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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

There are many towers in which, for various reasons, practice is suspended during the summer months. With the near approach of dark evenings, making outdoor occupation and pastimes impossible, ringers will once more be turning their attention more seriously to the belfry, and those who are renewing their week-night operations will, we hope, be coming back with a fresh zest. In country churches particularly it is very difficult to maintain practice during the summer, and the problem is likely to be accentuated in the future, with the growing desire of the rising generation for outdoor pursuits, which in these days are so many and varied. Those who are responsible for maintaining efficiency in the towers will thus find it necessary to concentrate upon a more intensive effort, if they are to secure in eight months what they previously spread over a whole year. They will have to make a fuller use of the time at their disposal.

There are, we are afraid, a great many towers where practice is a very haphazard affair, with little or no set purpose; certainly no preconceived plan of action and an absence of ambition. If real progress is to be made every band, when they begin their 'winter' operations, should set some definite goal before them. They may find setbacks which will prevent that goal being reached, but to have had an object in view will, they will find, have taken them a step forward. The band that has no ambition never gets anywhere; and there is nothing more discouraging to the enthusiastic ringer than to find himself among colleagues who are content to 'mark time.' There are scores of belfries where no effort is made collectively to get beyond, say, Grandsire or Plain Bob as a band. The ringers 'sit' on these methods for years, without effort to get beyond them. Is it any wonder, therefore, that sooner or later the company drops to pieces from sheer evaporation of interest? The keen ones, if there are any, go elsewhere.

The risk of this could often be avoided by setting out each autumn with a definite plan of progress, which the band should strive by every effort to achieve. There is now such a large field through which ringers of every class can wander at will that there is absolutely no excuse for stagnation. Fifty years ago the scope for expansion was extremely limited. Not so to-day. Neither is it necessary to take steps of progress as big as once seemed necessary. To the man of little experience it was a big jump from Plain Bob to Double Norwich, or from Treble Bob to Superlative. The ringer to-day, whatever his limitations, will find his path to progress made easy. The methods available for his study go on in simple stages,

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and he has a wealth of text-books to help him, whether he rings on six or on eight bells, or on ten for that matter. What is needed is initiative on the part of the ringers themselves, and particularly on the part of the leaders of towers. If they will make up their minds that before the end of the coming winter they will be masters of at least one new method, they will retain interest and have taken a valuable step forward from the dangers of stagnation. But it needs determination now.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| NORMAN H. MANNING ... | Treble | FRANCIS E. BISHOP ... | 6 |
| MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... | 2 | ROY K. MOWFORTH ... | 7 |
| ERNEST J. KING ... | 3 | ERNEST W. FURBANK ... | 8 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... | 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH ... | 9 |
| JOHN NASH ... | 5 | HARRY BROOKS ... | Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTEP.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

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| CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... | Treble | WILLIAM J. DAVISON ... | 6 |
| *CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... | 2 | E. LAWSON ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER ... | 3 | ADAM DEAS ... | 8 |
| JOHN ANDERSON ... | 4 | PERCY J. JOHNSON ... | 9 |
| †JOSEPH E. KEEN ... | 5 | JOHN HEDLEY ... | Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal. † 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| F. LINFOOT ... | Treble | R. SQUIRES ... | 5 |
| F. POPPLEWELL ... | 2 | *V. BOTTOMLEY ... | 6 |
| W. DRANSFIELD ... | 3 | A. ROTHERY ... | 7 |
| W. HARGREAVES ... | 4 | F. RHODES ... | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by F. RHODES.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal by the association. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the baptism of Brian Rhodes, son of the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF RAUNDS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOHN E. ROOTES ... | Treble | EDWIN JENNINGS ... | 5 |
| MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... | 2 | RICHARD G. BELL ... | 6 |
| HENRY HODGETTS ... | 3 | FRANCIS KIRK ... | 7 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE ... | 4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL.—On September 13th, 720 Bob Minor by E. Cossentine, G. R. Pye, G. Lindoff, C. T. Coles (conductor), Col. C. F. Jerram, L. C. Wightman. First 720 of Minor by E. Cossentine and Col. Jerram. The other ringers were on tour in the district.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS C. BELTON Treble | FRANCIS R. DEACON 5 |
| ALFRED BALLARD 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD 6 |
| WALTER J. CLOUGH 3 | FRANK K. MEASURES 7 |
| CHARLES W. BROWN 4 | CECIL E. CARR Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ALWYN TAYLOR Treble | NORMAN BERRY 5 |
| WILLIAM BERRY 2 | FRANK REYNOLDS 6 |
| OGDEN MOORES 3 | JAMES H. BASTOW 7 |
| WILLIAM BRAMMER 4 | ABRAHAM OGDEN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

First peal by the ringer of the fifth and rung at the first attempt.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble | SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 5 |
| FRANK L. FISHER 2 | FREDERICK J. SMITH 6 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| ALAN R. ANDREWS 4 | JOHN W. WARD Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle on attaining the age of 87 years.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gregory.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| *W. BIGGS Treble | G. H. HARDING 5 |
| S. J. HECTOR 2 | W. R. BAXTER 6 |
| K. MOON 3 | C. F. ANDREWS 7 |
| E. H. NASH 4 | † L. A. FEAR Tenor |

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| GEOFFREY V. MURPHY Treble | JAMES E. BAILEY 5 |
| DEREK M. SHARP 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6 |
| REGINALD H. JARVIS 3 | HARRY HOVERD 7 |
| PHILIP A. CORBY 4 | NORMAN SUMMERHAYES Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

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| *GEORGE A. BELL Treble | WILLIAM BRAMMER 5 |
| †HERBERT A. MCKINNELLS 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6 |
| †JOHN HASSELL 3 | WILLIAM H. SHUKER 7 |
| C. KENNETH LEWIS 4 | †FRANK REYNOLDS Tenor |

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *PETER KINDRED Treble | *ARTHUR W. BIRD 5 |
| MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS 2 | RICHARD W. R. COATES 6 |
| MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE 3 | †ERNEST A. LONG 7 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE 4 | ALBERT E. COLEMAN Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal away from the treble.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1938, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble | *ALBERT J. PITMAN 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM WELLING 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | LEONARD SHILWELL 7 |
| REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4 | HARRY WINGROVE Tenor |

Composed by J. B. FENTON.

Conducted by C. T. COLKS.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Fussell and Pitman.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| DEREK M. SHARP Treble | HARRY HOVERD 5 |
| PHILIP A. CORBY 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6 |
| GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3 | THOMAS G. BANNISTER 7 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT 4 | ERNEST H. OXENHAM Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| GEORGE GREEN Treble | EDWARD J. ROCHESTER 5 |
| WILLIAM H. ALEY 2 | HARRY BRADLEY 6 |
| HARRY WARR 3 | *CHARLES S. SMITH 7 |
| ARTHUR H. EVERETT 4 | PERCY GREEN Tenor |

Composed by J. FLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble | HARRY HOVERD 5 |
| *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT 3 | HARRY PARKES 7 |
| HARRY HOSKINS 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First touch in the method.

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CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| PERCY E. CLARK Treble | *THOMAS H. FRANCIS 5 |
| FRANCIS D. BISHOP 2 | THOMAS COLLINS 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 4 | †WILFRID G. WILSON Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal, all for the Middlesex Association.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5 |
| E. RALPH MACKRILL 2 | JOHN H. BOTHAM 6 |
| FRANCES BOTHAM 3 | ALAN R. PINK 7 |
| *OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 4 | ARTHUR HARDING Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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| WALTER CHARMAN Treble | ALFRED H. PULLING 5 |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE 2 | PETER CHARMAN 6 |
| THOMAS ADAMS 3 | JOHN COOK 7 |
| *THOMAS E. DRYER 4 | EDWARD J. CHARMAN Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal 'inside.'

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | JAMES MORGAN 5 |
| J. WILLIAM CLARKE 2 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 6 |
| WALTER E. LONGMAN 3 | RICHARD T. HOLDING 7 |
| GEORGE A. PACKER 4 | RICHARD D. LANGFORD Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5 |
| GEORGE PULLINGER 2 | JOHN R. RODWELL 6 |
| *ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3 | *EDWARD C. WHEELER 7 |
| LESLIE TREMBER 4 | HAROLD P. REED Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. J. Hill (one of the local band) and Miss I. Hibbs.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SPliced LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| KENNETH SNELLING Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR 5 |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| CHARLES E. BASSETT 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON 7 |
| REGINALD A. REED 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

This peal contains 2,496 London, 960 Bristol, 832 Cambridge and 736 Superlative with 98 changes of method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH SAXTON Treble | STANLEY SLANEY 5 |
| MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL 2 | HERBERT ROOKE 6 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3 | HAROLD KENT 7 |
| JESSE J. MOSS 4 | JOHN FLINT Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| Cecil J. BARKER Treble | †FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 2 | BASIL REDGWELL 6 |
| HILDA G. SNOWDEN 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7 |
| *BERNARD W. PETTIT 4 | *H. WALTER SMITH Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of London Surprise. † 25th peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert Brundle, of Ipswich.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

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| HAROLD F. WOOD Treble | ERNEST TREAGUS 5 |
| *FREDERICK ALLFREY 2 | *FREDERICK ROBERTS 6 |
| †EDGAR RAPLEY 3 | RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 7 |
| RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 4 | A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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| THOMAS HARPIN Treble | RONALD J. SHARP 4 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL 2 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 5 |
| ANDREW C. SINFIELD 3 | REGINALD WEST Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

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| ARTHUR J. ABRAMS Treble | WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4 |
| *RUSSELL A. PAUL 2 | DUDLEY PAUL 5 |
| WILFRED YOUNG 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPliced MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Killarney and Horsmonden; (2) Windermere and Frodsham; (3) London Bob, Lytham Pleasure, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Wavertree, College Single, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Double Bob, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Hereward and Double Bob; (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

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

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th together.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury and 39 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt.

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| WILLIAM G. DELAMONT ... Treble | *LESLIE J. HAWKINS 4 |
| MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2 | STANLEY A. GUPPY 5 |
| GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 3 | †RONALD WHITE Tenor |

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Court and Single Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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| *CLAUDE DE ST. C. PARKS...Treble | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4 |
| MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2 | DANIEL D. COOPER 5 |
| HARRY W. SIMMONS 3 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor |

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Parks.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kington District.)

On Sunday, September 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one twelve-score of Morris' arrangement and 40 six-scores, 11 callings.
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| JOSEPH BOWEN Treble | TREVOR JONES 4 |
| HARRY T. CHANDLER 2 | JOHN F. BUTLER 5 |
| WILFRED NORGROVE 3 | ROBERT G. FLETCHER Tenor |

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Brian Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chandler, which took place at morning service at this church, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chandler both taking part in the ringing prior to the service.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

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| EDWARD DAVIES Treble | WILLIAM POWELL 4 |
| MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... 2 | LESLIE BAINHAM 5 |
| JOHN W. JONES 3 | ROBERT SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge and York Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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| REGINALD WEST Treble | CHARLES W. CLARKE 4 |
| C. HENRY HARDING 2 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 5 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 | PEARL INSKIP Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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| JOSEPH PAPWORTH Treble | CHARLES W. BURTON 4 |
| ALBERT L. DIXEY 2 | ALAN R. ANDREWS 5 |
| VICTOR MORLEY 3 | RALPH BIRD Tenor |

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

DRAYTON PARSLow, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

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| HARRY WINGROVE Treble | WILLIAM WELLING 4 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3 | TONY PRICE Tenor |

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

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| *CECIL H. WOOD... .. Treble | A. PATRICK CANNON 4 |
| †EDGAR RAPLEY 2 | †CECIL LONGHURST 5 |
| RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 3 | WILLIAM DENMAN Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM DENMAN.

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ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At 45, WALSHINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY | 1-2 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER | ... 5-6 |
| EDITH K. FLETCHER | ... 3-4 | *RONALD H. BULLEN | ... 7-8 |

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

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| MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING | 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON | ... 5-6 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON | ... 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER | ... 7-8 |

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

THE GREAT NESS DISPUTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Incidents such as that reported in your last issue are very regrettable, but there is no need for us to give them an importance they do not deserve. They are really inevitable incidents in the life of the Exercise, and are due to the conditions under which ringing was practised for several centuries. For those conditions the Church was as much responsible (more in fact) than the ringers themselves. If ringers as a body were not conspicuous by their attendance at church that was the fault of the Church authorities: for ringing (as distinct from chiming) was a purely secular thing, and the ringers stood and always had stood even from pre-Reformation times outside the Church organisation.

What we want to do is to impress on the clergy that things are infinitely better now than they were in the middle of the last century and that the improvement is due to the ringers themselves. The improvement is a slow process and is only hindered by such drastic if well-meaning action as that by the Rector of Great Ness. On the other hand, ringers should realise that the future of change ringing depends entirely on how far the Exercise can co-operate with the Church authorities.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

INITIAL INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When pupils are being taught they find their greatest difficulty is in holding the tail end properly between the forefinger and thumb, and I have come across a great number who have never got over this fault, thereby losing the power of one hand.

I teach a pupil on the tail end first in the usual manner, and, after he has got the idea of pull and control, I let him catch the sally while I look after the tail end. But, before starting to catch the sally, I give him a piece of bell rope about 20-in. long and doubled same as the tail, and he must catch the sally with this rope between the forefinger and thumb, and I insist that all fingers must circle the sally. In this way he learns without the worry of dropping the tail end, and as a result does not hold the tail so viciously when he comes to actual ringing.

This may not be new to the older ringers, but to the young instructor I can vouch for its success.—Yours truly,

HENRY SARGENT.

26, Otago Street, Hillhead, Glasgow.

[A similar practice is recommended by Mr. J. T. Dyke in 'Hints for Instructors' published by the Central Council.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.']

NEWS FROM NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Uttoxeter on September 24th, when a company of 45 attended from Brown Edge, Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Leek, Lullington, Longton, Measham, Newcastle, Overseale, Uttoxeter, Roslestone, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent and Wellington. The Rev. W. W. Sutton (curate), in the absence of the Vicar, conducted the service.

Tea was in a nearby cafe, where the curate welcomed the association to Uttoxeter. He was supported by Mr. E. Roberts, leader of the ringers at Uttoxeter. Mr. E. A. Ridgway thanked the Vicar and the ringers for the use of the bells, and the splendid welcome they had given the association. Thanks were also accorded the organist and the churchwarden for coming along to show their interest in the service.

PEAL NOTES.

The peal of Minor at Llanfrecfha on Sept. 20th was arranged in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards and Miss Irene Powell, which took place on the same day at Llanhennock Parish Church, where the bridegroom is priest-in-charge. Mr. Richards was Master of the association last year and is a very keen ringer, but unfortunately has no bells at his church. He had modestly requested that no ringing should be done, but his friends held him in too much esteem to regard that request.

The first peal for the Huddersfield and District Association was rung at Elland on September 11th, and the band came from eight different towers.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Beckington on September 18th completed Mr. S. J. Hector's circuit of the tower. It was rung for the harvest thanksgiving, and afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Biggs.

On September 20th Mr. Kenneth Lewis called at Miles Platting the same composition as was rung by the Union Scholars at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London, on December 27th, 1718. It was the very first peal of Major of any sort ever accomplished. The figures of the peal were printed in the Clavis, and the composer of it is generally said to be unknown, but there can be little doubt that it was the work of Robert Baldwin, who about the same time composed Union Triples, evidently in an endeavour to simplify the extent of Grandsire Triples which John Garthorn, of Norwich, had recently composed.

The calling of the Treble Bob is 4B., 2W., 2R., four times repeated, and it is true; notwithstanding that it was not until the year 1768 that ringers realised the necessity for testing the rows in the interior of the loads of Treble Bob Major.

Yet another Surprise Major method has been rung by Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his talented band. It was the same as Sedburgh Surprise, but with the addition of 7th place when the treble lies its whole pull behind.

The peal of Minor at Biddenham on September 20th was rung on the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Carey. Mr. R. West has now twice circled the tower, and Mr. P. Inskip has rung 25 peals in the steeple.

Mr. E. A. Barnett reached his fiftieth peal during the present year when he took part in the 5,056 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Northfleet last Saturday. It was Mr. P. A. Corby's first in the method as conductor, and the first in the method on the bells.

The peal of Stedman at Dartford on September 19th was arranged and rung for Mr. Reginald H. Jarvis, of Chipping Norton, who was spending a holiday in London. He was elected a member of the Kent County Association before starting for the peal, which was the first he has rung outside his native county.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Lowestoft on the 22nd was the one hundredth that Mr. E. R. Goate has rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association. It was a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Constance, the ringer of the third.

At Warnham in Sussex some years ago the local company rang eight peals within one week, which seems to show that ringing was not very unpopular among the village people. There are still peals rung there, though usually by visiting bands, and on the 24th Mr. A. H. Pulling called 5,088 changes of Kent Treble Bob. The peal was specially arranged to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. Walter Charman and Thomas Adams, the ringers of the treble and third; and the silver wedding of the Vicar of Warnham, the Rev. F. D. Farebrother.

Mr. Robert Sperring has now rung a peal in every tower in the Crewe District of the Cheshire Association which has eight bells or more. The peal at Lawton on Saturday was a birthday compliment to Messrs. George A. Packer and A. Crawley, the ringers of the fourth and sixth.

The peal of Spliced Minor at Stisted on the 17th, in which 25 methods were introduced, involving 156 changes of method, was of particular interest. It marked the 25th peal together of three couples participating, viz., Mr. V. Morley and Mr. R. Bird, Mr. Reginald G. Simmonds and Mr. A. L. Dixey, and Mr. A. M. Genery and Mr. R. Bird. It is an example of friendship engendered by peal ringing. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Stisted (the Rev. V. H. A. Charles), and was the first peal in 25 methods by all and for the association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Forty-four members were present from Aldington, Bethersden, Brabourne, Hythe, New Romney, Staplehurst, Tenterden, Throwley, Willesborough and the local band. Ringing in various methods was carried on during the afternoon and evening. The association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Duncan S. Bowen.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. All the district officers were unanimously re-elected. Quarterly meetings were proposed to be held at Hythe in December, Wye in March, and Biddenden in June.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist, and members then returned to the tower, ringing continuing until 8.30 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT RAWMARSH.**RINGERS' REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

An announcement was made at the quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association at Rawmarsh on September 17th that as a result of the Central Council's efforts to have a representative from the ringers on every Diocesan Advisory Committee of the Sheffield Diocese.

About 35 members attended, the following towers being represented: Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Handsworth, Rotherham, Eastwood, Wrothley, Doncaster, Arksey, Felkirk, Warth and the local company. The ringing included touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent, and the service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. G. Scovell), who gave a much appreciated address.

A feature of the Rawmarsh meetings is the excellent teas. Local ringers' wives and sweethearts surpassed themselves on this occasion, and the voices which were so much in evidence at the service were conspicuous by their absence during the meal. While the ladies cleared the tea tables a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ryder, Messrs. G. Lewis, S. F. Palmer and J. J. L. Gilbert.

Canon Scovell, who presided at the business meeting, welcomed the association to Rawmarsh, and Mr. Lewis accorded a hearty welcome to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, the new divisional secretary, who has succeeded the late Mr. F. Clark. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. B. White (Rawmarsh), H. Rusby, F. Rusby, N. Moxon and W. Broadhead (Cawthorne). Arksey was chosen for the December meeting, the opinion being that it would be a gracious act to visit the tower where Mr. F. Clark, the late divisional secretary, did most of his work.

Announcing that the annual Snowden Commemoration Dinner would be held at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, Mr. S. F. Palmer said there was no reason why the dinner should not be better than any before, and he hoped all members would make a special effort to attend. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, to Mr. Blyth (the organist) and the ladies. Ringing continued in various methods, including Oxford, Double Norwich and Superlative, until 8.30 p.m.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—To celebrate the centenary of the London and Birmingham Railway, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on September 17th by the following band: W. French 1, E. Whitlock 2, R. G. Abrahams 3, H. Ridgway 4, H. C. Edwards 5, R. Hall 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, E. Lathall 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3 and 6. All the above band are employed in the L.M.S. Works, Wolverton.

A NEW TOWER FOR THE GUILDFORD GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRAMLEY.**

There was an atmosphere of youth about the meeting of the Guildford District at Bramley on Saturday, which augurs well for the future of the Exercise. An attendance of 45 for a light six-bell tower is very creditable, and with the addition of Womersley bells some two miles distant, the tastes of the company were well catered for.

Probably the most gratifying feature of all was the election of eight new members from Bramley. A new band of young ringers has been assembled, with Mr. C. M. Martin as the hon. secretary and Mr. L. G. Hyde as captain. In the opinion of the Ringing Master of the district, the material of the new band is very promising. The secret of success, he emphasised at the meeting, was to 'stick it.' Nobody is more pleased at the new turn of events than the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), who presided at the meeting and conducted the Guild service in the Parish Church. 'People in the parish,' he said, 'have remarked to me how pleased they are to hear the bells ringing again.' The welcome back into the Guild of Bramley ringers was voiced by Mr. R. Whittington. 'I have been in the habit of coming here for over 50 years,' he said, and recalled the days when Bramley had a good band.

There was, however, a sad side to the proceedings. The meeting heard with regret of the death of Mr. Cole (Old Woking) and Mr. D. Cheeseman (Pirbright). Sympathy was expressed with Miss Avenell (Worplesdon) in the death of her mother. A report was received from Albury of a restriction of the number of Guild members from eight to four. Mr. W. F. J. Cope (the hon. secretary) is personally investigating the matter.

An appeal was made by the hon. secretary for tower secretaries to increase their number of honorary members. In connection with this forward drive, the Vicar of Bramley associated himself with the idea and was elected to honorary membership. The next meeting will be held at Old Woking on November 26th.

The ringers did not leave Bramley without expressing their thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. C. M. Martin, who made the local arrangements, and all others who contributed to the success of the meeting. As to the ringing, it embodied a very full compass. There was some good ringing and other of an indifferent character.

LINCOLN.—On September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles' Church as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Sydney Chambers: Percy Holmes 1, John Walden 2, John Freeman 3, Noel Chambers (first quarter-peal) 4, Sydney Chambers (first quarter-peal) 5, Jack Millhouse 6, Harold Marcon (conductor) 7, George Flintham 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

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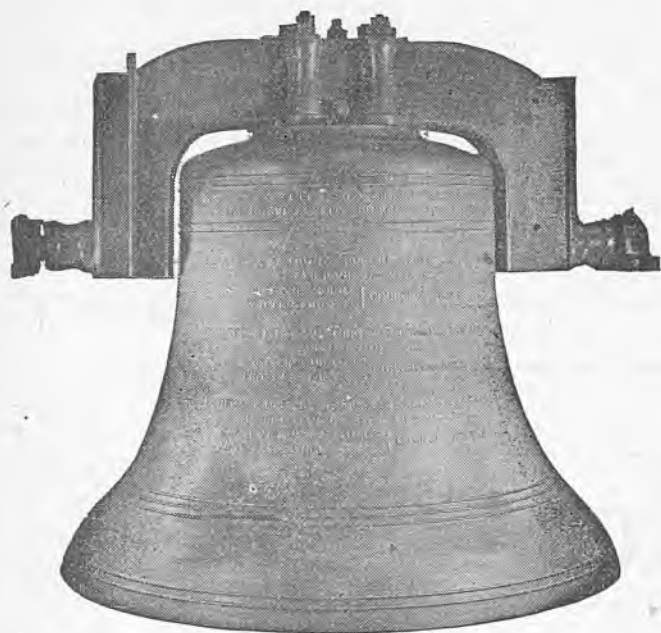
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Editor, who has been on a short holiday to Egypt, is due home at the beginning of next week.

The many friends of Mr. James H. Riding will join us in expressing our sympathy with him on the occasion of the death of his mother, which took place on Sunday, September 18th, at Wistaston. Mr. Riding also has lost his father within the last twelve months.

Two bell 'opens' take place in Cornwall next Thursday. In the afternoon the Bishop of Truro is to rededicate a restored ring of six at Marhamchurch, and in the evening his lordship will perform the rededication of a recast peal of eight at St. Mary's, Launceston. In both cases the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

To-day is the one hundred and seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of William Shipway, which took place in Bath. Shipway came up to London as a young man and joined first the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths and then the senior society. For many years he was one of the leading Metropolitan ringers, but to-day is best remembered as the author of 'Campanalogia or the Art of Ringing,' one of the best books which has ever been written on the art and science.

September 29th is the date of the first peal on the ten bells at St. Leonard's, Skoreditch. It was one of Grandsire Caters, rung in 1765 and by the College Youths. The belfry was for many years the principal meeting place of the Cumberlands, but just then they were having a slack time and did not ring a peal during the year.

The claim that the peal at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, on September 2nd, was the first in seven methods is refuted by Mr. Charles R. Lilley, who sends us particulars of a peal he called there 35 years previously on December 5th, 1903. The peal consisted of 720 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

On Saturday, September 28th, 1734, the College Youths rang the first peal at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. There were then eight bells in the tower said to be the heaviest ring of eight in England, the tenor weighing 49 cwt. The method was Bob Major, Annable conducted and two men, John Cundell and John Trenell, rang the tenor.

This month the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards joins the ranks of those ringers who have more than 50 years to their credit. He was taught to handle a bell on Thursday, September 13th, 1888, and rang in rounds on the following Sunday. Mr. Edwards has made a record of his own, for he has rung or chimed bells in eleven different lands.

While we thoroughly appreciate the motives of the band who recently rang a muffled quarter-peal before Sunday evening service for a very respected ringer who has recently passed away, we should like to point out that bells should never be muffled before any regular Sunday service unless it is in the nature of a requiem or memorial service. This is the recommendation of the Central Council and is in accordance with ecclesiastical usage.

The peal of Royal at Beccles on September 14th, reported in our last issue, was the first on ten bells by Mr. R. W. Coates, the ringer of the seventh, not by Mr. Stanley Fenn as reported.

The peal rung by the Cambridge University Guild at St. Briavels, Gloucestershire, on September 6th, contained 5,184 changes, not 5,040 as published.

The date of the meeting of the Essex Association to be held at Springfield is October 8th, not October 18th as advertised in our last issue.

We are asked to remind our Cornish tourists that the peal at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, was not the first peal of Surprise on the bells. A peal of Superlative was rung there on October 6th, 1897, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. This was the first peal on the bells and of Surprise in the county.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT DUNMOW.

Forty-six ringers attended a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Dunmow on September 17th, the parishes represented being Halstead, Dunmow, Earls Colne, Greentead Green, Hatfield, Sudbury, Hornchurch, Fobbing, Leytonstone, Bishopsgate, Stebbing, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Sawston, Coggeshall, Sawbridge-worth, Wanstead, Cambridge, Newmarket and Little Munden.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. N. Mellish, V.C.) gave an appropriate address at the service, and the tea was provided by local ringers, their ladies serving. Thanking them for their hospitality, Mr. F. Ridgwell (District Master) mentioned that it was typical of the welcome the association always received at Dunmow.

At the business meeting, Mr. N. Vagg (Sible Hedingham) was elected a ringing member of the association, and Mr. J. Redgwell (Witham) was re-elected a member. It was decided to hold the next meeting, which will be the annual district meeting, at Braintree, on November 19th. The District Master thanked the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells, and expressed thanks to the organist and the ladies who had served the tea.

During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung on the Parish Church bells.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—38.**JOSEPH T. DYKE.**

Comparisons are odious and we should not like to say who is the leading conductor in the West; but if we had to name the first three or four, the list would certainly include the name of Mr. J. T. Dyke.

And yet one does not think of him especially as a conductor; at least not in the same way one does so of some other men. Rather we look on him as typical of the very best class of all-round ringers who can ring methods, call bobs, turn in tenors, teach learners, run an association and set a high standard of striking. And incidentally make a host of friends in the process.

Mr. Dyke was born in 1892 at Burton-on-Trent, where there was then a company which had ranked as the foremost in England, the first band to ring the standard Surprise Major methods as part of their regular repertoire, and here, 17 years later at St. Paul's Church, he rang his first peal, one of Grandsire Triples. During the next year he conducted a five thousand in two methods of Doubles at the neighbouring tower of Horninglow. In 1914 he joined H.M. Forces, and from 1915 to 1919 he was overseas in France, Belgium and Germany.

Altogether he has rung 562 peals, of which he called 237. They were performed in 214 towers and in 26 counties, and included the 15,312 of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929, which many people think is the greatest of all long peals, all things considered.

Twice he has rung in two peals of Cambridge Maximus in one day, and he took part in the only peal of York Surprise (not Yorkshire Surprise) Royal ever rung, in a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus, a silent peal of Cambridge Major and an all-conducted six-bell peal in seven methods.

He called 10,032 changes of Bob Major at Bradford-on-Avon, and the first peals of Surprise Major and London Surprise by a resident Somerset band.

Mr. Dyke is well known as an outstanding tenor ringer. He rang the tenor at Sherborne and the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, to Major, and the tenors at Queen Camel and Hoar Cross to Minor; in each case shortly before the bells were rehung, and later the Queen Camel tenor to seven Surprise Minor methods.

During the course of a twelve-month Mr. Dyke travels about 5,000 miles in pursuit of ringing, and at least half of them when he is engaged in instructing. This is one of his strong points and on which he has very definite views. He was the author (in collaboration with Canon Coleridge) of the 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' which is published by the Central Council, and of which many hundred copies have been sold. It is the work of a man who has not only had a great deal of experience in teaching, but has used his experience to discover the best ways of instructing; and here no doubt Mr. Dyke's profession is a great help to him, for he is a schoolmaster. He says himself that he is intolerant of the bad striker. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that he is intolerant of bad striking—which is not quite the same thing.

Mr. Dyke was a branch secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association from 1920 and general secretary from 1925, and he represents that association on the Central Council.

PROFITABLE MEETING AT BANSTEAD.

Banstead, one of the extremes of the Guildford District, was the venue of a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on September 10th. A party of 26 sat down to tea at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. A. Harman (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting, when Mr. D. J. Donohoe, of Banstead, was elected a ringing member, Mr. A. J. Peacock, of Badsworth, Somerset, a compounding member, and the election of Mr. H. A. Holden, of Bexley, Kent, as a compounding member previous to a peal at Leatherhead was confirmed. The business ended with a vote of thanks to Canon Skene for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. G. Woodiss, who had made all the arrangements.

During the day, two Triples, two Plain Bob, two Treble Bob and five Surprise Major methods were rung by members from Banstead, Cobham, Epsom and Leatherhead, with visitors from Chertsey, Cranleigh, Kingston, London and Sutton.

**MR. JOSEPH T. DYKE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****EIGHTY PEALS RUNG DURING PAST YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Wigan on Saturday, when a membership of 1,466 was reported.

Ringing took place previous to the service at the Parish Church. Dr. David, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, was the preacher and expressed the hope that the members would return to their different parishes strengthened after participating in the service. Assisting in the service were the Rector of Wigan and the Rev. A. Scott (president of the Guild).

There was an attendance of 54 at the tea in Lee's Cafe. The annual meeting was held at the Blue Coat School. The committee's report stated that the association had a membership of 1,466, of whom 1,030 lived in the county. Seventy new members were enrolled and 69 removed from the books for arrears. Twenty members had passed away, among them being an original member of the association, which was formed in 1876, two others who had served on the committee and as branch secretaries for 26 years, and life members who joined round about 1890. There had been four bell restorations. During the year 80 peals had been rung, which was not so many as last year, but a good average of methods had been maintained. There had been heavy calls on the balance sheet, but the association nevertheless concluded the year with a balance. The report and accounts were adopted.

The resolution, 'That each branch of the association be allowed to elect one member for the Central Council in rotation,' was discussed from both sides, and, as the matter was not pressing, it was put back for twelve months with instructions to the branch secretaries to discuss it at their meetings. There were eight nominations for the Central Council, the voting being in favour of Messrs. P. Crook, G. R. Newton, W. H. Shaker and T. B. Worsley. Seven hundred and sixty-seven voting papers were sent out and 497 returned. Blackpool and St. Helens were both proposed for the next annual meeting, and Blackpool was selected.

The president voiced the best thanks of the association to the Rector of Wigan for arranging the service, use of his church, bells and organ; the Vicar of Poolstock for his bells; the Lord Bishop for his address; the organist and choirboys for their assistance, and the branch secretary and the two towerkeepers for their help in the towers, cafe and schools.

One dear old lady thought the Wigan ringers should have rung for the occasion. When it was explained to her that it was a ringers' festival, she added, 'You should not let the visitors do the work.'

LEEDS SOCIETY VISIT ROTHWELL.

On September 17th, the Leeds Society held another successful meeting at Rothwell. Fine weather tempted ringers out early, and the bells were raised in peal at 3.15 p.m. Ringing continued in various methods (and rounds for learners from the nearby church of Woodlesford) until 5 p.m., when some 25 ringers enjoyed a very good tea, provided in the Church Institute by the local company.

At the business meeting the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) presided, and members were present from Armley, Burley, Birstall, Batley, East Ardsley, Headingley St. Chad's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Sherburn, Selby, Woodlesford and the local company.

Nine new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Cowling, S. Grubb, B. Nicholson, F. Watson, A. Emmett, A. Thorpe, W. Kilmister, L. Hobkinson, J. A. Madeley, all of the Woodlesford company. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. H. Morley. Mr. Wormald (Vicar's warden), in reply, said that they were only too well pleased in anything to help their bellringers, who were such an asset to their church, not only in the tower, but in all branches of their church work.

The society's jubilee will be next year, and a proposal was put to the meeting that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the best method of celebrating the jubilee. The following were appointed to serve: The Rev. J. A. B. Andrews (president), Messrs. W. H. Senior and T. W. Strangeway and the secretary (Mr. H. Lofthouse).

DEATH OF NOTED BERKSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Holifield, sen., who passed away peacefully at Appleton, Berks, on Sunday morning. Mr. Holifield was 80 years old and had taken part in more than one record length of Caters rung at Appleton, including three of Stedman Caters—12,041 and 15,041 in 1888, and 21,363 in 1922. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

SEVENOAKS.—At the Parish Church on September 25th for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, Miss O. Matthews (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, L. Turley (conductor) 3, P. Turley 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, H. J. Ford 6, W. Turley 7, S. Comber 8. At the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, Miss O. Matthews 2, L. Turley (conductor) 3, P. Turley 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, H. J. Ford 6, R. Collins 7, F. Paige 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On September 22nd, 1,500 London Surprise Major: N. Shorter 1, A. Pitstow 2, A. Austin 3, F. Dench (conductor) 4, L. Pitstow 5, R. Knights 6, R. Lathbury 7, J. Ward 8. Also in honour of the birth of a son to Roland Ridgwell, a local ringer, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

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A Tewkesbury Disappointment.

The afternoon brought the party to Tewkesbury, where they arrived at the Abbey in good time. It was a long climb up to the belfry in the enormous central tower, in one corner of which the bells are situated, a part being boarded off to make a convenient ringing chamber. Several of the ropes needed attention and quite a bit of binding up was necessary. The bells are a good peal of 12, the two trebles having been added in 1934 as a memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and the whole peal retuned by Taylors. Eventually a start was made for Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the back ten. However, it did not go so well as had been anticipated, and stand was called after an hour owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor. It was discovered that the back ten are on plain bearings, the tenor had a little oil, but no grease. Workmen are busy on scaffolding around the tower working on the outside stonework, and chips and stonedust must get in the bearings. We were given to understand there is now no local band at the Abbey and that the bells are rung only when visitors arrive. It seems a great pity that such fine bells should be left neglected and not rung. They are worthy of the fine building and should be rung for service. Fred Rogers was again the unlucky conductor. He was calling all three of the efforts which came to grief, neither of them any fault of the conductor or the band. After bidding farewell to W. F. Judge, who had to leave for home at Oxford, the party turned back to Gloucester to have half an hour's pull on the bells at Barnwood.

The road was very winding when we went to Longney on Saturday morning, 6½ miles through the heart of the country. A small church, dwarfed by an enormous yew tree, six houses and a farm constituted the village, an ideal spot for peal ringing. Ex-Sergt. J. Williams came along to spend the day with us and to listen to some good ringing. The bells are a very handy and pleasant peal of eight, with tenor 14 cwt. in F, rung from the ground floor. Rudhalls were the founders, and the whole peal were rehung on ball bearings by Taylors a few years ago. A peal board records a peal of Stedman Triples rung on the bells on January 16th, 1931, in 2 hours and 36 minutes, conducted by William Longney, sen. We were told this was the first peal of Stedman Triples rung. Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major went very well indeed and was successful in 3 hours and 7 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first of 'spliced' on the bells. After the peal the party returned to Gloucester for lunch, then, in the afternoon, a mile on the Cirencester road to Barnwood for the final attempt of the week. Mr. Harry Newman was waiting to let us into the belfry. The square tower contains a musical octave with tenor 10 cwt.—a nice handy ring on which to complete the week. The back six are by Rudhall, the two trebles having been added by Taylors in 1912. A good peal of Cambridge was tapped out in 2 hours and 57 minutes and was George Popnell's 250th peal.

A SATISFACTORY TOUR.

The band were naturally highly satisfied with the week's results, 11 peals rung out of 14 attempts, with four conductors, and all rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Several local ringers, together with Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sergt. Williams, joined the party at headquarters for a social evening, in which the handbells, to change and tune ringing, played a prominent part, and it was very late before the party broke up.

With a few words, the organiser, Mr. J. M. Cripps, voiced the band's great appreciation of the great help rendered by Mr. J. Austin in arranging and carrying out the programme. His local knowledge was unrivalled, and it was good to see how welcome he was everywhere they went. Mr. Austin was with us from 9 in the morning until 11 or after at night, every day; he knew everyone and exactly what to do. Without his great help the tour could not have been carried through so smoothly, and his cheery company was greatly enjoyed by all. A suitable presentation was made and acknowledged. Mr. Austin said anyone who came to Gloucester would receive the same help and welcome. It had been a real pleasure to him to help organise and arrange, and if the tourists got the same pleasure out of it as he did, he was well satisfied.

Spliced Surprise was called by Mr. Austin, 'London, Brighton and South Coast Railway,' for it appeared on the programme as Spliced L.B.S. and C. This was a great joke, but he knew and found it could be rung well. Mr. Austin joined in one peal during the week, at Cheltenham, but could not be persuaded to stand in another, he was content to come along and listen.

Having completed the peal programme, service ringing was not forgotten. On the day of departure we rang for an hour in the morning at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, ringing Spliced Surprise, Cambridge and Stedman Triples. The coach was directed towards home at 2.30, and after a pretty run along high ground, a call was made at Bourton-on-the-Water at last year's headquarters, the New Inn, where Mr. Morriss expressed great pleasure in meeting us again, as we were pleased to see him. Only a short stay was possible, and the 35-mile journey to Drayton, Berks, to ring London Surprise and Stedman Triples for service on the light octave, tenor 9 cwt. Then home, the coach dropping the various members of the party between Guildford

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SURREY ASSOCIATION AT EPSOM.

CHANGING CONDITIONS IMPEDE PEAL RINGING.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Epsom Parish Church on September 24th, and was attended by 30 members representing Ashted, Baustead, Beddington, Bishopsgate, Croydon (St. John's), Chelsea, Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Kingston-on-Thames, Leatherhead and Mitcham.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 5.15, when an adjournment was made to the Church Room for tea. The business meeting followed and was presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, the District Ringing Master. The chairman welcomed Mr. R. F. Roe, of Wigston, Leicestershire, who was spending a holiday in the district. In replying, Mr. Roe thanked the Surrey Association for their hospitality and invited them to attend meetings of the Midland Counties Association should they at any time happen to be in the Leicester District.

One new member was elected, and the ratification of the elections of two other members, which had taken place in belfries prior to ringing, were confirmed.

The gradual closing of towers in the district for peal attempts was discussed. It was pointed out that, in nearly every case, the present state of affairs had been brought about by alterations in local conditions over which the association had no control. Churches which 20 years ago were situated in rural areas and at which peal attempts were fairly frequent were now, owing to the growth of population, in the midst of urban districts. A proportion of the new inhabitants were unsympathetic towards bells and bellringers, and some of these people voiced their opinions in no uncertain manner, with the result that peal attempts had become restricted.

No other business being forthcoming, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the captain of the local ringers, Mr. P. T. Cooper, for arranging the meeting. Members then returned to the tower, where ringing continued till 8.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.

FIRST MEETING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

The first meeting of the Ladies' Guild in Bedfordshire, held at Dunstable on September 17th, was a great success. Twenty-six members of the Guild attended, the majority of whom came from the South Midland District, but the London District was represented by eight members.

After a short service, conducted by the Rector, tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which 73 ringers and friends sat down. The Mayor and Mayoress of Dunstable were present and the Rector of Dunstable and Mrs. Griffiths.

There being no business meeting, the president (Miss Steel) welcomed the visitors and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by eight members of the Guild. Some of the visitors adjourned to a nearby six-bell tower and enjoyed an hour's ringing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, September 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: Miss D. Williams 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, R. Davies 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, J. Cawley 5, L. G. Pratt 6, D. D. Cooper (conductor) 7, F. E. Collins 8. First attempt for a quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, and first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. G. Cooper 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 4, A. Jones 5, G. W. Morris 6, E. R. Gladman 7, W. W. Webb 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. F. Ellingham 1, H. C. Chandler 2, G. C. Goodman 3, W. W. Webb 4, C. J. Tricker 5, G. W. Morris 6, A. Jones 7, F. E. Hawthorne (first quarter of Major as conductor) 8.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,293 changes): K. Welsby 1, H. Allred, jun. 2, Miss J. Blackman 3, R. Allred 4, C. Ridyard 5, A. Rance 6, F. Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, R. Jones 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters for the 2nd, 3rd and 6th ringers.

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and Brighton, after having spent a very enjoyable week in Gloucestershire, both the ringing and the social side being excellent, and the band look forward to another successful tour next year.

Thanks must be tendered to the various incumbents for their ready permission, also to the various tower captains for getting things ready, and last, but not least, the fact that the tour was made possible by the great work put in by the organiser, Mr. J. M. Cripps, who arranged all the details in conjunction with Mr. J. Austin. The band are deeply grateful for the work put in by these two, who did not meet until the first day of the tour. Our host at The Kimbrose, Mr. A. Timmes, and his daughter, Mrs. Pritchard, made us very comfortable all the week. Here's to the next time! C. E. S.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**A YEAR OF PROGRESS.**

The sixty-first annual meeting of the association was held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 24th. The bells of the Cathedral and St. John-the-Baptist were kindly placed at the disposal of the members from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and ringing took place in both towers.

The service was held in the choir of the Cathedral, by permission of the Provost (the Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, M.A.), and was well attended. In an informal address the Provost, who was only recently inducted to the benefice, welcomed the association to Newcastle, saying how pleased he was to have the opportunity of meeting the members. He took as his theme St. Paul's mention of the components of the Body of Christ, and said that although bellringers were not mentioned specifically, he thought they could be included as helpers. He believed that if ringers were sincere in their work of calling people to church and set an example by attending services themselves, they could exercise a good influence on other people. He hoped that none of the ringers present rang the bells and did not attend service! He went on to say that he had no knowledge of change ringing, but from a recent visit to the Cathedral belfry he judged that a good deal of patience and skill were required to become proficient, even though he had an unmathematical mind. The Provost gave an instance of what he termed the trend of modern times when he said he had recently asked a young man why he did not attend church, and received the reply that his (the young man's) Sunday would be spoilt. He thought Sunday should be set aside for worship, and that the sound of the bells each Sunday served to remind those who were unmindful that the worship of God was taking place. A collection, the proceeds of which are intended to form the nucleus of a bell restoration fund, realised £1 6s. 6d. At the conclusion of the service prayer was offered at the Association War Memorial by Canon Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), and a course of Grandfire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Anderson, C. L. Routledge, J. E. R. Keen and R. Park. Dinner was served in the Crown Hotel, followed by the general meeting.

The president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge) was in the chair, supported by Mr. R. Park (hon. secretary), Mr. W. N. Park (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. L. Routledge (hon. editorial secretary), Canon Stephenson, the Rev. J. Hudson Barker (Vicar of Northam-on-Tweed), Mr. A. Payne, O.B.E., J.P. (immediate past president) and Mr. J. Anderson (a former president). The loyal toast, given by the president, was accorded musical honours.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, the Rev. W. S. Baker (Vicar of St. John's), Messrs. R. A. Gofton, K. Arthur, T. W. Crowe, F. Robson, W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson. The secretary's annual report, the peal report and the treasurer's statement were unanimously adopted.

A PLEA FOR HIGHER METHODS.

In his report, the secretary stated that the meetings held during the year had been more successful than those held in the previous year, but there was still room for improvement. He called upon members to attend all the meetings they possibly could, and support the endeavours of the officers to place the association second to none. The records of the association showed that ringing history had been made in the past by its members, and could be repeated, but a great effort would be necessary to accomplish this. This could not be accomplished by the officials alone, and it was up to each member to 'pull his weight.' The secretary also said that the number of peals rung during the year (numbering 26), as set out in Mr. Routledge's peal report, could be considerably increased, and, whilst not in the least disparaging the peals rung as a rule, suggested that attempts to ring peals in higher methods might be organised by the officials so that the record of the association in the Central Council Analysis may look a little more impressive than of late. The report made reference to the passing of one of the patrons of the association—the Rt. Rev. J. G. Gordon, D.D., Bishop of Jarrow, who, although he did not take an active interest in the affairs of the association, endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by reason of his gentle and kindly manner. The Diocese of Durham has suffered a great loss by his passing. Reference was also made to the passing of Mr. R. A. Johnson, of Durham Cathedral, Mr. J. Stuart, of Gateshead, Mr. J. W. Foster, of Benfieldside, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, a life member for many years.

The number of peals rung during the year was 26, which was two more than in the previous year. There were eight first peal men, and Mr. W. Robson, of South Shields, entered the list of conductors for the first time. The two outstanding peals of the year were probably a peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Newcastle Cathedral to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the association, and a peal of Surprise Minor rung half-muffled at Holy Trinity, Darlington, as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Gordon.

In the Sunday service ringing scheme, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, took the first certificate in the section for eight, ten and twelve bell towers, with a score of 1,216 points, having returned an excellent record. North Shields were placed second and Whitley Bay third. North Shields would undoubtedly have had a much higher score but for the fact that their bells were in the hands of the bellhangers for several weeks for retuning and rehanging. In the six-bell section Holy Trinity, Darlington, took the first certificate with a score of 1,405 points, Benfieldside remaining second and Benwell third.

The hon. treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £71 15s. 9d., and although this was £5 less than last year, it was considered satisfactory when it was recalled that £10 had been donated to bell restoration funds.

WELCOME TO CANON STEPHENSON.

The president addressed words of welcome to Canon Stephenson and the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, expressing pleasure at their presence. In responding, Canon Stephenson referred to his 31 years' membership of the association, and said he looked forward to attending the annual dinner as often as possible. He spoke at length, and, amongst other things, said that of all the organisations connected with his church, none could surpass the belfry in their unanimity. The Rev. J. Hudson Barker also responded, and said that although it was some years since he was able to attend annual meetings owing to the fact that he always took his holiday in September, he had not lost touch. In a passing reference to the political situation, he recalled that during the last war two bands of ringers at his church in Consett were called to the Colours and very few returned. He prayed that disaster might be averted and that all present would be able to attend the meeting next year.

The president thanked the Rev. G. E. Brigstocke for the use of the Cathedral bells and for conducting the service, the organist and the Rev. W. S. Baker for the use of St. John's bells. He said how greatly the association valued the interest of the clergy, especially for their readiness in granting the use of the bells for meetings and peal attempts.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and, on behalf of the members, thanked them for their excellent work during the year.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

The election of officers then took place as follows: President, Mr. M. D. Oubridge; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Park; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. N. Park; hon. editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; Peal Referees Committee, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen and J. W. Parker; Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson and J. W. Parker. District officers were elected as follows: Northern District: Vice-president, Mr. E. Wallace; district secretary, Mr. J. Roach. Southern District: Vice-president, Mr. R. Jeff; district secretary, Mr. J. T. Titt. Eastern District: Vice-president, Mr. R. L. Patterson; district secretary, Mr. F. Robson. Western District: Vice-president, Mr. F. Sheraton; district secretary, Mr. J. A. Brown. Wednesday Guild: Vice-president, Mr. W. Sheraton; secretary, Miss M. A. P. Bertie.

The president submitted the suggestions of the committee regarding meetings to be held during the ensuing year, and these were adopted as follows: December 3rd, 1938, special meeting at North Shields; February 18th, 1939, pre-Lent meeting at West Hartlepool; May 20th, 1939, pre-Whitsun meeting at Hexham; July 8th, 1939, summer meeting at Morpeth; and September 30th, 1939, annual meeting at Durham.

REORGANISATION SUGGESTIONS.

Whilst speaking on the subject of meetings, the President said Mr. G. W. Park had placed a suggestion before the committee to the effect that the association meetings, other than the annual meeting, should be cancelled and that all meetings should be arranged and held as district meetings in view of the small attendances. He said that discussion had been postponed until a later meeting, but he asked members to attend the intervening meetings because the committee did not wish to take any drastic step and the attendances would act as a guide in their decision.

A suggestion formulated by Mr. K. Arthur and placed before the meeting on his behalf by Mr. C. L. Routledge to the effect that the districts as at present constituted should be disbanded and the territory covered by the association divided into a Northern, Central and Southern Division met with considerable opposition. Messrs. J. Anderson, R. L. Patterson, T. W. Dodd, S. Thompson and J. A. Brown all spoke against it, and in view of the fact that Mr. Arthur was not there to defend his proposal, discussion was deferred until the Hexham meeting.

The toast, 'The continued and increased prosperity of the association,' given by Mr. W. Storey, was received with acclamation.

Mr. E. A. Gallimore, of Durham Cathedral choir, again entertained the company with songs and monologues which were greatly appreciated by all, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Gallimore and the accompanist, Mr. Sullivan, brought an enjoyable gathering to a close.

LATE NOTICE.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—A district meeting will be held at Redgrave on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Rickinghall (6) and Hinder Clay (6). All are welcome. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea provided by the Rev. Stevens in the Mission Room. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Oct. 11th.—R. D. Nelthorpe, District Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., also at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's Church at 4.45 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. each, at the Express Dairy Depot, 196, Shoreditch High Street, at 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15.—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. Full choral service at 6 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry afterwards. Further ringing to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Wellington. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, after which the Vicar is arranging for tea to be provided (at moderate charge), followed by the usual short business meeting. It is hoped you will appreciate the privilege of again using these bells (after so long a period), and turn up.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Petherton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, October 1st. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Buxted bells will be available after tea.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch at North Creake on Sat., Oct. 1st, is postponed.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Exton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Dis. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Sussex County Association at Rye on October 1st (Saturday). Will members make a special effort, please?—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 2, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 2.30 till 6.30, owing to the Market being close to tower. Please come early and have some good ringing before the butchers get going. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Goby, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Look your 'Diagrams' up and let's see what we can do.—E. E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for Westhoughton has been transferred to Hindley, a joint meeting with the Wigan Branch, Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 1s.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, October 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30, also Titchborne.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged at Chicheley, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringing visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER, OCTOBER 1st.—Just a reminder that the above is due to commence at 6.30 p.m. prompt, so will all those attending kindly arrange to be at their seats by that time. Please bring your ticket to facilitate seating arrangements.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth, near Fafeld, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 534, Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District. — The meeting arranged for Beaconsfield on Saturday, October 1st, is cancelled. — I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec., 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—The Rural Dean of South Wirral, the Rev. E. G. Audem, M. A., will dedicate the bells next Sunday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m. The former ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for October, 1938.—St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 6th, 8 p.m.; St. Paul's Cathedral, 11th,* 7.30 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 13th and 27th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 18th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 25th.* *Business meeting afterwards.

LAUNCESTON, ST. MARY'S, CORNWALL.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Truro. A recast ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—The ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors may attempt a peal at Handsworth (8, tenor 12 cwt.), starting not later than 2 p.m., by applying to Mr. F. Watkinson, 8, Bramley Drive, Sheffield, 9. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from the divisional secretaries up to Tuesday, October 4th, or from Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, October 8th. (Please note alteration.) Bells

(8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room at 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Postcards for tea to me by Thursday, October 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District).—A combined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing again after service till 9 o'clock. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, October 5th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, October 8th.—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing 5.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) **AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District).—A joint meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Don't forget Luton are playing at home, so come along. There will be everything from rounds to London Major.—H. V. Frost and F. J. Plummer, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Eight bells. Please send your cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 5th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Martin on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ubley bells available after meeting. Please notify by the 5th for tea.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify re tea. Will members please note change of meeting place, which has become necessary owing to the closing of Buxted tower during repairs?—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgwood, Uckfield, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, October 8th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please send the number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, October 8th. Business at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral.—E. Dorice Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hanmer on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Mollington, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—As Lutterworth and Claybrooke are not available, the next meeting will be held at Thurlestone on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Postcards for tea to Mr. G. Wright, sen., Enderby Lane, Thurlestone, near Leicester, not later than Friday, October 7th, please. It is hoped that all towers will be represented to discuss an item of interest to all members.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 8th. Peal of 10 bells available from 3 p.m. Association service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, followed by business meeting. As tea is provided by the association, it is important that the secretary should be notified by Wednesday, October 5th, of the number to expect from each tower.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—An informal meeting of the branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, October 8th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by presentation to the branch chairman, who is leaving Norfolk, by the president of the association, the Rev. Hugh McMullan. All members are welcome, but don't forget that card. Names or numbers to Mr. W. C. Duffield, The Mill, Buxton, Norwich, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk, by Wednesday, 5th. Free tea.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 8th. Tea 9d. per head. Ringing from 2 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A postcard to let me know you need tea will oblige. Come and enjoy the country and renew your Minor acquaintances.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Caversham on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Parslows, 18, Prospect Street, at 6 p.m., 1s. per head. Please let me know by Wednesday, October 5th, how many for tea. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of term will be at St. Peter's Hall, in Mr. Bryan's rooms, on October 11th, at 8.30 p.m. Any ringers coming up will be welcome, and further information may be had from the acting secretary, Mr. H. Miles (St. Cath's), 53, Oakthorpe Road, Oxford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Wednesday, October 12th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at

Whittle-le-Woods (8 bells) on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea provided at 9d. each to all who notify Mr. F. G. Bradley, New Road Parade, Clayton-le-Woods, not later than Thursday, October 13th.—A. Blogg and S. Forshaw, Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. Paley, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock will be provided free to all who inform Mr. H. Rodmell, Mount Pleasant, Wawne Road, Sutton-on-Hull, Hull, by Wednesday, October 12th. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege (6) from 2.30; Cathedral (12) after meeting (if possible). Service 4.30, at St. Alphege, followed by tea (free) and meeting, in Gaywood's Rooms, High Street (entrance between Goulden's Library and Messrs. Leon's). Nominations for district officers must reach me not later than Saturday, October 8th, and names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, October 12th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Oct 15th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Andrew Hall, 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual dinner will be held at Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th, 1938. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3s. each, apply (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, before October 8th. Bells available: Wistaston (6 bells), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

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