one, but he refused to serve, and, when the deputation went to Windsor, he was not among them.

In the next year he was one of four candidates for the office of Lord Mayor, two being Whigs and two Tories. The two Whigs received 2,289 and 2,258 votes respectively. Pritchard, one of the Tories, received 2,233, but Tulse only 236. This was by arrangement so as not to split the Tory vote, and in the end, after a scrutiny, Pritchard was declared elected.

The Government had now secured control of London, and, to make the control certain, they served a writ, quo warranto, calling on the City to show cause why its Charter should not be annulled on account of alleged irregularities. The result was that the City lost its rights and privileges, which were not restored until the last year of the reign of James II., so when Tulse was made Lord Mayor in 1683 it was not by a free vote of the citizens, but on the nomination of the Crown.

Some of Tulse's opponents brought a legal action against him, alleging that he and his fellow Sheriff had illegally sold the post of Under Sheriff; but, after a petition to the King, a warrant was issued to the Attorney General to quash the proceedings.

Sir Henry Tulse was a benefactor of the parish of St. Dionis, Backchurch. When the church was rebuilt, after the fire of 1666, he gave a marble font and marble steps leading to it; and, when he died in 1689, he was buried inside the church in his own vault. When the church was pulled down the font was removed to St. Dionis', Parsons Green, and the stone slab which had covered the grave was transformed to the courtyard which marks the site of the old churchyard, and there it is now. It is this stone which has been renovated by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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just now, are heard ringing in distant parts of the Empire, and they bring to many lonely and isolated ones far away the thought of the old home, of the parish church and the old faiths; thoughts of God: thoughts of eternity.

'You, my brothers, must see to it that the life of the messenger rings true with his message and that the message is not spoiled by the one who gives it. So my brief message to you on this historical occasion is just this: With goodwill, and I know that there is much of that amongst you all, with goodwill do your service, ring your bells, give forth the message, renew the invitation far and wide, draw thoughts and aspirations towards those things which are unseen and eternal and let it all be unto the Lord. Get from Him, in this Cathedral Church on the 300th anniversary of the founding of your college, fresh inspiration, fresh courage, fresh vision of your work; lift it high unto the Lord and lose not His blessing upon your work by any sin or inconsistency in your own lives; go forth with fresh determination to ring forth the message of God's love and of His salvation, not only to the parishes of this land, but unto the far distant places of our Empire and the world, and whether they hear or whether they heed, with goodwill do your service as unto the Lord and not unto men.'

The hymn, 'A festal chime,' was sung after the address and was heartily joined in by the congregation. The words are by Clifford Bax and the refrain runs:—

In town and in village our church-bells to-day  
Cry 'Come, you good people, and put care away,  
For He who made blossom and sunlight and May,  
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.'

Sung to 'St. Denio,' it goes with a swing that seemed, in the words of the hymn itself, to put care away. And then, as the last notes passed in space, in the great hush of the Cathedral came the benediction of the Bishop of London, a blessing upon the people and upon the work of the ringers.

This service in St. Paul's will be remembered when many other things connected with the twocentenary celebrations are forgotten.



## HANDBELLS IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The celebration, on Saturday, of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was one of the most historic events in all the centuries of church bellringing. This issue of 'The Ringing World,' enlarged for the purpose, is a 'Tercentenary Number,' and our readers, who will peruse with interest our full report of the various ceremonies, will also, we feel sure, pardon us for holding over other contributions which have been sent for publication this week.

It is customary for the stewards of the College Youths' dinner to wear a distinguishing badge, identified in some way with the Master for the year. The badge on this occasion consisted of an ingeniously contrived Portland cement button, with a rosette in the Cambridge University Guild colours of light blue and 'bell metal.'

The three lady members of the society attended the dinner and sat together at the top table. They are Mrs. E. Wilkins, Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mrs. Cann.

About 50 members of the Central Council, including the president, hon. secretary and hon. librarian, were present.

Among the oldest members at dinner was Mr. Robert Maynard, of Walthamstow, who joined in 1877, while the member who had travelled the greatest distance was Mr. B. H. Swinson, who had come from Egypt!

Nearly every association and guild in the country was represented at the dinner, directly or indirectly.

The Australian societies were well represented. Seven members of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, and of the Holy Trinity Association, Hobart, were present at the celebration.

Another 'overseas' ringer, who was present at Victoria, British Columbia, when the bells at the Cathedral there were opened last year, was among the company. He was Mr. A. E. Troiman, who made the journey from Belfast to attend Saturday's celebrations.

Many ringers who were unable to attend the dinner travelled long distances to be present at the service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The College Youths' huge 'birthday' cake, which occupied a conspicuous position in the reception room at the Cannon Street Hotel and was afterwards cut up and consumed by the company, was made by Miss A. T. Lewis (daughter of the Master), who holds the 'Cordon Bleu' of the National School of Cookery.

The design of the cake was striking. It was in three tiers, each appropriately decorated with panels and bells, and surmounted with an excellently modelled bell in sugar, complete with stock, wheel of correct design, and stay. The bell had actually been shaped with a miniature 'strickle board.'

The cake was a most artistic production, not only in appearance, but in its manufacture, and Miss Lewis, in her neat cookery 'uniform' and cap, carried in the top tier to the dining hall and handed it to the Master. Afterwards she assisted in serving the cake.

The statement in official notices that the reception room at Cannon Street Hotel would be 'suitably furnished' must have excited the curiosity of many people. The explanation was forthcoming after the guests had shaken hands with the Master. The furnishings were dispensed in glasses.

Among the many messages of congratulation received during the dinner there was special interest in these three—all from ladies:—

'The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers send heartiest congratulations on your tercentenary and best wishes for successful evening.—Fletcher, Honorary Secretary.'

'Hearty congratulations and good wishes from Mrs. C. D. P. Davies, in happy memory of C. D. P. D.'

'Good hunting to you, and may you never change but for the better. Hearty congratulations.—Dorothy L. Sayers.'

The senior member of the College Youths is Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, who was elected in 1874. The oldest surviving Past Master, Mr. J. Martin Routh, now living at Tilehurst, who was elected in 1885, is 93 years of age.

Some of the visitors to London, like Mr. Charles Sharples, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, had travelled all Friday night to reach London, and spent Saturday night (or rather the early hours of Sunday morning) travelling home again.

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, brought with him the dinner ticket and menu card of 1901, which was the last he had attended until this year. The dinner on that occasion was held at the Bridge Hotel, Southwark, and Mr. F. E. Dawe was Master.

After a vain attempt, lasting nearly an hour, to find his hat and coat in the cloakroom and elsewhere after the dinner, Mr. C. Sharples had almost given up hopes of discovering his property when the missing articles were brought from the other end of the hotel, and Mr. Sharples was left with just time to catch his return train at 12.30 a.m. to Blackpool. Mr. Sharples asks us to say that he was so relieved at the recovery of his belongings that he forgot to thank the finder sufficiently at the time, and desires now to do so.

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## THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

### Presentation to Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The customary anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths—an event which goes back, in an unbroken series, into the misty past—was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday evening.

The Master (Mr. E. H. Lewis) received members and guests to the number of over four hundred. In the reception room the historic peal and name books of the society were on view, and a huge birthday cake, on which was a fine model of a bell in sugar, was displayed.

Michael's, Cornhill), the Rev. R. French (Stepney), the Rev. Chancellor Ponsonby (Bow), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president, Midland Counties Association), the Rev. E. C. Turner (Cripplegate), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Major F. A. Yorke, Capt. H. J. Cann, Capt. Howard Freeborn, Mr. L. Porter (senior steward), Mr. J. Waugh (junior steward), etc.

The vice-chairman was Mr. E. P. Duffield (the Immediate Past Master), and among the officials of other societies present were the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Messrs. C. Sharples (vice-president, Lancashire Association); R. Richardson

### SOME OF THE PAST MASTERS WHO ATTENDED THE TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.



This picture was taken specially for 'The Ringing World.' Standing, left to right: E. A. Young (elected Master 1933), P. M. Mitchell (1932), W. H. Pasmore (1901), E. P. Duffield (1934-35), H. R. Newton (1898 and 1925), T. Groombridge, sen. (1926), A. A. Hughes (1914-17), R. T. Hibbert (1923), P. E. Clark (1924 and 1930), T. H. Taffender (1911).

Seated: J. S. Hawkins (1927 and 1931), C. S. Burden (1909), F. E. Dawe (1888-90 and 1892-93), E. H. Lewis (Master), W. D. Smith (1891 and 1903-4), C. F. Winney (trustee), J. W. Golding (1902).

The other surviving Past Masters, prevented by various reasons from being included in the picture, are J. Martin Routh (1885), A. B. Peck (1910), C. H. Horton (1918-19), and J. Bullock (1928).

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Dinner was served in the great Banqueting Hall, and the proceedings during the evening were extremely interesting and marked by great enthusiasm. Many old friends met again for the first time after long years, others enjoyed what, to them, has been an annual reunion. The arrangements had been excellently planned by the Dinner Committee, and the evening was a culminating triumph to a great commemoration.

Supporting the Master, who presided and wore the new badge of office, were the Lord Mayor of London (Sir George Broadbridge), who was wearing his jewelled badge, the Duke of Argyll, the Lord Bishop of London, the Earl of Cranbrook, the Bishop of Kensington, the Archdeacon of London, the Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. Matthews), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the society), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), the Rev. Canon Mosley (St. Paul's Cathedral), the Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), the Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Very Rev. Provost Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. Canon Douglas (St. Michael's, College Hill), the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Dunes), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (late Rector, St. Andrew's, Holborn), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus), the Rev. Prebendary Ellison (St.

(Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), S. E. Romans (Master, Gloucester and Bristol Association), F. E. Haynes (Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian), W. Hibbert (hon. secretary) and A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Bristol United Guilds), S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex Association), L. J. Clark (hon. secretary, Essex Association), G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary, Hertfordshire Association), G. H. Cross (Master) and G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer, Royal Cumberland Youths), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent Association), S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), A. Thompson (hon. secretary, North Staffordshire Association), etc., and ringers from almost every association and guild in the Kingdom.

During the dinner, Mr. F. E. Dawe, as the senior Past Master present, was invited to 'take wine with the Master.' He was glad to



## THE WHITTINGTON LEGEND.

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say there was another living who was senior to him, Mr. John Martin Routh, who had been elected to that office two years before he (Mr. Dawe) was. He had recently visited the old gentleman at his home at Tilehurst and found him in excellent health and spirits. Although pressed to attend this dinner, however, Mr. Routh had declared he was not quite equal to such an undertaking. He, however, wished to be very kindly remembered to all his old friends of 50 and 60 years ago, and wished them all a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Dawe went on to say that in talking over 'old times,' Mr. Routh wished him to announce to that gathering that it was his intention to bequeath his valuable 'ringing library' to the Ancient Society of College Youths! Mr. Dawe also stated that as Mr. Routh would in a very short time celebrate his 91st birthday, he was sure all present would heartily join him in wishing his old friend 'many happy returns of the day.'

The Master also 'took wine' with those who had been members of the society for more than 50 years, and it was gratifying to see that there were more than a dozen present.

The Master, before proposing the toast of 'The King,' pointed out that never had ringers shown their loyalty in such a practical form as they did this year at the time of the Coronation of their Majesties. More than 240 complete peals were rung on that occasion, a number which had never been approached for any other event, as far as was known (applause).

After 'The King,' the company, on the call of the Master, drank to the toast of 'The Queen, Queen Mary and the Royal Family.'

### THE SOCIETY'S CONNECTION WITH THE CITY.

The Master, in submitting the toast of 'The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and the Corporation of the City of London,' said he would like to say a little about the connection of that society with the civic authorities of London. This went back to their original connection with a famous Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Whittington. Mr. Trollope, in his very excellent history of the society, had rather discounted the theory that the society took its name from the College on College Hill, but he (the Master) thought it was rather nice to stick to that and thus get that indirect and possibly rather legendary connection with Dick Whittington. But Dick Whittington had another connection with bells, but not, he thought, with the change which they knew as the Whittington change, because if Whittington did sit on Highgate Hill and if he did hear Bow bells, he could not have heard eight bells, because there were not eight bells in Bow steeple at that time. What he heard was probably what we know as 'Queen's,' on six, which went quite well to the words 'Turn again, Whittington, thrice Lord Mayor of London.'

There had been, continued Mr. Lewis, several Lord Mayors who had been members of the society, at least four. In the case of one of them they had had a little ceremony that afternoon, but the society had probably rung for Lord Mayors on November 9th far longer than it had rung for the services of the Church. At the time the society was founded, the Church would not have much to do with ringing, as far as its services were concerned, and such ringing as took place was nearly all on secular or semi-secular occasions, including the election of the Lord Mayor on November 9th.

'We are quite sure,' added the Master, 'that the whole world to-day admires the stable civic government of London (applause) just as it admires the financial stability of London, and I think you will agree with me if I say we feel the present Lord Mayor has filled that office in a remarkable way during a very remarkable year (applause). He has nearly come to the end of his "touch." He has, I believe, only one and a half more official days after to-night, and, as the Dean of St. Paul's just now remarked, it is as if we are ringing him out of his office' (applause).

### LINK BETWEEN MANSION HOUSE AND BELLRINGERS.

The Lord Mayor was given a very warm reception on rising to reply, and began his speech by remarking, 'I am very pleased to be present at this tercentenary banquet of this Ancient Society of College Youths and to see them wearing their old school ties,' a comment which brought forth loud laughter. That gathering, he continued, was most interesting to him because of the fact that a Lord Mayor of London in 1684, in the reign of Charles II., was Master of that society, and they had been honouring the tomb of that Lord Mayor, by unveiling a tablet upon it that day. He was glad, therefore, by being present that night, to continue the link between the Mansion House and the bellringing fraternity (applause).

'I have heard some most beautiful and melodious music from peals of bells,' continued the Lord Mayor, 'and I have also heard some bells that have almost made one feel like being driven to crime (laughter). We, in the city, are fortunate in possessing what I may call the best known peal of bells in the world, those of Bow Church, which in the past, as already indicated by the Master, called back Richard Whittington to be Lord Mayor of London three times and which can now reach all parts of the world wherever the marvels of wireless are known.'

Oxford, said the Lord Mayor, had been called the city of dreaming spires. London was in far greater degree a city of spires, both actual and symbolic, but they could not be called dreaming ones; they were vital, they were alert, pointing the way spiritually and to material success and prosperity. Those who came into London were workers and not dreamers, and yet that deep religious feeling, which was

inherent in the hearts of all English people, found expression in so many of the city's ancient ceremonies and customs. It was no mere formality that, each Michaelmas Day, the Corporation of London attended divine worship and asked the blessing of Almighty God upon their choice of the new Lord Mayor; rather was it a tangible proof that the city's motto, 'Domine Dirige Nos,' applied to every phase of civic life. The city was proud of the fact that, whereas the Kings of England went to Westminster to be crowned, it was to the city they came to return thanks (applause).

As he was just going out of office, the Lord Mayor said he thought it might interest them to know one or two of the things he had accomplished or had gone through during his year. He had entertained at the Mansion House 36,000 people; he had attended 34 church services of traditional and ancient custom, he had been connected at the Mansion House with 92 charitable meetings, and had attended 55 functions connected with the Army, Navy and Police. He had broadcast seven times, he had had 40 Corporation meetings to attend, he had been present at 15 Coronation functions, 41 opening ceremonies of conferences, congresses and new buildings, he had attended 38 speech days, 14 royal functions and 97 luncheons and 177 dinners (laughter). In addition he had made 1,000 speeches, had visited 27 other towns and sat 152 times in the Mansion House Justice Room. That was a summary of what every Lord Mayor had, more or less, to go through, but when he told them that that represented only about 50 per cent. of his duties, it would give them a good idea of the strenuous time the Lord Mayor had during his term of office.

The dinner of the College Youths, he concluded, was the last dinner he would attend officially as Lord Mayor, and, therefore, in greeting them all, he had at the same time to take a farewell. He hoped the society would continue to add to its age and would continue to be prosperous and successful and that it would still give enjoyment to all those who loved to hear such beautiful bells (applause).

### CAMPANOLOGICAL 'LORD MAYOR.'

The Master next proposed the traditional toast to 'The Church,' but said he would first like to say how much they admired the list of engagements which the Lord Mayor had fulfilled (applause). Wearing his decoration (the Master's badge) he felt sometimes almost like a Lord Mayor himself (laughter). In fact, his predecessor, who had much better opportunity for its display than he (Mr. Lewis) had, was once actually taken for the Lord Mayor in a provincial town (laughter). He (the speaker) had a sort of feeling that being Master of the College Youths was, in a purely campanological sense, rather like being Lord Mayor of London, although he must apologise to the Master of the Cumberlands if he should take anything out of that remark more than there should be in it. The Lord Mayor of London, however, had this advantage over him, that he was not expected to hold office also as Speaker of the House of Commons at the same time (a reference to Mr. Lewis' office of president of the Central Council).

Coming to the toast, Mr. Lewis said it was not often that a layman had a chance of preaching to so many of the clergy as were present that night, and he supposed a sermon ought to have a text. His text came from Edmund Spenser's poem and was this:—

Ring ye the bells, ye young men of the towne,

And leave your wonted labors for this day:

This day is holy; doe ye write it downe,

That ye for ever it remember may.

That, said the Master, was one of his favourite ringing quotations, because it was written about 42 years before their society was founded and showed that ringing was an organised thing even at that time. When the society was founded ringing was almost entirely divorced from the Church, as far as the services were concerned, owing to Puritan influence, but the inborn love of bells kept ringing alive in a secular or semi-secular way, and when ringing took place it was on public occasions, for weddings and so on, and not, as a rule, for the services of the Church. So when the society was founded the members were generally young men of London, recruited largely from the Inns of Court and some of the young nobility, who rang as an exercise and to some extent as a sport. But in the middle of last century the Church began to recover from the Puritan influence and allowed things of beauty once again to be associated with its services, and beginning about the middle of the last century ringing for service first became general. To-day by far the greatest amount of ringing was done for the services of the Church (applause). Therefore, it was quite appropriate that one of their principal toasts should be the toast of 'The Church.'

### AN APPEAL TO THE CLERGY.

Describing the clergy as the 'commissioned officers' of the Church, the Master thanked them for the way in which they placed their towers at the service of the society in the City of London for their practices. They tried to reciprocate by ringing at those churches for services as far as they could, but it was rather difficult. Owing to the difficulties of transport and to the fact that so many ringers, owing to the decentralisation of London, lived at considerable distances from the city, and it was very difficult for members of the society to get up except on special occasions—he did not include in this those who rang regularly at St. Paul's Cathedral.

There was one thing he would like to say to the commissioned officers of the Church. In the Army and Navy officers took special courses in specialised subjects, and he would like to make an appeal that night that more of the clergy should take a special course in campanology



## COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE CHURCH.

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(applause). That, to his mind, was particularly necessary in these days, because in the last 15 or 20 years they seemed to have lost many of their prominent clerical ringers, most of them excellent ringers who had had the opportunity of learning to ring and learning to strike before they had the disadvantage, from the point of view of learning to ring, of wearing a 'dog collar' (laughter). They had one of the greatest of them with them that night, Canon Coleridge (applause). On one occasion there was a band touring in the west country and the local ringers said afterwards that there were three parsons among them, 'a very nice young gentleman, a terrible long gentleman, and a gentleman who took off all his clothes' (laughter). They referred to Cyril Jenkyn, Canon Coleridge and 'Father' Robinson (laughter). They had lost two of those and a great many others in recent years, among them Canon Baker, Canon Elsec, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. Law James, the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake and a whole lot more, and he did not at the moment see many young clerical ringers coming on to take their places. It would be a great advantage if the higher clerical authorities could persuade some of their younger clergy to specialise in this art of ringing. If they could judge the work that was done by Mr. Jenkyn in the Oxford Guild, a man who looked upon the ringers of the diocese as his parish, they would probably find he did a greater work than many priests who stuck more closely to a single parish (hear, hear). In conclusion, the Master coupled with the toast the name of 'the highest commissioned officer in the diocese of London,' the Lord Bishop.

### REFORMS STARTED BY THE CHURCH.

The Bishop of London, who was received with loud applause, said in one sense he was the worst person in the world to speak at that dinner because he never rang a bell in his life—except a door bell—and if he tried he would be ascended to Heaven much quicker than he desired (laughter). In other respects he was very much fitted to speak, because he had never been, in all his clerical life, very far away from a good peal of bells. When he first went to Bethnal Green, at the request of Bishop Temple, as he then was, he found Mr. Matthew Wood (applause), who was the chief ringer and one of the best in England (applause). 'I have here his book,' said the Bishop, holding up a fairly large volume, 'and in it is written in a perfectly clear hand his 350 peals, one of them of 9 hours and 12 minutes. I am very glad I was not preparing my sermon that day (laughter). Matthew Wood was a very old friend of mine and kept his eye upon me, from the Protestant point of view. Then I went up to the Coffee Pot, or very near it (laughter). I imagined when I heard that that was your headquarters that you were all teetotallers, until I looked at this evening's programme and then I saw "Draught beer; 9d. a pint" (laughter). That is a fair give-away (laughter). But although I am a life-long teetotaller, I am sure you deserve that glass of beer (applause). After Bethnal Green I was under the benign influence of the bells of St. Paul's for seven and a half years as Canon, and I could not go to sleep when the bells were ringing (laughter). Then I went down, to my great surprise, to Fulham Palace, and there I found the bells of Fulham were pretty good. I don't quarrel with them, except when I am doing a sermon and they are going on and on. I love to hear the bells ringing, especially at Christmas, peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

'I have great pleasure in returning thanks for the Church,' continued the Bishop, 'because, say what you will, the Church and the College Youths are bound together by many ties,' although he was quite aware that when the society started, at the time of the Reformation—a little too much reformation—bells were thought to be rather Popish. But the Church of England began long before the Reformation; there had been Bishops of London living at Fulham for over 1,200 years. 'The Church of England had been at the bottom of nearly every great reform in England; it started the hospitals, it started the schools; for 150 years the Church paid for the education of the poor, and indirectly it started the College Youths, for they could not have wedding bells without a wedding. Bellingring was one of the finest parts of church work and most of it was done voluntarily.'

'I hope to goodness,' concluded the Bishop, 'that during the next 300 years the Church and the College Youths will be more firmly united than ever' (applause).

A brilliant exhibition of change ringing on handbells was at this stage given by the Hertfordshire band, Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and F. W. Brinklow (all members of the society), who rang a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods—London, Superlative, Bristol, Ealing and Cambridge—in faultless style. The ringing was listened to by the large audience in breathless silence, and the cheers that broke out when the touch concluded expressed the appreciation and delight of the company.

### DEAN'S TRIBUTE TO MR. TROLLOPE'S BOOK.

In the absence of the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Dean of St. Paul's proposed the principal toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' with which, he said, he coupled the honoured name of Mr. Cockerill, who, as they well knew, had been for over 45 years the hon. secretary of the society.

'I have been looking,' said the Dean, 'at that admirable history of your society written by Mr. Trollope (applause). He bears a name famous already in literature which, if he will allow me to say so, he worthily supports (applause). This is one of the very few books I

have read which seem to me might with advantage have been considerably longer, for it is evident Mr. Trollope has in his mind a great deal of information which he could give and which I hope he will give in some more extended work around the interesting story of your ancient society (applause). The very first sentence of that history points out that your art of bellingring arose from two rather different interests, that of religion and athletics. It has already been mentioned this evening, and I think we can discern the influence of those two interests in the story of your society, for I notice that it was not very long after your beginning that you began to be rent by schisms and that you had your own nonconformists (laughter). I believe that, happily, this schism ended and now only remains a matter of historical interest. I observe too that as athletes you have an interest in the preservation of records and have evolved a most recondite set of technical terms in which to make them (laughter). Reading some of the great pages of your history I confess these terms are as unintelligible to me as an account of a baseball match in the columns of the "New York Herald-Tribune," but I bow with reverence before those who know what Stedman Cinques mean and Treble Bob Majors and other things of like kind (laughter). It is an interesting example of the way in which athletes seem to like records, records which no one but themselves can understand' (laughter).

### BELLRINGING AND BEAR BAITING.

The Dean went on to refer to his experiences of bells in other countries, and said that the art of ringing bells in this country—an art which the Ancient Society so admirably cultivated—was a peculiarly happy expression of English temperament. Englishmen seemed to have a peculiar delight in the sound of bells. The Puritans had come in for a good deal of unfavourable comment that evening and he was loth to add to it, but it seemed to be an undoubted fact that they did object to bellingring, along with bear baiting—they seemed to have classed the two things together (laughter). They might recall that Lord Macaulay said, on the subject of bear baiting, that the Puritans objected to this form of sport, not so much because it gave pain to the bear as because it gave pleasure to the spectators, and he suspected that they objected to bellingring, not so much because it gave pain to the hearer as because it gave pleasure to the ringers (laughter). 'To be candid,' said the Dean, 'there have been moments when I have had a certain amount of sympathy with the Puritans' (laughter).

He could remember one day in Exeter, he said, when he was trying to write a learned article on a philosophical subject and the bells of the Cathedral were rung for hours, it seemed to him all day, on end with rhythmical and melodious sound. Somehow it did not help him with his research, 'but, after all,' said the Dean, 'what is a philosopher compared with a ringer of bells' (laughter).

It was worthy of note, said the speaker, how the sound of bells stayed in people's memories. Some time ago he met a man in a distant clime, a man who was born and lived in Exeter, but had not seen it for a long period. He asked this man what he chiefly remembered about his native city, and he replied, 'Well, strangely enough, it is the sound of the bells as they came sometimes at evening with that curious sound, which I think was due to the fact that there were only eleven bells when one expected twelve.' 'It is true,' said the Dean, 'that the sound of bells lingers in people's minds and awakens associations which seem to have been deeply buried. I wish I could follow the exhortation of the Master,' he added, 'and take up bellingring. I believe I am right in saying that the admirable birthday cake we have just had was made by the Master's daughter, and if I were a younger man than I am I should feel strongly tempted to take up bellingring and to join this Ancient Society, and, like the industrious apprentice, aspire to the hand of the Master's daughter (loud laughter and applause).

'Harmony,' concluded the Dean, 'is an expression of something which is deep down in the English soul. We live in a wonderful age, but an age which is very far from being harmonious. May the city bells which express the English spirit never become city bells jangled, harsh and out of tune, and may your art, expressing that desire for harmony which is so deeply set in the human soul, always be a true expression of the real constitution of England and the English spirit.'

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

At this point the Master read a message from the Central Council of Church Bellingrings, in the following terms: To the Ancient Society of College Youths. At the 45th annual meeting of the Council, held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, the 18th day of May, 1937, it was proposed by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of the Ladies' Guild, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, honorary member, and resolved: That a message of congratulation and good wishes be conveyed to you on the occasion of your tercentenary celebrations and to place on record the great services rendered to the Exercise by the promotion of the art and science of change ringing during your long history. Signed this 6th day of November, 1937.

The message was received with applause, and a touch of two courses of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by Messrs. W. Roughton, A. Walker, W. Williams, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts and E. P. Duffield.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who replied to the toast, thanked the company for the enthusiastic reception they had given it. He said letters of regret at absence and of good wishes had been received from the Lord

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## HON. SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

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Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Bishop of Southwark, Lord Baldwin of Bewdley, Lord Hugh Cecil, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. Canon Alexander, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, Mr. A. Prince and Mr. J. Ridyard. Congratulatory messages had been received from the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Yorkshire Association, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Essex Association, the Ladies' Guild, Over Society, Cambs., Mrs. C. D. P. Davies, Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, Mr. Turner, of Copenhagen, and Mr. Malcolm Melville (Warwickshire Guild).

During the year, continued the Hon. Secretary, they had lost by death 13 members, viz.: Ernest D. Lillywhite, Harry R. Pasmore, Frank Boreham, Joseph Hands, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, E. V. Selby, Albert E. Wrecks, Charles Kennedy, Frederick W. Thornton, Frederick Edwards, Col. Parkinson and Harry Folkard.

The company stood in silence whilst these names were read out.

Proceeding, Mr. Cockerill said during the year 62 new members had been elected and there had been held in the various towers in the city 70 meetings for practice. Twenty-nine peals had been rung: Doubles, 1 (at Brereton, Cheshire); Minor in nine methods, 1 (at Brasted the previous evening); Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; Spliced Surprise in four methods, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1. Peals in commemoration of the tercentenary had been rung at Brereton, Milton-next-Gravesend, Watford, Portsmouth, Edgbaston, Gallewood, Prestbury and Brasted. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill thanked the company most sincerely for the honour they had done to the toast.

### PRESENTATION TO THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

A 'surprise item' for the hon. secretary followed. The Master said: 'Most of you, I think, know that on Tuesday night next we drop the pilot. The skipper who has looked after us for 46 years has refused to accept re-election on election night, and we cannot let such an occasion pass without, in some way, showing our feelings of respect towards him (applause). Mr. Cockerill has aptly been described as a 'prince of secretaries.' We could not possibly have been served better than we have been through these 46 years. Mr. Cockerill gave a hint some time ago that this might happen at the end of the year, but we hoped that he would reconsider his decision. When that decision was final the time was rather short and it was difficult to let you all know that we wanted to do something to-night to show our appreciation. However, we got into touch with a number of members, and I am going to ask Mr. Cockerill to accept this gift as a cheque on account (applause). We shall keep the fund open to the end of the year and I hope those who have not yet communicated with me will do so. I could go on for half an hour, or even more, speaking of the virtues of Mr. Cockerill, and the love which he inspires in us as a friend, but I must not do so, but I will ask him to accept, with our very best wishes, this cheque for £50 (cheers).

The company rose and accorded Mr. Cockerill 'musical honours' and enthusiastic cheers, and when they had subsided, Mr. Cockerill said: 'This wonderful show of affection towards me has taken me by great surprise. I knew nothing at all about this and I did not wish for it. Whatever I have done for the society has been a labour of love. I have enjoyed it, I have enjoyed the ringing, I have made many friends; God bless you all. I cannot say more, except thank you very much indeed' (loud applause).

Only bells appeared in the musical programme, and Mrs. A. A. Hughes here contributed handbell solos, once again to the delight of the audience. This music, so skilfully rendered, is a never-ending source of pleasure to ringers, and having played, by request, 'Solveig's Song' (Grieg) and 'Humoreske' (Dvorak), Mrs. Hughes responded to an irresistible encore with the old favourite, 'Land of hope and glory,' in which the company joined lustily at the repetition of the chorus.

At the conclusion of her short programme, Mrs. Hughes was presented by the Master with a handsome bouquet of roses, carnations and chrysanthemums.

In handing her the flowers, the Master said he thought they would agree that as an artiste with handbells Mrs. Hughes 'takes the cake,' 'and so,' he added, 'I am going to propose that she takes it.'

And with this, amid cheers, Mr. Lewis handed to her the top tier of the birthday cake.

Mrs. Hughes, in a graceful little speech, thanked the society for the lovely flowers and said that with her father, husband and son, all members of the society, she felt justly proud to be asked to entertain such a distinguished assembly. She wished the society a happy continuation throughout the generations to come.

### SOCIETY NOT 'EXCLUSIVE.'

Mr. W. Roughton proposed 'The Visitors' and gave them a hearty welcome. It had been said, he remarked, that their society was rather exclusive. It was not true that they were exclusive about their ringing or their friends. They welcomed everybody. There was only one thing which was exclusive, and that was the traditional ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral for the services. Unless a man was specially good as a twelve-bell ringer he was never asked to ring at St. Paul's on Sun-

days. Mr. Roughton told the story of a country visitor, who went to St. Paul's one Sunday and felt aggrieved because he was not asked to ring. When later he voiced his sense of injury to another member of the society, his friend replied, 'There can be only two reasons, as far as I know, why you were not asked to ring. Either they did not know you, or else it was because they do' (laughter). Proceeding, Mr. Roughton said: 'We have with us to-night lords civic, lords spiritual and lords temporal, who are upholding the great traditions of this dear country of ours, and I would like to say just a word or two to the younger generation who are here in the midst of this great assembly: When you take over the control of this dear old society from the present generation, will you remember that you will be badgered by the Press, you will be bullied by factions, and worried by groups, who will want to alter the rules and regulations and traditions set up, after much thought, by older members. And when these questions arise, as arise they will, I beg of you to study them very carefully, weigh and consider them for a long time, and not lightly throw away and destroy these rules and traditions of the past (applause).

The Duke of Argyll, who replied, admitted that he knew little of the art of ringing, but what he was interested in was in the bells themselves.

### 'THE SKIPPER'



MR. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL,  
Hon. Secretary of the Society for  
46 years.

He had a library which included all the county histories, and when his friends wanted to make him a little gift they sent him most extraordinary little books, like algebra to him, dealing with the art in which those present that night were specially skilled. What he was interested in was the archaeology of the bells, which took them back beyond the Christian era. The Duke referred particularly to some interesting Irish bells of great age with which he was acquainted, from one of which Irish kings had been christened. He also referred to the peal of bells which he had secured for the church at Inveraray, his Scottish seat. Seven of these bells he gave himself and the others he induced his friends to provide. He hoped at some time the College Youths would come up and ring them (applause). He told an amusing story of how the bells reached Inveraray. On account of the difficulties of transport, they had to be left one night by the roadside, and one cottager, asked by another what they were, said they were his Grace's new beehives (laughter).

The Master said on behalf of the society he would at once like to clinch the offer of the Duke and suggest that some time next summer they should make up a band in London to go up and ring a peal on his bells (applause).

### SOCIETY'S OLD TRADITIONS.

Mr. E. P. Duffield proposed 'Kindred Societies' and referred to the good fellowship which was engendered and fostered by such gatherings as that. That was an assembly representing all walks of life and they were all there with the same love of bells. While they could not claim, perhaps, that ringing stood alone as an example of real brotherhood, at least there was nothing that could surpass it. It was in that spirit that he asked them to receive the toast. He asked them to pay no heed to some of the things they heard said about that old society. Old societies clung to old traditions, and he hoped that, even if some of those traditions might be obsolete in their manner and purpose, they would not take that as a reason for scrapping them forthwith. They had, for instance, the rule that a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was by virtue of that membership disqualified from membership of the College Youths, and the Cumberlands had a corresponding rule. Whatever may have been the position in the past, there was no bitter feeling between these two old London societies to-day (applause). Their society did not claim to be a territorial society and he hoped no attempt would ever be made to pose it as such. There was a function for such societies as theirs, particularly in the centre of the Metropolis. A society which could bring together such a gathering as that could not be said to be entirely territorial. On the other hand, they did appreciate very much the good feeling which existed between the territorial societies and their own. As one whose privilege it had been, more than many

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perhaps, to travel and meet ringers in all parts of the country and to be given membership of a number of societies, it was a great privilege to give them the toast of kindred societies. They had present that night a whole host of representatives of those societies. Among them was Councillor Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, representing St. Martin's Guild, a man who accepted life's responsibilities, which was borne out by the fact that he was a member of the Corporation of the great city of Birmingham. It might well be that he got some of his inspiration from that other great figure in the municipal life of Birmingham, who was, he supposed, the senior member of the College Youths, Alderman Pritchett. He felt they could not do better than ask Mr. Smith to convey to this gentleman, who had now become somewhat infirm under the burden of years, the very cordial greetings of the company assembled that night (applause). He had to couple with the toast, also, the name of one of the brilliant younger members of the Exercise, Mr. Stephen Wood, who had been recognised by the

## THE BIRTHDAY CAKE.



Miss Lewis, daughter of the Master, cutting the tercentenary birthday cake which she made.

Central Council, who had put him to work on some of the mathematical problems which many of them took so seriously. If some of Mr. Wood's theories had not been generally accepted yet, and they had had some evidence of that lately (laughter), he did not think Mr. Wood need take any discouragement from that fact. He had never yet heard of anyone whose theories had been accepted by everybody (applause).

## THE ESSENCE OF RINGING.

Mr. Paddon Smith, who first responded, undertook to convey the kind regards of the gathering to the Master of St. Martin's Guild, who, he understood, was the oldest living member of the College Youths. Continuing, Mr. Smith said that was one of the largest and certainly the most historic gatherings of ringers that had ever taken place, and it could not have been held anywhere outside London—for many reasons, one of them being, of course, that there was no other society actively pursuing the art of ringing that had been in existence for 300 years. The one he had the honour to represent was, in comparison, but an infant in arms, only 182 years old. But they all looked up to the College Youths. He was glad to hear one of the speakers refer to their tradition, and he would like to emphasise the

fact that most of those who spent their time outside London looked up to the society, not for the number of methods they rang, nor for the record peals they went for, and sometimes got (hear, hear), but because throughout their long existence they had made good striking the real object of their existence (applause). In his opinion, and he was sure in the opinion of all competent ringers, striking was the most important thing concerned with their art, and he for one would very much prefer to hear a peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples well struck than a peal of London Surprise successfully achieved when the ringers said, 'We got it after all' (laughter and applause). Striking was the very essence of bellringing. In conclusion Mr. Smith thanked the society for providing members of kindred societies with a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Stephen Wood, who also replied, said although he had been reminded very forcibly in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' of his extreme youth, he drew strength from the fact that that society, ancient though it be, by its very name was a society of youths. He used that word in its bellringing sense to include ringers of all ages from nine to ninety. Mr. Wood added that he would like to add the tribute of the younger generation to the work of Mr. Cockerill, who had always seemed to him, by the skilful way in which he combined the wisdom and experience of years with the energy and enthusiasm of youth, to embody in himself all that was best in the spirit and tradition of the College Youths (applause).

Mr. Wood added that he brought greetings to the society from the only kindred society of greater antiquity. There was an older society, St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers, in Bristol, to which he had recently been elected, was founded in or before the year 1620, but unfortunately it had long ceased to have any active connection with practical ringing. He believed he was the first member, for over 150 years, who could claim ever to have rung at St. Stephen's, but he was glad that there were a number of people there that evening who did ring regularly at St. Stephen's and who really had more claim than he had to call themselves St. Stephen's ringers, although they were not members of that ancient Guild. Mr. Wood said he would like to endorse what Mr. Smith had said that the provincial ringers looked up to the College Youths with gratitude for the example which they set in the high standard of ringing, especially that for the Sunday services at St. Paul's Cathedral. He was sure that most of those present felt it a privilege to stand outside St. Paul's that afternoon and listen to Stedman Cinques rung as it should be rung (applause).

Mr. J. T. Dyke proposed the remaining toast of 'The Press,' and referred to the services which the Press had rendered to the society. In the last few days, he said, they had had more press notices than ever before. Such articles as had appeared recently in the great dailies would create an interest among the public such as had never existed before, and that was all to the good. Mr. Dyke went on to pay a tribute to the service rendered to ringing by 'The Ringing World' and of the important place which the paper occupied in the Exercise.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') replied, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

On Sunday morning, after the customary service ringing at the various London churches, there was an informal social gathering at Anderton's Hotel, and a considerable number of London and visiting ringers were present. Refreshments were served and handbell ringing took place.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, thanked the College Youths for their hospitality, and this was acknowledged by the Master.

## SOME IMPRESSIONS.

Saturday's proceedings left lasting impressions on many people. Here are some which remain with J. F. S.:

The large audience listening to the three courses of Stedman Cinques—the majestic cadence of the bells—the large congregation of ringers under the Dome—the beautiful music of the service—the clearness of the handbells in Stedman Triples: the wrong striking of the trebles in the first rounds (1-2 were reversed)—the preacher's reference to the 'College of Youths'—the eager greetings of old friends at the hotel—the skilful and ingenious placing of the guests, a triumph of organisation—the splendour of the Master's badge—the benign expression of the Bishop of London—the absence of the Lord Mayor's 'Corporation,' in spite of hundreds of official dinners and luncheons—the Dean's graceful compliment to the Master's daughter—the marvellous exposition of Spliced Surprise handbell ringing; the good food; the difficulty of replenishing one's tankard—the delightful handbell solos by Mrs. Hughes, and the neat little speech she made afterwards—an altogether wonderful evening—and, lastly, of a part of the Birmingham contingent who missed their train!

## A BROADCAST.

In the B.B.C. 'news' on Sunday evening reference was made to the previous day's celebration, and there was a reproduction of St. Paul's Cathedral bells, recorded while the three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung, and of the handbells in the Cathedral.

The Master gave a short talk on the society and its foundation in 1637, with a reference to Sir Henry Tulse and the ceremony at St. Dionis.

The whole recording came over well, except the handbells, to which, apparently, the microphone was too close.



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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in the Church Hall. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Walsden on Sat., Nov. 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells from 3.15. Service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members are asked to make special efforts to attend this meeting, and all ringers and friends will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—What have you done for the Guild this year? If the answer is 'Nothing' or 'Not much,' make amends by attending the district meeting at Shalford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Longparish on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All welcome. All requiring tea please notify F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Stow Bardolph, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., St. Neots, Hunts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available during the evening. Will members of the branch committee meet after tea to arrange programme of meetings.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3.30. As there has not been a meeting of the district this year, please come and see what happens. Tea can be obtained near the church.—Tom Clarke, Dis. President.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hertford on November 13th, when the All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Regal Cafe, Fore Street, after. All ringing friends, members or not, will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Sileby (6 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please roll up and make this a successful meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute at 5.45 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting is at Worksop (8 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Rounds to London Surprise. For tea please send postcard to Mr. A. Johnson, 3, South View, Cheapside, Worksop.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, November 13th. The peal of ten, tenor 25 cwt., available at 2.30 p.m. Will those intending to come please let me know?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lincoln on November 13th. Bells available: St. Peter at Gowt's (6) from 2.30 p.m., and St. Botolph's (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea afterwards.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday, November 14th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The jubilee dinner and concert will be held at Clemences', Market Place, Chester (and not at Stafford Hotel, City Road), on Saturday, November 20th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, or the branch secretaries, before November 13th.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting. If you intend to be present, a postcard by Thursday, the 18th, will assure you of a good tea.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby, with meeting to follow. Fulham bells (10) from 7 to 8 p.m. Let's have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, the 18th inst.—A. P. Cannon, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome, but please let me know by Wednesday, November 17th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, at Angel Hotel, 1s. per head. Half-rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Kelly, 3, Broadway, Fairfield, Droylsden, not later than November 17th.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Anne's Parish Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea in Institute at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A united meeting of the Calne and Swindon branches will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 20th, when it is also hoped to have the co-operation of the Devizes and Chippenham branches. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Usual arrangements for service at 4.30, and tea in the Schoolroom for all. A card would be welcomed so as to provide sufficient to meet all requirements. The date coincides with L. A. Wilson's 40 years as towerkeeper.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, rehung in new steel frame) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after. All those requiring tea *must* let me know by November 17th.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Bruce Castle Bakery, near the church, at 5.30, at 1s. each. Please advise me by November 17th. Special method, Edmonton Bob Major. A practice will take place at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, November 17th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, at Express Dairy on London Bridge Station approach. Business meeting in vestry after tea. All names for tea by the 16th, please.—H. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—St. Peter's Church. The peal of eight bells, recast and hung in modern fittings by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated and new sacring bell dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, November 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Service fully choral. Address by the Bishop. Ringing from 6.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea (6d.) at G.F.S. Club, St. Peter's Road, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.**—Chippenham Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Corsham (six bells) on Saturday, November 20th, at 3. Service at 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will visitors please notify early?—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

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**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s.) at the Coffee House at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1937 will be held at Kegworth on November 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. For tea, please send postcard to Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, by the 18th.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Two special meetings will be held as follows: Dodford (6), Saturday, November 20th; and Braunston (6), Saturday, December 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, November 20th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, November 20th, where the peal of eight bells will be available from 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, November 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by November 16th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**CHADLE, CHESHIRE.**—Near Stockport.—The bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield on Sunday, November 21st, at 10.45 a.m. A ring of eight tuned and rehung in new framework by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service

4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, November 24th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting to be held in the tower during the evening. All welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send your names for tea to reach me not later than Wednesday, November 24th. Plenty of ringing.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Ightham, on Saturday, November 27th. Peal of six bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea is by kind invitation. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—Meeting, Mitcham Parish Church, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, in Parish Room, by kind invitation of the Mitcham band, 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Memorial to the late Master of the Association, James Douglas Drewett, Esq., J.P., will be unveiled at 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. Potheary, 73, Fernlea Road, Mitcham, not later than Thursday, November 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The last meeting for 1937 of the North Norfolk Branch will be held at Hethersett on November 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Let us have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, November 25th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, Archdeacon R. W. Sears, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by the 1st?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Milfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**THE DAY—Saturday. THE DATE, December 18th. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Shirley Burton is now 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, near Leicester.

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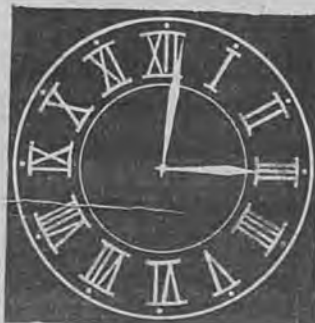
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