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YOUTH AND THE FUTURE.

At the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association, one of the more recently established among these interesting social events, and one which is growing into a gathering of some importance, speakers made an appeal to the younger members to take upon themselves responsibilities as officers and as conductors. The future of ringing, as with other things, rests with the youth of to-day. To-morrow, those who now keep the machinery of the Exercise running smoothly will no longer be able to bear the burden of the task, and it is never too early for the younger members to take a share in the affairs of their association, or to learn the lessons which will turn them into competent conductors. One of the mistakes sometimes made is to leave the responsibilities to the old heads. Experience is a valuable and essential asset to the successful conduct of any organisations, but it is of greatest advantage when it can be coupled with the enthusiasm and imagination of youth. The management of an association is liable to become 'stodgy' when it remains in the unbroken care of a set of officials who, with the passing years, lose keenness and initiative. The lassitude which grows on them does so unsuspected by them, and experiment and change are not welcome. The young members are encouraged in the idea that only the seniors are capable of carrying on the affairs efficiently, but there can be no greater mistake than this. Young blood can bring a new enthusiasm to bear, and is necessary to the life of every organisation. When it can also be tempered by the experience of age, there is a combination which makes for success. The important thing is to encourage capable young ringers to interest themselves in association affairs and to take office.

In the tower, too, there should be every inducement to the younger members to take up conducting. All too often the master of a tower imagines that he is the only one who should conduct the touch or peal, whereas, while he is responsible for the ringing, it should be his first concern to see, not only that the men under his direction ring well, but that the more capable of them at least are given opportunities to learn and practise conducting. The conductor, with an eye on the future of ringing generally and in his own tower in particular, will not monopolise the conducting. If he does, there comes a time when, he himself failing, the band is left without anyone to do the calling, and, for a time at least, the bottom falls out of the structure that has been built up. It is, indeed, a short-sighted policy that makes a man, however competent, an autocrat who never gives others a

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chance—and yet there are many such. There are cases, of course, where the ringers are quite content to leave it all to the tower master, but the latter should make it a part of his duty to ensure that others beside himself are able to conduct touches and peals; he should give them his aid and advice, and see that facilities are provided for them to get the practice by which alone they can become efficient. A man who does this loses nothing of his prestige, but he adds very materially to the success of his band and the future progress of the art. Again, it is youth that should be encouraged to take its part; if it is there is not much doubt that it will respond.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*NORMAN H. MANNING ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
HENRY G. MILES ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 10
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
†JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 8
†VERNON SYKES ... 3	†ALBERT FORD ... 9
†ERNEST BENNETT ... 4	*JAMES A. MILNER ... 10
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 11
†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6	§JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal on 12 tower bells. § First peal of Maximus in the method, and first peal of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

FRANCIS A. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ... 7
HENRY C. WHITE ... 3	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late G. Holifield, sen., who was interred at Appleton the same day.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 7
LESTER L. GRAY ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 8
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	HUGH ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
Rung, by the Rector's permission, as a thanksgiving for peace.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	FRED WIGMORE 6
WALLACE COUSINS 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 8
GEORGE LADD 4	WALTER H. FREEMAN 9
LEWIS BUSH 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Specially arranged for Mr. G. Lindoff, and rung for the harvest festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
JOHN E. TURLEY 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
G. GORDON GRAHAM 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
PERCY J. JERVIS 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. KNIGHTS.

Composition No. 60. This peal was arranged and rung as a tribute to the Rector, Canon W. R. Hewson, on his retirement, after 36 years as priest in Eckington.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	CHARLES H. WOODBURY 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

WITCHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER... .. Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
EDWARD SPRAGUE 2	JOHN DEEN 6
JOHN M. SKINNER 3	WILLIAM HAYMAN 7
JOHN GLANVILL 4	GEORGE RENDALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR Treble	PHILIP H. AVEY 5
JOHN W. CORNFORD 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	GEORGE DAWSON 7
MRS. FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
JOHN G. AMES 2	NEVILLE HOLLINGWORTH 6
WALLACE COUSINS 3	† CYRIL WANDER 7
CLAUDE COUSINS 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
* 100th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. † First peal on eight bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the association. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary of the association.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DONALD W. NASH Treble	JOHN CHESTERMAN 5
*DAVID H. ANSTEY 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY 6
*RONALD F. KINGHAM 3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 7
ERNEST P. AUSTIN 4	† HARRY MUNDAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of London on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
RONALD SICKLING 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a thankoffering for the maintenance of peace.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

HARSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

CHARLES W. COOK Treble	JAMES F. G. HUME 4
CYRIL G. HURST 2	BERT DEAN 5
*JACK GREEN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal away from treble.

ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

NELSON W. BANHAM Treble	LANCLOT LAWRENCE 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	CHARLES F. GOODMAN 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 3	Cecil V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... Treble	*RONALD W. SWANN 4
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	†ARTHUR DEBENHAM 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM BIRCHALL Treble	†JAMES W. MELDRUM 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the harvest and for peace.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 3	JOHN CHURCH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the preservation of peace.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*ALBERT HARRIS Treble	GEORGE DANIELS 4
WILLIAM RANSOME 2	*HARRY WALKER 5
JOSEPH HOBBS 3	*GEOFFREY TURPIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH HOBBS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the 715th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*GEORGE BARNARD Treble	EDNA M. P. FETHERS 4
†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK 5
TOM TAYLOR 3	*EDWARD SEED Tenor

Conducted by TOM TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal in the method for the band. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the preservation of peace and for the harvest festival.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury and Clifford, three 240's of Pitman's and Morris' and one of Lindoff's arrangements of Grandsire, two 120's of Percy's Pleasure and London Doubles. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 4
†FREDERICK SMITH 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
*G. JAMES R. PRICE 3	*ARTHUR INSEAL Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Doubles in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BARTON 1-2	MRS. J. COTTERELL 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWCASTLE MEN'S PEAL AT RIPON.

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild spent a most enjoyable time at Ripon, Yorks, on Saturday and Sunday, September 17th and 18th. After a hurried lunch at headquarters (The Black Bull), a move was made to the Cathedral, and a peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by Bill Barber, was rung. In this two of the youngest members rang their first peal, and the Deputy Master, Mr. Keen, scored his 300th peal. The Ringing Master, Mr. C. L. Routledge, made his first peal attempt for over two years, and the band enjoyed the help of their old friend, Mr. Percy Johnson, who tried to reduce his weight on the ninth.

The members wish sincerely to thank the Cathedral authorities for the use of the bells for the peal, also Mr. Tingle and the steeplekeeper for seeing that all was ready. Without their kind help the attempt would have been impossible.

After an excellent dinner the visitors made their way to Sharow and enjoyed more ringing. Still they were not satisfied, and, after seeing the ancient custom of the curfew, the hornblower at the market cross, further ringing was indulged in on handbells.

Sunday found them again at the Cathedral for morning service ringing, and after lunch they had a very enjoyable motor run, which eventually took them as far as Birstwith, where, after disturbing Mr. Ewhank's 'forty winks,' permission was granted by the Vicar for a ring on this lovely peal of eight. This was quite an unexpected treat and made a very enjoyable finishing touch to a most successful weekend outing.

In connection with the peal at Ripon, it should be noted that the name of the ringer of the 7th was Charles E. Lawson.

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DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HOLIFIELD

PASSING OF AN APPLETON VETERAN.

An interesting personality has been removed from the Exercise by the death (as reported briefly in our last issue) of Mr. George Holifield, sen., of Appleton, Berks. He passed away on September 24th at the advanced age of 80 years.

Throughout the long ringing history of the little Berkshire village, where many records have been made, two names stand out conspicuously, White and Holifield. Appleton got its bells in 1818, and the name of White has been associated with them ever since, but George Holifield has been a living link with that distant event, for, born in 1858, he knew personally villagers who were present at the opening of the bells 40 years before.

Every year since 1818 Appleton ringers have celebrated 'March the 4th,' and the story is interesting. It is said that under the land enclosure of 1815 the then Lord of the Manor of Appleton took more than he was entitled to. There was an outcry against his action, and to appease the villagers he presented a ring of six bells to the Parish Church, and on the day they were opened, March 4th, 1818, he gave a feast to all the parishioners, and this event has been annually commemorated with a dinner.

George Holifield began his connection with ringing at Appleton something like 65 years ago, and he rang with some of the men who in 1821 rang the first 720 on the bells. As can be imagined, he was a storehouse of information and anecdote, and it was not only interesting but a real entertainment to listen to him when he was in a reminiscent mood.

Appleton saw some of its palmiest ringing days in the years when the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and James Washbrook were at the zenith of their powers. A number of records were made at Appleton, which by that time had had its bells increased to ten, and George Holifield was one of those who shared in these great performances. In the year 1838 they rang 12,041 Stedman Caters in February, 13,265 Grandsire Caters in April, and 15,041 Stedman Caters on the last day of the year, while, in addition to other peals, they scored a 10,080 of Double Norwich Major.

At the age of 64 Mr. Holifield once more helped to create a record at Appleton, when he took part in what is still the longest length by one set of men, 21,363 Stedman Caters, rung in 12 hours 25 minutes. This, also, was at Appleton.

Mr. Holifield rang, in all, something over 400 peals, his last being in February, 1936. In addition he was the composer of several peals, and the record of 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton in 1932 was his composition, although he did not take part in the ringing.

Throughout the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was one of the oldest members, he was highly esteemed and respected, and, although advancing age had recently curtailed his activities, he will be remembered for his cheery nature, his great enthusiasm for ringing, and particularly for his great pride in Appleton bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week at Appleton, the family mourners being Messrs. G. Holifield and W. Holifield (sons), Mrs. C. G. White (daughter), Kathleen, Eileen, Doreen, Yoland and Tony Holifield and Dorothy White (grandchildren), Mr. A. E. Lock and Mrs. Lock (niece). Four ringers, Messrs. R. White, F. White, A. H. White and F. C. White, acted as bearers, and other ringers present were Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), E. Humfrey and H. Smith (Reading), H. C. White and F. Messenger (Appleton). The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild) and the Rev. Thorne (Rector of Appleton) conducted the service, before and after which the bells were rung fully muffled.

In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, in which eight members of the White family took part.



MR. G. HOLIFIELD.

THANKSGIVING TOUCH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Great Baddow, Essex, on Sunday evening, October 2nd, by Don Green (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, George Green (conductor) 2, Miss D. K. French 3, P. Green 4, Pat Spencer Phillips (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer Phillips 7, L. Castleton (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8. This quarter-peal was arranged and rung as a thankoffering for the preservation of peace.

PEAL NOTES.

A peal of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, with the tenors in the tittums position, was rung at Oldham on Saturday. The composition, by the conductor, Mr. John Worth, was rung for the first time and he has now scored peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

The following are the figures of the peal. The bells are put into the tittums by calling a bob on 10-11-12 in the first course, and back into the rounds position by calling two bobs on the same bells in the last course. The first bob is made by the tenth, the second by the tenor and the third by the eleventh.

23456	M	W	H
62534	2	1	2
46325	2	1	2
43265	1	2	
62345	2	2	
54326	1	1	1
53246	1	2	
23456	2	1	

Mr. Arthur Knights is still finding some of his oldest compositions and ringing them for the first time. At Eckington, Derbyshire, on September 20th, he called a peal of Kent Treble Bob, which he composed in 1888, but which had never been rung.

The Rector of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and his ringers showed intelligent anticipation of events when, with the former's permission, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Wednesday, September 28th, as a thanksgiving for peace.

Other thanksgiving peals for the maintenance of peace have been rung, including a peal of Superlative Surprise at Bocking, Essex, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Huyton, Lancashire. The bells at Huyton are the heaviest six in the county (the tenor is 19 cwt.), and this was only the second peal rung on them.

Mr. J. R. Hayman rang his sixtieth peal when he called Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire at Witheycombe Raleigh, Devon, on September 24th.

The 'coming of age' of All Saints' Church, Basingstoke, was celebrated on Saturday by a peal of Grandsire Triples. The church was dedicated 21 years ago.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, a peal of Minsmere Surprise Major was rung at Oxhey on Saturday. It was the first in the method by the association and all the band, and was rung without previous practice.

The peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark on Saturday week was rung on the 31st birthday of Mr. T. W. Taffender, the hon. secretary of the association, and was also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. G. Miles, of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and Mr. F. Donald Boreham. It was the first twelve-bell peal by the ringers of the 6th and 8th, Messrs. W. J. Rawlings and Norman H. Manning.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has been spending a few days in Lincolnshire, and two peals, Treble Bob Royal at Wisbech and Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Spalding, were arranged for him. The Royal was also rung for the harvest festival, and the Major was Mrs. R. Richardson's one hundredth peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

On Thursday week, Mr. Cecil Ebberson rang at Attleborough his one hundredth peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. It is 40 years since a peal was rung in this tower, where the ropes fall in a very bad circle. The ringers of the treble, third and fourth belong to the local band, and this was their first attempt for a peal.

The peal of Bob Minor at Harston, Sept. 26th, was rung on the 11th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Ward, who afterwards entertained the ringers at the Vicarage.

Mrs. Frederick W. Housden was elected a member of the Essex Association before starting for the peal at Leytonstone on September 26th, which was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. H. Avey.

Mr. D. H. Bennett rang in his one hundredth tower when he took part in the first peal in seven Doubles methods on the bells at Madley, Herefordshire, on Sunday.

The peal of Bob Doubles at Bosley, Cheshire, on Saturday, the first in the method for all the band, was a joint thanksgiving for the preservation of peace and the ingathering of the harvest.

A thanksgiving peal was rung in seven Minor methods at Henlow, Beds, on Saturday last.

On Thursday, September 29th, there was some really 'nice tapping' when a peal of Minor in three methods was beautifully rung at Groby, Leicestershire. The peal was arranged for Mr. Ronald Swann, who is to be congratulated upon capturing his first peal; incidentally this was his first touch of Oxford Treble Bob. Mr. Swann's name will, we hope, often be appearing among peal bands, and we wish him the success his enthusiasm deserves.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL DINNER.

An Appeal to Young Ringers and Conductors.

Worcester, the 'Faithful City,' was the venue of one hundred ringers and friends when the seventh annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association took place at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, on Saturday, September 24th. In the afternoon members and visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to ring at All Saints' (10 bells), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6). Just before dinner commenced reference was made to the sad loss sustained during the week by the host, Mr. Higgins, in the death of his wife.

The chair was taken by the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary of the association) in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies), who, however, was able to be present for a short time later in the evening. With the chairman were Mrs. Webb, the Rev. F. C. Champion (Vicar of Powick), Mr. S. T. Holt (Master), Miss M. Carpenter, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. H. Johnson (treasurer) and Mrs. Johnson, Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles (freemen).

After dinner the Chairman submitted 'The King,' and then followed the time-honoured toast of 'Church and State.' This was proposed by Mr. J. R. Newman, who said that in view of the international situation he had acquired a somewhat different outlook on the toast. All those who were churchmen and who took Christ's teaching to heart believed those two bodies were sincerely going to do more for international peace than anything that had been done. It was their sincere wish as ringers and churchworkers that the association of Church and State (separate in a sense yet bound together) would find their influence steadily increased. It gave him particularly great pleasure to propose the toast that night and to wish continued association of Church and State.

The Rev. F. C. Champion (hon. member), who responded, said there was a sadness in these days to find a certain section within the Church who would like to see it separated from the State. The Church gave a dignity to all State occasions and functions, and he was personally sorry to see how to a great extent the bellringing part had, in what was known as State ringing, passed out. Mr. Champion instanced how State ringing used to be carried out at his own church at Powick, and supposed that the reasons for so little State ringing in the country to-day was due to the fact that the money left for such purposes had given out. He did not suggest that ringers wanted money for ringing on those occasions, but they needed some compensation for the loss of time from work. Concluding, the speaker said Church and State ought to work together in close harmony, for there was a special unity in that binding up.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP.

The toast, 'Worcestershire and Districts Association,' was proposed by the Master (Mr. S. T. Holt), who referred to the men who founded the association and those who carried it on in its infancy. 'Are we carrying on with the good work?' he asked. He thought they were holding their own with other organisations. Although their peals were down in the last two or three years, he had noticed in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' what appeared to be a general depression. Mr. Holt said he agreed with a leading article in that paper regarding lost peals and thought it would be a good idea if their association kept a record of all peals lost. He would go further by suggesting that, with the co-operation of conductors in towers, a record be kept of all Sunday service touches, as this would indicate what progress was being made. They could not put all this extra work on their already over-burdened secretary, but they could appoint someone as lost peals secretary, or if that title implied that the secretary was lost, then perhaps secretary for lost peals would be more suitable (laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Holt said their membership had increased by nearly one hundred that year, and constituted a record both in members gained in any one year and total membership. It was pleasing to note that most of those new members had youth on their side, and he appealed to them to copy the methods of the stalwarts of the past by giving of their best. If they did that the association would have nothing to fear for its future. The Master said he would like to see a little more enthusiasm among budding conductors. They need not be afraid of missing a bob, as most successful conductors could truthfully say it had happened to them. 'Have a shot at it,' said the speaker; they could always get any desired information from good and tried conductors.

Concluding, Mr. Holt appealed to all members, young and old, to bear in mind that their association stood for duty to the Church and all that the Church stood for. They were all small parts that went towards the assembling of the association machine. The individual, the tower, the three branches all made one smooth running machine. Their work must not be for themselves alone, nor for their particular tower alone, but for the association.

Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary), in responding, said that the Master had spoken so much of what he wanted to say himself that he had a suspicion that Mr. Holt had been looking at his (Mr. Johnson's) notes (laughter). It was gratifying to the Dinner Committee to see such a large gathering assembled, the numbers having doubled themselves in the past three or four years. He thought they could

congratulate themselves on the year's work, since something like 90 new members had been enrolled, spread fairly evenly over the three branches. These new members had, however, created a problem on how best they could be served, since so many of them were new bands in new towers. He could not go into details there on how best this might be done, but they would bear it in mind and consider what were the best steps to take. He would make one suggestion, and that was for the budding conductors (mentioned by the Master) to go out to the isolated bands and teach them Grandsire Doubles; it would be a valuable experience.

BRANCH SECRETARYSHIP CHANGES.

Referring to the branches, Mr. Johnson remarked on the changes in branch secretaries which had occurred during the last two or three years. These secretaries had found that they required more and more time for the work and had less and less time in which to do it. The Northern Branch had already elected a new secretary for the ensuing year and another branch would be doing likewise at its next meeting. It took at least twelve months for a secretary to get used to the work, and he hoped the new secretaries would keep office for a longer time. The retiring secretaries had very good reasons for giving up and had done their work extremely well, but it made his (Mr. Johnson's) work very difficult with such quick changes. He advocated as a policy for the association that branch secretaries keep office for a longer number of years.

Mr. W. C. Dowding, proposing the toast 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' said the wonderful spirit and comradeship exhibited at such dinners, if present in national and international relations, would find the world in a better position than it was in to-day. They were pleased to see so many of the St. Martin's Guild members present: William Davies and Fred Price, from Aston, though in the case of Mr. Davies it looked at one time as if there was not a chair in the room to hold him. (The speaker was referring to an amusing incident earlier on, in which the chair Mr. Davies sat on collapsed and another broke when he tried to save himself. A stronger chair was procured and the evening passed off without further ado.) Continuing, Mr. Dowding referred to Mr. Dan Matkin, and congratulated him on his appointment as Ringing Master of Edgbaston Parish Church. With him was Mr. Sidney Freemantle, who was vicar, verger and everything else at the same church (laughter), and whose cheerful, smiling countenance spoke of one used to the Royal Navy. They had also with them Mr. Colclough, of the Dudley and District Guild, and Mrs. Colclough, and that old stalwart, William H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle Association), who had brought with him another well-known ringer, W. J. Davidson. Then there were Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of the Middlesex Association, but, continued Mr. Dowding, 'as they travel so extensively it is difficult to know exactly where they come from' (laughter). Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and the Midland Counties Association were represented by Mr. C. A. Manning. The Gloucester and Bristol Association had one member in Mr. L. Sheasby, and last, but not least, there was Mr. John W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, without whom no dinner would be complete. Mr. Dowding remarked that when they first formed the Police Guild of Ringers they wondered how they could get Mr. Jones in as a member, but realised there was no hope unless they made him a special constable (laughter). On behalf of the Worcestershire Association he extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

AN APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN.

Mr. J. W. Jones, who replied, on behalf of kindred associations, extended hearty greetings. 'Long may the Worcestershire Association flourish,' he added. Mr. Jones said he had that afternoon been ringing on a peal of ten (All Saints'), where, he had been told, the bells were only rung once in three or four months, and he thought it a pity that sufficient ringers could not be found in the city to ring even the front six for Sunday services. He laid emphasis on the need for getting bells rung for Sunday services, and asked those present to read the leading article in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World' on Band Building, if they had not already done so, for he felt sure that if the suggestions contained in it were carried out there would be very few idle bells in the country. Referring to all that Mr. W. Short and other stalwarts had done for the association, he exhorted the young men in the room to carry on the good work they had done. 'Never mind Cambridge, ring Grandsire Doubles,' said Mr. Jones, and he asked them to remember that the association was formed for the promotion of change ringing and to get their bells rung for the Sunday services.

The Chairman, who at this stage was preparing to depart, gave one of his characteristic speeches, in which he said he was pleased to see so many of the fair sex present. He was particularly pleased at having brought his own wife with him, as he had long wanted to introduce her to them. He had told her what a jolly set of men the ringers were and he hoped they would make her an honorary member (applause). When the Western Branch visited Longdon she would do her best to entertain them. Continuing, Mr. Webb said he was proud of his position as clerical secretary to the association and would serve it to the best of his ability. He had long taken a keen interest in its activities and placed the association in the front of his interests. These dinners bound them together in a brotherhood and fellowship, and he was glad to see the interest in them increasing.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday. There was a splendid attendance from both dioceses, and visitors from Bristol. The bells, a light ring of eight installed 50 years ago, were raised about 3 o'clock and were kept busy until service was held, the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Newport) officiating, assisted by his curate.

Following the service a bountiful tea was enjoyed in the Schoolroom. The Archdeacon took the chair at the business meeting and extended a cordial welcome to all. He gave a brief history of the bells, with the ringing done on the opening day and since.

Before the minutes of the previous meeting were read, it was unanimously decided to send a letter of best wishes to last year's Master, the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

Instructors' reports were received and a place for the next Monmouth meeting decided upon. Bedwellty was proposed and an invitation from Ebbw Vale received. On going to the vote, the majority were in favour of Ebbw Vale.

The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting is fixed for Merthyr.

It was decided to send to send a letter of sympathy to the Lord Bishop of Llandaff (one of the presidents), who is ill, wishing him speedy recovery.

After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were again rung in various standard methods, including Double Norwich and Cambridge. It was a most pleasant and enjoyable afternoon and evening.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

(Continued from previous page.)

Mr. W. B. Cartwright briefly thanked the chairman and Mrs. Webb, after which the company drank their health with musical honours.

The musical programme was made up of songs by Messrs. W. C. Dowding and G. J. Hemming, piano accordion solos by Miss C. Heath, and tunes on handbells by Mr. W. Short and party, and later by Mr. G. Leech and party. Change ringing consisted of two excellent courses of Stedman Triples (non-conducted), rung by J. Thomas 1-2, W. H. Barber 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, W. Short 7-8. The evening ended with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem. The accompanist was Mr. J. W. C. Corbett, organist of Shirley Parish Church.

The association's annual dinner is like a child with growing pains. With a larger room next year the Dinner Committee can confidently look towards a still further increase in numbers.

A MEETING AT PAINSWICK.**VILLAGE HAS DIFFICULTY IN GETTING RINGERS.**

The Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a monthly meeting at Painswick on Saturday, September 24th, which coincided with the 252nd anniversary of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. Thirty ringers attended from Bradford, Yorks, Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Cirencester, Frocester, Gloucester, Leckhampton, Lyme Regis, Minchinhampton, Meyshampton, Painswick, Poole, Randwick, Swindon, Stonehouse and Stroud.

After prayer in the belfry, the bells were raised in peal and kept going for two hours to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Royal. By kind invitation of the Vicar of Painswick (the Rev. H. Craven), all adjourned to a nearby cafe for tea. Afterwards, in the absence of the Vicar (who was conducting a service in church), Mr. T. Price, branch hon. secretary, extended a very hearty welcome to the visiting ringers and said how pleased he and all members in the branch were to welcome them to the meeting.—Mr. Yeend, of Cheltenham, and Mr. Hayward, of Cirencester, responded.

A short discussion on the history of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths started. Unfortunately, nobody knew much about it.

To the pleasure of all present the Vicar came into the room. He was given a very warm welcome, and thanked for the use of the bells and for providing tea. In reply, he said he was very pleased to welcome the association to Painswick, and added that they were having a difficult job to get young men to take up ringing. They were doing their utmost to get a band. At one time people complained that they were getting too much ringing. Now, however, it was the other way; there was not enough.

A discussion on the insurance of bellringers was brought up. After the Vicar and several ringers had given their views, it was decided to leave the subject till some future meeting.

The tower was again visited and the famous peal of twelve was kept going till 8.45 p.m., when a very successful meeting came to an end.

NOTTINGHAM RECRUITS.

At St. Mary's, Nottingham, a number of youthful recruits between the ages of 15 and 19 are being trained, and the first results of some months of work have been the two following 720's of Bob Minor: For evensong on Sunday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Everitt 1, W. Nichols 2, Miss I. B. Thompson 3, F. Blood 4, H. Brown 5, R. Narborough (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 5. On Monday, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor: L. Holland (first 720) 1, R. Narborough 2, F. Bradley 3, J. A. Barratt 4, H. Brown 5, F. A. Salter (conductor) 6.

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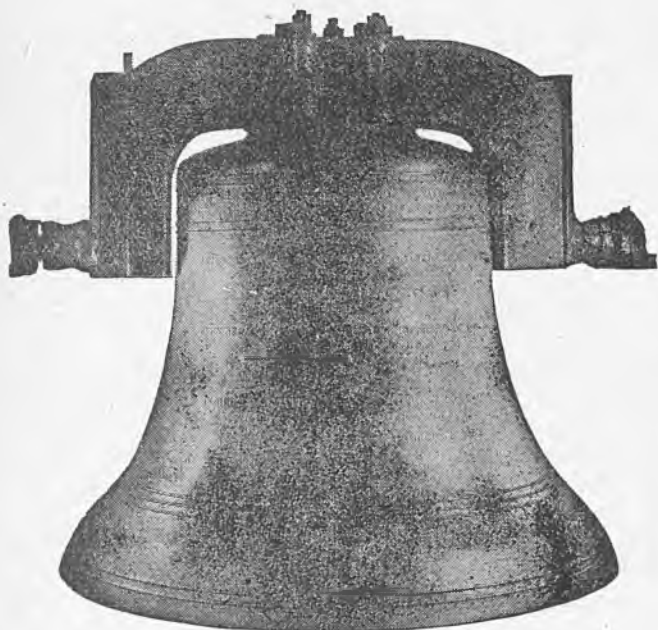
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringers of St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, have been reinstated by the Vicar, and the usual practice and Sunday ringing continue as before.

Mr. James George, we regret to say, is not making the progress that could be wished. He is still under treatment in his home, and his many friends will wish him a more speedy recovery.

Two members of the Central Council made a pilgrimage to Bethnal Green last Saturday to drink beer in the Whittington and Cat in Church Row, a house which in the eighteenth century was the headquarters of the London Youths and where in 1854 the College Youths rang the first true handbell peal of Stedman Triples. They found the name of the street changed and no trace of the public-house. So another historic London landmark has disappeared. However, M. A. Wood's name is still on the door of the house where he and his father and his grandfather lived for so many years.

It is usually said that the modern tuning of bells was introduced by Canon Simpson, and certainly his pamphlet had a great effect on the matter; but in a book published in 1828 W. L. Bowles says that Mr. Lawson Huddleston, of Shaftesbury, tuned several peals 'according to the chords—namely, keynote, third, fifth and eighth.' They included St. Cuthbert's at Wells.

BAD STYLES IN RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of September 30th Mr. Sargent explains his way of teaching beginners how to handle and control a bell, and his method is undoubtedly a very good idea. Some considerable time ago, Mr. Storey, of Newcastle, wrote in 'The Ringing World' on how to hold the rope, and also referred to the stance of the ringer. The Lancashire Association has issued a small booklet on how to hold the rope the right way and the wrong way. The way some ringers do it is, in my opinion, ridiculous. We see ringers, 6ft. in height, as well as ringers of shorter stature, who do not reach up enough, either at hand or back, thereby impeding the command of their bell, probably because they think they may touch the belfry ceiling or feel a bit out of place in being next to a smaller ringer. Here are a few of the bad habits which I have noticed:—

(1) Standing with feet about 18 inches apart at times instead of having one foot slightly in advance of the other, and so retaining better balance of the body and command of the bell.

(2) Ringing too erect, more like a mechanical toy, and pulling only from the shoulders instead of the whole body being in action.

(3) Leaning against the belfry wall, as if they are tired. That, I consider, is lazy ringing.

(4) Ringing with the first finger pointing up the rope at backstroke.

(5) Holding the rope with the hands too far apart instead of close together.

These are bad habits one sees during one's ringing career. Can anyone wonder at the bad striking, referred to many times in 'The Ringing World,' which causes much annoyance to the public, who know nothing about the art of campanology? The sooner ringers get out of such bad habits and acquire a more graceful style of ringing the sooner we may get better striking, which should be everyone's aim.

A. W. F.

THE PEAL AT LANHYDROCK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your reference in last week's Belfry Gossip to the peal of Superlative Surprise at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, was of special interest to myself. When I read the reported result of the recent Cornish tour, I felt convinced that I had rung a peal of Superlative at Lanhydrock when I was a member of a touring party in Cornwall. I could not, however, substantiate this, having lost my record of peals while in South Africa. I do not know how many of the party are now living. I only know of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and myself. I remember among those taking part in the tour were J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. Willett, Charles Hounslow, W. W. Gifford, N. J. Pitstow, the Rev. Maitland Kelly. N. J. Pitstow did not take part in the peal in question, for I remember him remarking after the peal that it was the best ringing he had had the pleasure of listening to.

A. E. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, September 24th, the wedding of Miss Doris E. Blencowe and Mr. S. G. Catherall was solemnised at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, Berks. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Canon G. F. Coleridge) officiated, assisted by the Rev. N. J. Raper, of St. Laurence's. Two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung and the bells fired as the happy pair left the church, the ringers wishing them a life of happiness and prosperity.

The reception at St. Laurence's Hall was attended by approximately 100 guests, including Guides and Rangers, Sunday School teachers and ringers, to all of which organisations Miss Blencowe belonged. Grandfire Triples, Caters and Cinques.

Miss Blencowe has been a most punctual and regular attendant for service ringing and practice for some 16 years and will be missed. She is one of the few ringers of the gentle sex who have rung Stedman and

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WALTER AYRE.

Mr. Walter Ayre is a Lincolnshire man, born at Barton-on-Humber on December 4th, 1891, but for some years he has been living at Leverstock Green, near Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire.

His first peal was one of Minor in three methods rung at Barton on April 22nd, 1911, one of the band being Charles Jackson, who for so long was the leading ringer at Hull just across the Humber.

Mr. Ayre's first peal as conductor was one of Bob Minor on October 19th, 1912, and since then he has taken part in 476 peals, of which 166 were on handbells and 223 conducted by him. These show an extraordinary amount of variety, and it would take a page of 'The Ringing World' to describe them all. They include the first peals of Eyrie, Bushey and Aldenham Surprise Major, Double Court Royal and Shipway's Court Major, and on handbells the first peals of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus, Wellington Little Court, Little Oxford Bob and Richmond Bob Major. The handbell peals were called by Mr. Ayre.

After ringing his first peal of Major at Hull in 1911, and of Triples at Grimsby in 1912, he removed to Nottingham for a time, and when there rang his first peals of Royal (Treble Bob at Chesterfield), Caters (Grand-sire at St. Mary's, Beverley), and Superlative at Nottingham. He joined the Army very soon after war broke out, and served with the R.F.A. in France and Belgium. Discharged in 1917, he entered a training college in London, and while there took part in a handbell peal of Bob Royal, conducted by John D. Matthews. In 1920 he rang his first twelve-bell peal—Bob Maximus on the tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

It was in 1922 that he went to live at Leverstock Green, where there are only two bells, so he had to travel for his ringing. Peals in all the standard methods and many others followed—London in 1922 without previous practice. In 1924 he rang with a band of Royal Cumberland Youths in a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute. He also rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—which completed his sequence in the method—for the same society.

In 1932 Mr. Ayre joined the band at Apsley End, where he rings twice on Sundays, as he does not consider that a man is justified in ringing peals unless he is a service ringer, but he returns to Leverstock Green to sing in the choir. In 1932 the Apsley band rang very few methods, but last year they rang over 50 fresh Minor methods. Mr. Ayre has conducted peals at Apsley in 16 Surprise methods (February 26th, 1938), 25 Minor methods (May 2nd, 1938), and 24 Surprise methods (September 5th, 1938). His other six-bell performances include a peal on the heavy ring at Bray in Berkshire, in which he rang the tenor.

Mr. Ayre lives not far from Bushey, and he is a member of the very talented band there. He has taken part with them in many performances of new Surprise methods.

He was a district secretary of the Hertford Association from 1923 to 1930, and from 1932 to the present time; was president of the association in 1935, and has been one of its representatives on the Central Council from 1937.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT WESLEY'S BIRTHPLACE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Epworth on Saturday, September 24th. Over 80 members and friends made good use of the beautiful new ring of eight bells, the ringing extending from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

All present were delighted to see the president, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, back again after his long illness.

Epworth is the birthplace of John Wesley, and after the formal business had been dealt with, the president gave interesting facts about Wesley's life and read extracts from his journal.

The Vicar of Epworth, and others who had assisted, were warmly thanked for the welcome and efficient arrangements which made the meeting so successful.



MR. WALTER AYRE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on Saturday, September 24th, when, by kind permission of the Dean (the Very Rev. H. N. Bate), the splendid ring of 12 bells at the Minster was available, and also the light ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton. In spite of the uncertainty of the weather, upwards of 100 members and friends were present in the course of the afternoon and evening, some viewing the ancient beauties of this historic city, while others sampled the splendour of the mighty bells.

The official proceedings commenced with a meeting of the General Committee in the Flower Vestry at 3.15 p.m. Most of the members were punctual, but owing to the bus in which he was travelling stopping at every point en route to pick up and set down passengers, and several other times for no apparent reason, the general secretary arrived 35 minutes late, someone being so unkind as to suggest it was time he got married!

Most of the members attended evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. at the special invitation of the Dean. An excellent tea followed at the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, at which approximately 90 sat down.

The general meeting followed, presided over by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer), the peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), and the vice-presidents (Messrs. G. Lewis, F. Cryer and H. Gibson). At the outset, the President, in welcoming the Dean, said how pleased they were to be honoured with his presence at their meeting for a few moments, and wished to express to him their grateful thanks for allowing them to hold their meeting at York.

The Dean, in reply, said he was exceedingly happy to welcome them to York, and added that the relations between the clergy and ringers at the Minster were of the best. They had a good and loyal team of ringers and valued their services highly. He hoped everyone present would enjoy their visit to York and particularly to the Minster.

Before proceeding with the business, the President announced that the association had lost by death one of its stalwarts, Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull. Mr. West had worked hard to promote progress in the Eastern District, and not only his valued services, but his cheery face would be sadly missed by all. As a tribute of respect, the members stood in silence. A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of York and the Minster authorities for the use of the Minster bells, and to the Vicar and churchwardens of Clifton for the use of their bells, was moved by the president, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis and carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ringers of York and Clifton for welcoming the association to their towers and for their kind arrangements.

Mr. G. Horner replied and added that the task of arranging for tea had been considerably mitigated by the satisfactory manner in which the members had applied for their tickets. He hoped that state of affairs would continue.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Halkesworth, seconded by Mr. J. Holman, it was unanimously agreed to try and arrange the next meeting at Leeds. It was pointed out that it would be the annual general meeting, and that it was desirable to hold this in a good centre, affording easy access to members from all the districts.

QUESTION OF BELL RESTORATION GRANT.

An appeal from the Ripponden ringers for a grant in connection with the rehanging of the Ripponden Church bells was then reported upon. The President announced that the committee had already carefully considered the matter, and were unanimously agreed that as no fund existed specifically for this purpose, they could not accede to the request on the grounds that it would create a precedent, the outcome of which it would be difficult to tell.—This was endorsed.

Mr. F. Rayment, in proposing they should have a 'whip round,' said he thought that in principle most of them present would agree to do what they could unofficially. This was seconded by Mr. H. Gibson. A collection was taken and realised the sum of 36s.

The President reported that an appeal had been received from the Rev. R. H. B. Staveley asking for an instructor or assistance from the association to teach the ringers of his church change ringing. He pointed out that this matter had also been discussed in committee, the Northern District secretary, Mr. E. Hudson, offering to look into the matter and do what he could to help.

The next item on the agenda was the suggestion of instituting a presidential chain of office. Mr. F. G. Sherwood reported that he had been in touch with a firm of jewellers and submitted a suggested design. A lengthy discussion ensued, humour striking the predominant note. It was eventually moved by Mr. F. G. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, that a chain be purchased. It was also moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. J. Ambler, that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, the general secretary, the peal secretary, the treasurer and Mr. F. G. Sherwood, be set up to deal with the matter.

Mr. W. Barton then gave notice of motion affecting the rules appertaining to finance (particulars of which will be published on the circular advertising the next general meeting). He pointed out, in briefly prefacing the circumstances which had decided him to bring the matter forward, that the existing rules were not only ambiguous, but conflicting, and it was very necessary that they should be clarified.

Further ringing at the Minster afterwards took place.

SURREY ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION TO HON. SECRETARY AT ANNUAL DINNER.

More About Broadcasting Bells.

'I hope to-morrow the bells of England will ring out more merrily than ever before, to mark what, pray God, may be the start of a new age of friendship between the nations of the earth.' This appropriate sentiment was expressed by the Bishop of Croydon, who presided at the third annual dinner of the Surrey Association at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday. Reference to the feelings of thankfulness and gratitude also found expression in the drinking of the toast of 'Mr. Neville Chamberlain' after that of 'The King.' The company numbered about 60, and included Mr. H. K. C. Birt (Master), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. G. Talbot (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. Hobden (assistant hon. secretary).

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. C. F. Johnston said the ringers of England had a very intimate touch with their national Church. In the anxious times they had all been through they knew that masses of people had turned to the Church for support and guidance. Even while the Prime Minister was flying to foreign lands in his efforts to preserve the peace, they knew that thousands, including his wife, were praying daily at the Abbey. In the times of crisis the association of ringers with the Church was most marked because peace bells ringing out from the church were the most coherent means they had of expressing the thanksgiving of the nation. Coupling the name of the Bishop of Croydon with the toast, Mr. Johnston referred to the many threes in the Bishop's life. He was Bishop, Archdeacon and Vicar of Croydon, and had served in the Army, Navy and Air Force. They had had a succession of remarkable men as the 53 Vicars of Croydon during the past 659 years. He doubted whether any predecessor of their Vicar had ever been an ex-sergeant-major in the British Cavalry!

THE BELLS OF CROYDON.

The Bishop, in his reply, said from time to time he climbed the tower of the Parish Church to say a prayer with the ringers, and he heard strange grunts coming from the captain (laughter). He heard strange names as Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major that left him rather bewildered. They who were in a position of responsibility in the Church were very conscious of what they owed to the bells. He would never forget his first entry into Croydon Parish Church on the night of his institution as a stranger to succeed a very great man. As he passed under the tower he was welcomed by the bells, which made him feel at home. He knew from his experience of broadcasting how much those bells of Croydon meant to people in the far ends of the earth. After a broadcast a few months ago he had 20 or 30 letters from Australia and New Zealand, and the thing which touched them most was the old bells of Croydon, which brought back memories of the place in which they lived. His first act was to thank them for the part they played in their worship of God.

The second thing he would stress was the quite amazing freemasonry which existed among the ringers. This freemasonry ought to exist among all Christian people. He would like to see choristers when on holiday go and take their place in the choir as ringers frequently did in the visiting belfry, and churchwardens go and make themselves known to other churchwardens. He felt that there was a great deal they could do to get outside their parochial bond, and ringers gave the Church a great lead in that direction.

ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

The toast of 'The Surrey Association' was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who said they all knew what fine work had been done by the Surrey Association since its formation 57 years ago. He remembered the old stalwarts of the association in Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Drewitt and Mr. Edgar Hallam, but that was in the past, and no association or guild could live on its past. They had to think of to-day and the future. Happily, to-day the Association was fortunate in having enthusiastic and active officers. It was invidious to mention names, but from his limited experience he knew what the association owed to its Master and secretary, and men like Mr. Charlie Kippin and Mr. Dan Cooper, and while the association had active officers it would always prosper.

There was another phase of the Surrey Association of which it could be proud, and that was its care of the bells. That was evident by the number of bell restorations which had been carried through in the last 20 years. He was rather sad when he heard that the association had to give up monthly Sunday ringing at Southwark Cathedral. He knew the reason that most of their ringers were attached to local towers and their first duty was to their own church. At the same time, if by matter of organisation it could be brought into being again, it would be doing a very great work. In the old-fashioned formula of another society, might he give the toast of 'The Surrey Association, by root and branch may it prosper for ever' (applause).

The Master, in reply, said he had two letters of apology—one from Mr. Goldsmith, who at that moment was in the Bay of Biscay—he hoped he was not tossing too much! (laughter). The other was from the treasurer of the Southern District, Mr. M. Northover, who was in Scotland.

Mr. Birt said he was glad Mr. Hughes had referred to the excellent work done by the officers of the association, as they owed a great deal to them for their keenness and capacity. He was glad to think that

the association was on the up-grade. In the North-Western District there was a record in membership, and this year there would be 11 meetings, counting the joint meetings, as against seven last year. In the Southern District the ringing for the most part had been kept up to the standard. He made particular reference to the peal at Limsfield Chart, which included five young ringers, whose average age was only 17 years (applause).

Change ringing originated from the days when the Church played a much more important part in a man's life than to-day, and in the early part of the 17th century the idea of worship as a necessary part of man's life was much stronger than now. He believed the pendulum must swing back and worship would play a much larger part. The tragedy of the world in these days of wars and crises would force man to realise that this world was God's world and would only work as he designed it on the basis of love and not of hatred, fear and greed. Ringers by the bells could keep reminding people that this was God's world.

SECRETARY'S APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

At the conclusion of the speech the Master presented from the association a clock to Mr. Edward Talbot, the hon. secretary, in view of his approaching marriage to Miss Dora Clayton, and wished them every happiness in their new life.

Mr. Talbot, in acknowledging the present, remarked that it was exactly the thing they wanted. 'There must be fairies at the bottom of the garden,' he added, amid the applause of the company.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was presented by Mr. C. Parks, who paid a tribute to Mr. Goldsmith's service to the Exercise, and acknowledged by Mr. T. W. White.

The Rev. Gerald Hart submitted 'The Visitors,' to which the Rev. R. Talbot, Vicar of Reigate, replied. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, also responded, and said although he lived 2½ miles outside the association's area, he had never had occasion to join the association for peal ringing. He was very pleased it was to be rectified within three weeks (applause). 'I have said some hard things about broadcasting and the ringing in broadcasting,' said Mr. Lewis, reverting to a favourite theme. 'Every time I have turned on Croydon I have always heard good ringing. I am very pleased that for broadcasting you ring ten bells and not twelve bells. Ten bells are very much more suitable for broadcasting than twelve bells. The public do not understand twelve bells. The Croydon broadcasting was excellent, and was just what is wanted and not like some of the recent broadcasting in my own county, Kent, which was a perfect disgrace.'

Mr. Lewis reiterated his appeal for the younger clergy to take up ringing. Twenty or thirty years ago there was a number of clergy ringers who were prominent conductors and composers, and some had contributed to the standard literature of ringing. They had lost a great many in the last 10 or 15 years. As they knew, students in two of the theological colleges were being taught ringing. He wanted to congratulate Croydon because he understood the whole of the clergy staff took a practical interest in ringing.

During the evening handbell ringing was given by members of the Croydon band and the Banstead band. Mr. Horace Brend entertained with magic and a ventriloquist sketch, and a happy evening concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A 'PATHFINDER' SECRETARY.

A joint meeting of the Stockport and Macclesfield Branches was held at Disley on September 24th, when about 45 members and friends were present. The bells were busily employed during the afternoon until service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. O. A. Thomas, who also gave a very fine address. Tea was served in the nearby schools, and an excellent repast was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the branch chairman, Mr. Wolstencroft. In his opening remarks, the Chairman made reference to the pleasure always felt in coming to Disley, and said his remembrances of this pretty village went back for over 50 years, yet he never tired of visiting it. The business was of a routine nature. The election prior to peal attempts of Alan Beeley, Jocelyn B. Gardiner, Ivan B. Gardiner and Eric B. Hartley were confirmed. The death of Mr. Pierce, of Cheadle, an old and well-respected member of the branch, was reported, and the members stood for a moment in silence. Mr. T. Taylor expressed the thanks and pleasure of the Macclesfield Branch at being able to join with the Stockport Branch, and Mr. J. Whittaker supported his remarks. The secretary proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the Rev. E. O. A. Thomas for his address, the organist, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, the Vicar of New Mills for permission to use his bells in the evening, and to all who in any way assisted to make the meeting a success. Mr. Hough seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Further ringing took place on the bells at Disley, on handbells and also on the eight bells at New Mills, and a large variety of methods were rung, particular attention being given to the learners.

A party under the direction of the Stockport Branch secretary, a Rover Scout holding the Pathfinder badge, had a very exciting time trying to get to New Mills Church, and finally arrived in the middle of a large field before he discovered they were off the track. Happily they finally arrived at the church, but the secretary's reputation as a pathfinder has vanished (if it ever existed). The only thing he had to say in extenuation of his conduct was it was very dark and he never did know much about New Mills!

RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

FIFTEEN PEALS OUT OF SEVENTEEN ATTEMPTS.

As will have been seen by the peals already published, this tour met with a considerable amount of success. Apart from this success, however, it was generally felt that some good work was done in a 'backward' area, and that the idea which caused this tour to be arranged on somewhat fresh lines was quite a good one. The virtues ascribed to the tourists in the leading article on September 9th were placed at a very high standard, but every effort was made to live up to them.

By devious routes and methods of travel the band, or nearly all of it, had met at the Castle Hotel at Launceston by tea time on September 10th. One member of the party, however, who had a rendezvous with Rupert, kept it just 24 hours late. Consequently he found a new route from Worcester to Launceston, which took him via Oxford, Reading and several other places. We can understand railwaymen going wrong, but do not expect it of anybody else.

The first peal of the tour was rung at Stokeclimsland, a few miles away from Launceston. It was difficult to obtain much information about these bells, but it would appear that some of them, perhaps all, were by Pennington. They were rehung in 1922, since which date the seventh became cracked and was recast by Taylors. The first peal of Major on the bells, Cambridge Surprise, was conducted by the organiser of the tour, C. T. Coles, and it was Mrs. E. Richardson's 200th peal. Thus a promise made four years ago, when the 100th was called by the same conductor at Harmston, Lincolnshire, was redeemed. The occasion was later on celebrated in fine style, with the usual generosity displayed by Rupert and his lady. The 200 peals constitute an interesting record, and have been rung in 28 English counties, in Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Tasmania and on the high sea.

Ring on Sunday morning was arranged at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston, where in the afternoon the first peal of Major on the bells was conducted by the youngest member of the party, Ernest Turner. These bells were rehung and augmented by Taylors in 1923, and are a very pleasing peal. The weight of the tenor is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., not 18 cwt. as shown in the peal report. Tenors have a habit of growing in Cornwall as elsewhere, but this one has since been found out! Some members of the party did evening service ringing at St. Thomas', Launceston, six bells. The ringing room at this tower is surely the smallest anywhere! It would be interesting to know where J. H. S. got to during Sunday. He disappeared quite early, and although he came in to lunch, he went off again until late in the evening. Last year, at Chester, a mysterious telephone message, appearing to come from a lady, was left for him at the hotel, and we wonder if his disappearance from Launceston was in any way connected with that incident. The worst of these bachelors is that they are so reticent, and, therefore, we can only make guesses.

'CATHEDRAL OF THE MOORS.'

On Monday morning a move further west was made. At St. Non, Altarnon, the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise in Cornwall was rung, the conductor being Frank Bennett. This church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Moors.' The tower, a very fine edifice, contains eight bells, tenor 11½ cwt., on which is inscribed, 'These eight bells replace five cast A.D. 1736 by John Pennington. Mears and Stainbank, 1923.'

At St. Meubredus, Cardynham, Cambridge Surprise was rung, conducted by Rupert Richardson. This turned out to be the most difficult job so far undertaken, and the ladies in the band are to be congratulated on sticking to their task so well. Three of the bells were in the tower prior to 1896 when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank completed the octave. The Rector at that time was the Rev. Athelstan Coode, himself a change ringer, and he rang the tenor to the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples. After the peal the tourists were entertained to tea by the local ringers, a kindness that was much appreciated, especially as it would have been quite impossible for so large a party to obtain anything in so remote a part of Cornwall. The Cardynham ringers were greatly interested, and there appears to be some fertile ground for change ringing at this tower.

Truro was reached late that same evening, with everybody very tired, but arrangements had to be made for an early start next morning. Cyril Lanxon, of Truro, who had arranged the programme for the tour, here joined the party, and early on Tuesday conducted the tourists to St. Anthony-in-Meneage, situated on the edge of the sea in a beautiful wooded creek. Leslie Morris conducted the first peal of Superlative on these bells, and Cyril Lanxon rang his first peal (incidentally his first blow) in the method. These bells are a mixed peal. Three of them were dated 1674, these were recast and augmented to six in 1924 by Gillett and Johnston, when a frame for eight was provided. The two trebles were added by Taylors in 1935.

During the first part of the peal, Col. Jerram, who had previously welcomed the tourists, conducted some of them to Dennis Head, a local beauty spot, where the echo of the bells could be heard from across the creek, whilst the headland itself shut out the actual sound of the bells. The name of St. Anthony is derived from Lantunney, the place of Sacred Fire, which is pre-Christian.

AN INTERESTING 720.

Whilst the peal was in progress, too, four members of the party made a hurried visit to Manaccan Church, where a 720 of Bob Minor was rung for the benefit of E. Cossentine and Col. Jerram, which for both of whom was the first in the method. As showing the great difficulties for change ringers in such out of the way places in Cornwall, it might be mentioned that for both these gentlemen very many years had elapsed since their first attempt for a 720 of Minor, and their gratification at at last succeeding was a joy to behold.

At St. Michael's, Helston, the first failure of the tour occurred, Bristol being lost through a shift course after 1½ hours' ringing. The attempt afforded Cyril Lanxon an opportunity for some good practice, however, with a satisfactory sequel the next day. The Helston bells are a Taylor peal, dated 1904, the tenor weighing 12½ cwt. At All Hallows', St. Kea, the same evening, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung for the benefit of two Cornish ringers, and Mr. A. W. Brighton, who was in the district, also took part. Jim Bennett, of Lewisham, was the conductor, and it was a source of satisfaction that the 'extra' peal was successfully brought round.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

On Wednesday three peals were rung. The first, at the Church of SS. Mauganus and Nicholas, St. Mawgan, was a peal of London Surprise called by Ernest Turner, it being the first peal rung on the bells. No information regarding these bells could be obtained, they are apparently 'wropt in mystery.' In the evening, at St. Petroc's, Bodmin, Bristol Surprise was rung, conducted by Leslie Wightman, on an octave by Rudhall, rehung in 1910 by Taylors. This peal was the first of Major on the bells, and it was Cyril Lanxon's first in the method. At St. Nyvett's, Lanivet, the same evening, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the benefit of Messrs. F. H. Harris and P. R. C. Williams, of Redruth. Mr. Harris, who rang the sixth, did exceptionally well considering the few opportunities for practising this method in Cornwall. It was his first peal in the method. Five of the bells are said to have been bought from an old priory at Bodmin in 1538 for less than £40. Two trebles were added and the peal restored by Taylors in 1924. The tenor is also from Loughborough.

Next day another three peals were arranged. At All Saints', Tucknham, near Camborne, Yorkshire Surprise was rung, conducted by Frank Bennett, this peal being the first on the eight bells, which were augmented by Taylors in 1931. At the conclusion of the peal it was found that Dr. Symons and Miss Symons, of Penzance, and Mr. Wood, of Gulval, had come up from far west to meet the tourists, and whilst old friends met old friends, there were several introductions to be made. A pleasant meeting passed all too quickly, but it ended with Dr. Symons' very cordial invitation to pay another visit.

In the evening, at St. Enodrus', St. Enoder, a peal of Double Norwich was rung to enable Cyril Lanxon to secure his first in this method. The Rev. C. E. Wigg paid a flying visit to Truro and rang in this peal.

At St. Martin's, Camborne, the same evening, an attempt for Bob Major was lost through a shift course after 1½ hours' ringing. This was the third of the peals arranged for Cornish ringers, and four took part in the attempt. It was regretted that the result was that no peal could be recorded. The bells are not easy to ring, the 5th and 6th especially being false. The 3rd of the original six is by Rudhall, 1767; the other five of the old six by Mears and Stainbank, 1894; and the two trebles by Taylors, 1934. Whilst ringing was in progress two ladies of the party, taking tea in a Camborne cafe, were interested to hear that the reason the bells were ringing was because war had been declared!

(To be continued.)

CANCELLED ELY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having had to cancel at very short notice the district meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 1st, I wish to apologise to all members and visitors whom I was unable to notify.

C. W. COOK, District Secretary.

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NOTICES.

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.—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.—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. 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.

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.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—As Lutterworth and Claybrooke are not available, the next meeting will be held at Thurlstone on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Postcards for tea to Mr. G. Wright, sen., Enderby Lane, Thurlstone, 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., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

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.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

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.—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.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

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. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

ST. DENNIS, CORNWALL.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro to-morrow, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m.; the former ring of six rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Purton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Six bells (tenor 20 cwt.). Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhaves, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly Meeting, October 10th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 8.15 p.m. Ringing from 6.45. Also October 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 1st, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for October, 1938.—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.
— A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead (not Binfield), Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 7 till 9.—W. J. Paice, 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.

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.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, near Barnsley. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—A district meeting will be held at Redgrave on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Rickingham (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.

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, Oct. 15th, by kind permission of the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of ringers. The peal of six bells will be available during the afternoon and evening, and the peal of eight bells at St. Leonard's, Malton, will also be available after tea. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. H. Rowsby, 2, Park Road, Norton, Malton, before Thursday, the 13th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Dore, Saturday October 15th. Please note, the date, not October 8th as arranged, as this clashes with the Yorkshire Society's dinner fixed for that day in Sheffield. A card to the Secretary will ensure adequate arrangements.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Oct. 12th? Committee after tea.—Andrew Thompson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing 6 o'clock. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge for those who notify by Wednesday previous the Rev. T. Williams, The Vicarage, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

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.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who send the number in by Thursday, Oct. 13th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An item of special interest to all members will be discussed at the next meeting to be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Oct. 15th, and a good attendance is requested. Usual times. Send Mr. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, p.c. for tea.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The unveiling ceremony of the 'George Hughes Memorial' tablet and peal board will take place at Wednesbury on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 3.30 p.m. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Oct. 15th. All ringers (especially Oldham and district) cordially invited to attend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clapton-in-Gordano, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Battersea, S.W.11, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells of St. Mary's (recently rehung) will be available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby restaurant, 1s. per head. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

OXHEY, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, Cottage Café, High Street. Ringing till 8 p.m. Train or coach service, Bushey Station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Farnham, Faringdon, Berks.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, Oct. 17th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Hanwell (5), recently rehung, will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 and after the meeting. Wardington (6) if required. For tea please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District). Preliminary Notice.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10) available 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m. Social at 7.30 p.m. Further details next week.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association (South and West District).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Sutton's Hall, East Hill, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind

invitation of the Dartford Band of Ringers, will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, Oct. 17th. Please do all you can to ensure that your tower is adequately represented and make this a successful social occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing and service at the Cathedral. Full particulars next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Hills' Restaurant, King Street. Business after tea. Please be sure to send a postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 19th. All ringers are welcome, so all roll up.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Newmarket. Ringing from 2.30 at All Saints' (8 bells), St. Mary's (6) and St. Martin's, Exning (5). Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. R. C. Sharp, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket, for number to tea. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

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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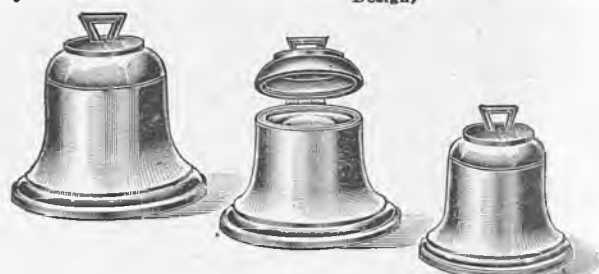
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