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A NEW PROPOSAL.

It cannot always be said that in the after dinner speech-making at ringers' gatherings one can find any serious food for subsequent thought, but several points were raised by speakers at the College Youths' festival on Saturday which deserve more than passing attention. We would only refer to two of them now, and these two questions may well be inter-related. One of the most serious problems with which the Exercise is faced is how to draw into the ranks not only sufficient men to fill the gaps as the old ones drop out, but to provide ringers for all the bells which are now going into the steeples of the country. A still greater problem is how to retain their interest when they have been recruited. The importance of bringing in young men to carry on the art and the tradition of societies like the College Youths was touched upon by speakers, and it is well that no opportunity should be lost of emphasising the matter whenever ringers meet. But Mr. Albert Walker, the experienced Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, had a fresh proposal to make for ventilating views on this and other subjects of vital importance to the Exercise. His suggestion was that the opportunity might be taken of the four big gatherings in the year—in London, Birmingham, Bristol and Yorkshire—to hold informal conferences. Each of these dinners is attended by representative men—in the case of the College Youths there were ringers present from something like a couple of dozen associations and guilds, and the opinion was offered that much good might be done by an informal exchange of views between those who assemble for the occasion on subjects of general interest to ringers' associations. The idea is to give up an hour or so at the beginning of the afternoon for the purpose, and there are some excellent arguments to put forward in favour of such a scheme. Moreover, there would seem to be no insuperable difficulties in arranging it. It apparently works successfully in connection with other organisations, although perhaps these have no counter-attractions such as ringers have in the shape of peals of bells open for ringing. The foregathering of ringers for festivity, however, does offer an occasion which might be used for a dual purpose, and while any discussion would have to be entirely informal, for there would be no elected delegates or anything of that kind, it does seem that something might be evolved from Mr. Walker's suggestion which would combine usefulness with pleasure when ringers from all parts of the country are meeting. If by such discussions some practical policy could be found for gaining and retaining the interest of young ringers a valuable step forward will have been taken.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ERNEST JONES Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JAMES MARTIN 8
THOMAS C. LARKEY 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
THOMAS W. GILMOOR 5	CLAUDE I. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by P. W. CAVE.

Mr. C. I. Davies' 50th peal, and rung on the 8th anniversary of his wedding day.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*J. LEONARD HEWETT 7
*BERT RIXOM 3	*WALTER LAGO 8
*ROBERT EVANS 4	JAMES E. GROVES 9
WILLIAM D. WASE 5	*JOSEPH STANIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Caters. First peal on the ten bells. All the band are local men, with the exception of Messrs. Groves and Short. The latter were highly pleased with tone and 'go' of the bells. Especially arranged and rung during Princess Mary's visit to Shropshire.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

R SANSBY Treble	HET. FOWLER 5
S. HARRISON 2	O. GREATHEAD 6
M. FOWLER 3	F. G. LEWIS 7
C. URCH 4	P. GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by P. GLEDSTONE.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W.-A. Strawbridge, for 29 years Vicar of Conisborough.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*MISS F. A. ROWE Treble	FREDERICK NEALE 5
JACK EVANS 2	ALBERT E. CLIFTON 6
WILLIAM A. SCARROTT 3	EDWIN HIMS 7
HARRY HATFIELD 4	BENJAMIN COX Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK NEALE.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal of Triples as conductor.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	PERCY HACKETT 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
RICHARD ROUND 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
REUBEN HALL 4	† JOSEPH BARNSLEY Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Mr. R. Round was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*PERCY J. BRANFORD Treble	*GEORGE T. J. SHARP 5
†MRS. H. BAKER 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	HARRISON SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal. † 50th peal. All the band were kindly entertained after the peal to tea by Major P. H. G. Powell Cotton, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S., after which a very pleasant evening was spent with him and the curator, Mr. G. F. Penfold, in the museum, where all the band heartily wished the Major (who was leaving the next day) good luck and a safe return from his big game shooting trip in Central Africa.

PRESTHURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS PENDRY Treble	WILLIAM HALE 5
*WALTER C. ROSE 2	*CHARLES TOVEY 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
*JAMES J. CAUSON 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

* First peal of Stedman. All the above are Sunday service ringers at Prestbury, except the conductor, who belongs to Leckhampton.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK CLAYDON 7
GEORGE WIFFEN 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss D. Saunders (second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders) and Mr. B. Goodwin, which took place at the Parish Church, Greenstead Green, on the same day two hours previous to the starting of the peal, the whole of the band attending the ceremony, and six of them ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	*THEODORE GRANT 5
*GEORGE TEMPLE 2	*HENRY W. BROWN 6
*MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the festival of All Saints. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Brown. This was Mr. G. Temple's 50th peal on the bells.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY (CASTLE HALL) CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

ARTHUR JACKSON Treble	*CHARLES WOOD 5
TOM WILDE 2	ALFRED ROBERTS 6
*FRANK HODGE 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
†JAMES CLAYTON 4	†FRED ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Taylor's, Loughborough.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	*FREDERICK G. S. COLE ... 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method away from treble. The first peal on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung as a welcome to the parish of the Rev. R. A. R. Spread, who was inducted on the previous Saturday to the living of St. Michael's.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK RINGE Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
HARRY TURNER 2	*FRANCIS W. COSTER 6
ALFRED PRIOR 3	GEORGE MILES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	†ALBERT PRYKE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

CHARLES LEMAN Treble	HENRY W. KIRTON 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 6
*STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	HENRY HODGETTS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the Hertford County Association before starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING-BY-THE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	JACK CARMAN 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	WALTER GLOVER 6
LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. FIRSHOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS 5
*ALLEN HALL 2	PERCY GLEDSTONE 6
*JAMES MCCLUSKY 3	HAROLD WALKER 7
GEORGE CLARK 4	FREDERICK CLARK Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal, and elected members previous to starting. Rung for the patronal festival, on the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who is also churchwarden and choirmaster at Arksey. Quickest peal on the bells.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 5
HARRY MIDDLETON 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JAMES HEMMING 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Kindly arranged for ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th, but rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob Major.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF
SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HENRY PRICE Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
EDGAR G. SHEPHERD ... 4	ALFRED B. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Mr. William Clifford, for 62 years a ringer and many years towerkeeper at this church, who was interred on this date.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.

STEPHEN CROUCHER Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
TOM E. EADES 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
ALBERT MANKTELOW ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*FRANK C. FARMSWORTH ... 4	*NORMAN E. TUMBER... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor are local members.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	JOHN SMITH 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	JOHN WOODBERRY Tenor
	JAMES BENNETT }

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung in honour of the completion by Mr. T. J. Salter of 40 years' service as a ringer at this church. The thanks of the band are also due to the two tenor men for the great efforts required to finish their task and so enable the peal to be rung.

EXETER.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	E. SARGENT 5
W. HOWE 2	G. BETTS 6
A. MONKLEY 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
*T. J. STOKES 4	JOHN M. SKINNER Tenor

Conducted by E. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS... .. 6
THOMAS ATKINS 3	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	E. HARRY STONELBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. H. STONELBY.

* 100th eight-bell peal. First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal and first attempt in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HUIL VEREY Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 2	JOSEPH SLADE 6
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	*RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE (Leeds).

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † 350th M.C.A. peal. † First of Triples. The composition is rung for the first time by the M.C.A.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM LATTER Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 2	ALEC RICHARDSON 6
*FRANK H. BALLARD 3	*DONALD FINDLAY 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN

* First with an inside bell in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Ballard.

OLDHAM.—On Wednesday evening, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Oldham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, consisting of 1,260 changes, was rung for practice by the following ringers: V. Sykes 1, S. M. Butterworth 2, E. Geary 3, J. Lees 4, S. Stott 5, C. H. Massland 6, R. Greenwood (conductor) 7, J. Taylor 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band. Rung in 48 mins.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS... ..Treble	ALBERT MILLS 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ELIJAH PAGETT 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	†THOMAS HEATHTenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* Elected member before starting. † First peal. Rung for the dedication festival.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR DEANTreble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
JOHN BEAMS... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	CHARLES HAZELDENTenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BRAWNTreble	JAMES WRIGHT 5
*FRED HINDLE 2	†JOHN BOOTH 6
FRED RIGBY 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREENTreble	JOHN WOOD 5
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEADTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. P. Buckingham. The conductor's 200th peal for the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES P. HAYESTreble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	RICHARD MOUNT... .. 5
WILLIAM HICKLING 3	WALTER WHITETenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung as a compliment to Thomas Squires on the occasion of his 70th birthday. He has been a regular ringer at this church for 40 years. The ringers and a few friends were afterwards very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Squires.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, on Tuesday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: S. Wood (composer and conductor) 1, J. Carter 2, W. Brammer 3, W. Dyson 4, S. Marshall 5, H. Thorp 6, A. Gorringer 7, J. Mellor 8.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
THOMAS BARTRAM 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETONTenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANNES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*THOMAS J. H. WISETreble	*THOMAS LAW 4
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
WALTER T. WILSON... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTTTenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. J. P. Frend (late president of the Northampton Branch) being made an honorary canon of the diocese.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

KENNETH BOWYERTreble	HARRY TYSON 4
PEARL INSKIP 2	*HERBERT WAGSTAFF 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETONTenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD J. JACKSON... ..Treble	*THOMAS COOPER 4
C. HENRY WEBB 2	*ERNEST W. TIPLER 5
†CECIL E. CARR 3	JOSEPH H. BEALETenor

Conducted by J. H. BEALE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal as conductor.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAP,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... ..Treble	GEORGE JONES 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 5
HENRY W. WILDE 3	JAMES MORGANTenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First 5,040 on the bells, which were rung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1897.

YELVERTOFT, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

*KENNETH CAIERTreble	HARRY CLARK 3
†ARTHUR MARLOW 2	ROWLAND ADAMS... .. 4
THOMAS WISETenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal, first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN CANNINGS... .. Treble	CHARLES AINLEY... .. 4
†STANLEY SHEPPERD... .. 2	HARRY BARNES... .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE... .. 3	ARNOLD HILL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob and of Minor. † First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The above is the first peal on these bells by a band of resident ringers since December 19th, 1882, in which the ringer of the 4th took part, that being his first peal, and the above his first attempt since that date. He is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid way he rang throughout the peal.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor estimated 5½ cwt.

*RICHARD SHIMMANS... .. Treble	WILLIAM STOCK... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON... .. 2	THOMAS BARTRAM... .. 5
HENRY STAPLETON... .. 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 150th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, October 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT 18, WESTBERE ROAD, HAMPSTEAD.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 5-6
J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)... 3-4	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)... 7-8
J. BOTLER (Fitz Hall)... .. 9-10	

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, October 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F sharp.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.)... 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Caths.)... 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene)... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.).

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

IN MAGDALENE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 16 in B.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.)... 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Caths.)... 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene)... 7-8

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

Rung to celebrate the Festival of All Saints.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*BASIL REDGWELL... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN... .. 5-6
GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 3-4	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

A most successful meeting was held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, to form a northern branch of the Guild. The ladies present numbered 23, and the enthusiasm shown augurs well for the future of the new district. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in a variety of methods to suit all the visitors.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, and the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, gave a very interesting address. Mrs. Baker, the Rector's wife, presided at the organ. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, when the ladies present were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Baker. Between 50 and 60 members and friends sat down, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Before the business meeting, the Rector welcomed the Guild to Handsworth, and wished the new district every success.

Miss E. K. Parker, the general secretary, responded, thanking the Rector for his kind wishes, and expressing her pleasure at the large attendance. She also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Baker for their hospitality, the Rev. W. P. Wright for his address, and the Handsworth ringers for making the arrangements.

At the meeting, Mrs. Baker was elected a life member of the Guild, and 15 ringing members were elected.

Miss Davenport, of Dore, was made secretary, and the committee comprised Miss Lumley, of Leeds, Miss Foulk, of Duffield, Miss Taylor, of Workop, Mrs. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Mrs. Ryder, of Rotherham, and Miss Davenport.

Miss Davenport was responsible for the splendid attendance at the meeting and the general arrangements, and is to be complimented on the success which has attended her efforts. There is no doubt that the district will flourish with such a keen and energetic secretary, who deserves the whole-hearted support of all the members.

Ringling was continued until nine o'clock, concluding with a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by eight members of the Guild.

THE BOLTON LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

HOW A RINGER 'SHADOWED' A POLICEMAN.

An amusing incident occurred while ringing was in progress at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday week, when the failure of the electric light put an untimely end to the attempt to set up a new Superlative Surprise Major record.

Shortly before the bells ceased, Police-Constable Peter Crook, who is Bolton District secretary of the Lancashire Association, strolled round to the church while in uniform. On the way he overtook the Vicar, and as they stood outside the church gates chatting on the prospect of the success of the peal, P.C. Crook took out his watch to give the Vicar, who was anxious to meet the ringers afterwards, an idea of the time they would finish, and timed the changes per minute.

Another ringer, unaware of the identity of the man in uniform, was standing near, and jumped to the conclusion that the policeman was complaining that the bells had been ringing too long and was showing the Vicar, by his watch, how long the bells had been going on. He was determined, if possible, to prevent interference and, when the Vicar had gone, followed the constable about for a time, lest he should go to the tower, and to try to persuade him, if necessary, not to stop the ringing.

Our readers are left to guess the results when the identity of each became known to the other.

The striking throughout the five hours was excellent. The cause of the ringing room being plunged into total darkness was due to a young lady who, having been into the church to perform some small duties, switched off the wrong lights.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held on Saturday, November 6th. The inclement weather had an ill effect on the attendance. The fine peal of eight bells were raised and a course of Grandsire Triples rung, with the Rev. Maurice Beardshaw (Vicar) standing in.

The Guild special form of service was held, and the Vicar gave a very interesting address. A company of 26 sat down to an excellent tea in the Memorial Hall.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. E. C. Freeman (chairman of the Deanery Branch). A letter of apology for absence was read from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for welcoming the Guild, and in responding he said he would be pleased to welcome the branch again in their turn.

The branch secretary, Mr. J. Keyte, alluded to the Guild Master's report at a branch meeting published in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' urging the younger ringers to try to do their best and stick to the art, so that it might be carried on in future years when the ringers of to-day were gone. The branch secretary also urged foremen of towers to try and respond to the notices that were sent to them and not neglect their responsibilities.

Further ringing brought the meeting to an end.

SHIPLEY CHURCH CENTENARY.

In connection with the centenary of Shipley Parish Church, Yorkshire, special services were held on Sunday, October 31st. The foundation stone of the church was laid on November 5th, 1823. Three years later, on Sunday, November 1st, 1826, the building was consecrated. Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, put in a peal of six bells in that year, and a tenor and treble were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1867. The first five thousand was rung on the eight bells on September 14th, 1867, by the following: James Lilley 1, Samuel Pollard 2, William Kendall 3, William Wilks 4, John Wilks 5, Thomas Ives 6, James Crabtree 7, Thomas Palliaser 8. The method rung is not now known.

The Shipley ringers celebrated the centenary by ringing Oxford Treble Bob for morning service, and for evening service 840 Grandsire Triples: T. Wilcock 1, Mrs. Seager 2, T. B. Kendall 3, F. Seager 4, T. A. King 5, H. Haigh 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8.

For special evening service on Monday, November 1st, the actual anniversary of the opening of the church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich was rung in 47 mins. by: E. H. Simpson 1, J. Broadley (Bradford) 2, T. B. Kendall 3, H. Haigh 4, H. Stott 5, F. Kilshall (Idle) 6, F. Seager 7, H. Foster (Idle) 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT BROOMFIELD.**

A meeting for the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Broomfield on Saturday week. About 25 members were present, representing Chelmsford, Springfield, Writtle, Rettendon, Maldon, Baddow, and the local company.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) was present, and read the lesson at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Bunbury), who gave a very helpful address.

Tea was served in the old schoolroom, followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. G. Green, District Master, presiding.

The Rev. Bunbury and the Rev. J. Foster Williams, of Sandon, were elected hon. members.—Widford, Boreham, and Gt. Baddow were proposed for the next place of meeting, and Baddow was chosen.

Mr. G. Howard proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for holding the meeting at Broomfield, and Mrs. Bunbury for presiding at the piano at the service (the organ being under repair).

Touques were rung on handbells, while some members returned to the tower and others proceeded to Chelmsford for 10 and 12 bell ringing.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM CLIFFORD.**BEESTON RINGER'S UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS.**

The death occurred at Beeston, Notts, on Monday, November 1st, of Mr. William Clifford in his 78th year, after an illness of only a few weeks. Deceased had been a ringer at Beeston Church for 62 years and for many years tower-keeper. This is a record to be proud of, but there is a still more wonderful one to the credit of the deceased ringer. For a man, who, at the age of 60, could ring nothing higher than Stedman and Treble Bob, to learn and ring peals in all the higher methods up to and including London Surprise is, we think, unique in the annals of ringing history. He rang his first peals of Kent and Stedman at the age of 60, Oxford at 61, Double Norwich at 62, Superlative at 63, Norfolk Surprise at 65, when the war intervened, reducing the band considerably, and it was not until he was 73 that he succeeded in scoring Cambridge and finally London Surprise at 75 years of age, all on inside bells. His peals totalled 39. For several years he was chairman of the Nottingham District of the M.C.A.

The funeral service was choral, the Vicar of Beeston officiating both at the church and the graveside, and quite a large number of parishioners and ringers from various centres attended, despite the heavy rain. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave, and afterwards a peal of Stedman Triples was accomplished at the church with the bells half-muffled.

MINOR WITH COVERING BELLS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a short space in your columns to offer on behalf of the band which rang the peal of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering at Lye, on October 23rd, our sincere apologies to your correspondent if we have hurt his feelings or transgressed in any way, this not being the only occasion on which a peal has been rung with two or more covers. As you very plainly pointed out in your leading article last week, nothing is laid down in the rules of the Central Council against the ringing of such peals, and I think, therefore, that if anyone had any objection, the first place to lodge same should have been with the C.C. Anyhow, I beg to say that the members of the Lye band are all young ringers (needing encouragement, not punishment), progressing slowly but surely, and have now commenced practising Grandsire Triples. So if at some future date your correspondent cares to come, the band extend to him a hearty invitation to conduct a peal in this method on the bells at Lye Church.—Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

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The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has just completed his term of office as president of the British Astronomical Association, and is succeeded by Dr. W. H. Stevenson, of Norwood.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, has suffered a heavy bereavement by the death of his father, which took place on Thursday of last week.

A singular accident befell Mr. Frederick J. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild, last week. He fell in the street and injured his head. He was taken to hospital in an unconscious condition, but after being detained for a time was sufficiently recovered to be conveyed to his home. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of 10,080 New Treble Bob Major, rung on the old bells in the old tower at Huddersfield Parish Church on November 13th, 1820. It was, we believe, the composition of W. Eversfield, of Gravesend, and the record of the peal in the tower is one of those rare old boards which give the figures of the peal.

On November 17th, 1760, the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung and had a tragic ending. It was at St. Giles', Norwich, and after the peal had been completed, John Webster, the ringer of the sixth, dropped dead in the tower.

November 17th is also the anniversary of another interesting event, for it was on this day, in the year 1835, that the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung. This was also at Norwich, on the bells of St. Andrew's Church.

For the wedding at St. Paul's, London, last Saturday, of the Lord Mayor's daughter, some magnificent Stedman Cinques were rung on the grand ring at the Cathedral.

A set of sixteen handbells is being offered in competition among those who may care to subscribe a shilling each to a fund for the benefit of Miss Shade, of Greenwich, sister of the late Mr. I. G. Shade. Single tickets or books of ten can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' office, and the Editor will be glad to receive the assistance of anyone who can distribute them.

A mixed band of London and provincial ringers broadcast from Bow Church, Cheapside, on Sunday evening. Next Sunday, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will broadcast St. Philip's Cathedral bells from 8 to 8.15 through the Birmingham station of the B.B.C.

BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When the Middlesex band broadcast a touch of Double Norwich from Bow a fortnight ago, or as much as the B.B.C. thought fit to transmit, I wrote that body, pointing out that it was hardly courteous to the band or satisfactory to the listeners to have the first three or four leads of a touch drowned by the voice of their announcer, and then to be switched off when a couple of leads from home, pointing out the similar case of a singer being drowned by announcements in the first verse of his song and switched off in the middle of the last verse.

I received the reply, of which I enclose a copy, and was somewhat eager to hear what effect my protest had had when Bow were again broadcast last evening.

The effect was doubtless noted by many (I have already heard non-ringers grumbling about it). We were graciously allowed to hear a little bit after 8-10 had got behind to wait for the 11th.

It strikes me as somewhat of a slur that would not be tolerated by any other instrumentalist, and the reply that the superimposed announcement would be more artistic, speaks volumes for the esteem in which our art is held in some quarters. We need one of the B.B.C. Uncles apparently to make a peal worth listening to, and I suggest that a bombardment of protests be lodged to convince these people that we prefer our art as it is, without artistic helps from outsiders, or that we should refuse to ring for broadcasting until the same courtesy is shown as to other instrumentalists.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Grayford.

The following is the B.B.C.'s reply: 'We have your letter of October 25th, and have read with very much interest your remarks on the above subject and with particular reference to the recent transmission of Bow bells. We quite see your point in regard to the announcing from the point of view of an expert bellringer, but we have been seeing it from the general listener's side, and it seemed to us that the superimposed announcement would be more artistic and would appeal more to the lay mind. We regret any annoyance which may have been caused you in this respect, and thank you very much for your interest in writing.'

A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE RESTORATION.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S BELLS TO BE RE-OPENED ON SUNDAY.

The re-opening of the tower and belfry at Chalfont St. Peter's Parish Church is to take place on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, at four o'clock. The tower has suffered from old age. Beams have had to be renewed, the floor of the bell-chamber strengthened, and other things looked to. The bells have been rehung, and the whole work has cost about £400.

On Sunday next, at four o'clock, the Bishop of Buckingham will open the tower and belfry, and visiting ringers will be welcome.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

BIG GATHERING IN LONDON.

There has seldom been a larger gathering of ringers at the annual festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths than assembled on Saturday last in London. Apart from the big contingent from the metropolis, there were ringers present from more than twenty counties in England and Wales, and when, after ringing at various city churches, they gathered at the mother church of the society, St. Michael's, College Hill, the seating accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity. The service, a feature of which was the hearty singing of the hymns, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, read the lesson, from Ecclesiasticus xlv., 1-16, commencing, 'Let us now praise famous men.' The hymns were, 'We love the place, O God,' 'O God, our help in ages past,' and 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, Rector of Bow Church, Cheapside, was the preacher. He took as his text, Zechariah xiv., 20, 'There shall be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord,' and traced the history of bells through the early ages. The offertory was given towards the expenses of the service.

The anniversary dinner was afterwards held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, where nearly 200 sat down to a splendid repast. The Master (Mr. Henry K. Newton) presided, supported by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. Canon Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Rev. Preb. Ponsonby, Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer, Oxford Guild), Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster, Rev. Hon. S. H. Phillimore (Rector of Stepney), Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger at St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. T. H. Beams (assistant hon. secretary, Salisbury Guild), Mr. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths), etc. Mr. P. E. Clark occupied the vice-chair, and among those present were: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), Challis F. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), and C. W. Roberts and J. H. Hawkins (stewards of the society). The visitors included: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Messrs. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), W. A. Cave, F. J. Leaker, and C. Gordon (Bristol), T. F. King (Bath), A. H. Pulling, G. Melville, C. H. Dobbie, and J. A. Cole (Guildford), P. C. Rich, C. H. Harding and T. Taylor (Plymouth), S. Palmer (Sheffield), F. J. Smallwood (Derby), T. H. Reeves, J. W. Pemberton, P. Laffin and E. T. Allaway (Birmingham), H. Chapman and E. Jenkins (Manchester), F. Dench (Saffron Walden), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), W. Hart (Brighton), J. C. Truss (Marlow), W. Northover (Bridport), W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden), D. Elliott (Assington), J. Wyatt and J. Hoyle (Ashted), G. H. Hood and H. Ewins (Reigate), G. Ladd (Pinchbeck, Lincs), J. Evans (Hugghenden), H. Hodgetts and F. Smith (Bushey), W. J. Nevard (Gt. Bentley), E. Barnett, sen., and E. Barnett, jun. (Crayford), J. Waghorn (East Ham), E. F. Poppy (Eye), J. C. Mitchell, G. N. Price, D. Wright, C. H. Kippen, R. D. Marshall, F. E. Collins, D. Cooper, F. G. Woodiss, C. H. Horton, W. Roughton, F. A. Mitchell, F. M. Mitchell, J. H. Cheesman, H. Audsley, W. J. Hazell, C. Matthews, E. C. Goldsmith, J. S. Goldsmith, etc. There was, as usual, a big representation from Barking and the Gravesend district of Kent Association.

THE TOASTS.

At the conclusion of the meal, the loyal toast was honoured and the National Anthem sung.

The Master, submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said our English Church was the immediate cause of such gatherings as that, for as ringers they were craftsmen who loved to exercise such skill as they possessed in the belfries as loyal sons and workers for the Church.

The Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, whose name was coupled with the toast, said the clergy looked upon the ringers as those who acted as the publicity committee, who let the people know what was going on in the church from time to time, and the clergy owed a great deal to the way the ringers loyally served the church. He desired to say especially how much he owed to the College Youths for their services at the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow. He wanted to say also how much they would welcome to their City branch at Bow Church any ringers who were members of the Church of England Men's Society who came to London and were without a branch to which to attach themselves. The City branch met at St. Mary-le-Bow, and he happened to be one of the officers. At that branch anyone coming from the country would be welcomed.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He believed, he said, that that was the thirty-second year in succession that he had attended that gathering, and on many occasions he had proposed the same toast, but while he appreciated the high honour that was done him, he had, after all that lapse of time, very little fresh to say. He told the story of a certain farmer

who made a practice, on going to his market town every week, of calling on a barber and being shaved, for which he paid fourpence. This went on for years, until at length one day the farmer did not appear, but a few days later the son called and said his father was dead, and as they 'wanted to put him away clean and tidy' would the barber come and shave him. The barber was prepared to do it, and then came the question of the charge. The son said his father had never paid more than fourpence, but the barber explained that a good deal of time would be taken up with the journey, and he could not do it for less than three shillings. After some argument the son finally settled matters by saying, 'Very well. I shan't have it done; 'tisn't as though father's going to any place special' (laughter). His point was, said Canon Coleridge, that when they as clergy or ringers were going to take part in any of the services of the church they ought always to be particular as to their appearance. Nothing annoyed him more than to see what he might call a dirty cleric, one who had a crumpled surplice or an unshaven chin, performing a sacred office—it was not honourable to the Almighty. So, too, when ringers went about their work, they were going to some place 'special.' In his experience of fifty years he had seen a vast change in the appearance of the men who came to ring. They now took a delight in coming tidy and clean and in proper clothing. When he was a young man, it was no uncommon thing for a man to come to a belfry in the country, straight, perhaps, from the dung cart. It wasn't very pleasant, and, although they managed to get along in those days, things had altered. The men of to-day must carry on the work, and the Ancient Society of College Youths set a foremost example and always would. He had noticed in the service book which they had used that day a paragraph at the end in which it was stated that a certain Fabian Stedman in the year 1667 dedicated his little book, called 'Tintinnalogia,' to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and expressed the desire that it might form the foundation of great things in the future. To that the powers that be at the present time had added another paragraph, in that grandiloquent phraseology which had always been indulged in by the College Youths from the beginning. 'That the prognostications of this distinguished author had been amply fulfilled.' In Mr. Cockerill and the other officers of the College Youths they had had men who had built firmly on the structure which had already been laid down, and in those who would come after they would doubtless find, as time went on, they would have men who would raise on these solid foundations a perfect building in the art and science of bell-ringing flourishing throughout the country. The society owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Cockerill, their secretary (applause). He (the speaker) had known others before him, but he had never known one like him in any way, for he managed the affairs of the society, as he rang his bell, in a masterly manner (applause).

The toast having been honoured, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by C. F. Winney, J. Thomas, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, H. Langdon, and A. H. Pulling.

THE YEAR'S RECORD.

Mr. Cockerill then replied to the toast. When he asked Canon Coleridge, he said, to propose the toast, he (the Canon) replied that he would do it, but it was time they found a younger man for the job ('No'). What with his position as president of the Central Council, his long membership of that society, and his great loyalty to it, to say nothing of his majestic presence (laughter) and his fine personality, he did not think they could do better than to keep to Mr. Coleridge as the proposer of that toast (applause). Mr. Cockerill announced that letters of apology had been received from Ven. Archdeacon Holmes, Very Rev. Dr. Foxley Norris, Rev. Canon Haldane, Rev. J. H. Ellison, Rev. Preb. Isaacs, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. Judd, Mr. J. T. Dyke (secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. A. Prince (Bath), Mr. W. Hibbert (now in Nigeria), and Mr. G. Bowen (Ilfracombe). They had received telegrams of good wishes from the Bristol United Guilds and a band of College Youths in Lancashire. He had also received a telegram from Mr. John Carter saying that, although his illness prevented him from being with them, they would be in his thoughts, and he hoped all would have an enjoyable evening. During the year, continued Mr. Cockerill, they had lost by death Colonel Herbert Baker, Mr. Thos. Hogsflesh, who on the day of the dinner last year rang the tenor to the society's peal at Stepney, Mr. Isaac G. Shade, and Mr. G. H. Phillott. Fifty-six new members had been elected during the year, and 71 meetings for practice had been held. The seniority of membership now went to Mr. Edward Wallace, who joined the society fifty-six years ago, Mr. Thomas Bennett, who joined 52 years ago, and Mr. John W. Rowbotham, whom they congratulated on completing his jubilee that week (applause). As far as he knew, their oldest living member was Mr. Joseph Rayner, towerkeeper at St. Andrew's, Holborn, who was 90 on New Year's Day, but the length of his membership did not equal that of any of the above-mentioned. The peals rung since the last dinner were: Grandsire Triples one, and one on handbells, Bob Major two, Surprise

and Treble Bob Minor one, Kent Treble Bob Major two, Stedman Triples five and on handbells one, Stedman Caters four, Stedman Cinques one, Cambridge Surprise Maximus one; total, 17 on tower bells and two on handbells. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Bullock Webster for holding the service at St. Michael's, to Preb. Gordon Ponsonby for his address, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for reading the lesson.

Mr. C. H. Horton next submitted 'The Visitors,' and said one of the most pleasant duties that had to be performed at that festival was to welcome them there. It was quite possible that in the early days of the society their visitors had to be escorted by the Links, who were formed by boys carrying rush candles. To-day they used links of a different kind—they were formed of gold, for they were formed of good fellowship, good friendship and hearty welcome (applause). In the name of the Master and members he extended a hearty welcome to the clerical and all other visitors. He thanked the clergy for the opportunities they gave the society to practise on the bells of their churches. Were it not for these opportunities they would not be the magnificent society they were to-day, and he could assure the clergy they greatly appreciated their courtesy (applause).

The Rev. E. C. Bedford replied to the toast. He said although he could not claim to be a ringer, he always delighted in bell music. Practically all his life he had lived within the sound of bells—at Westminster, Cambridge, Wells, and Haslemere. Then for a time he was away, but he had now come to St. Andrew's, Holborn, and he was delighted when any of their society came to practise on the bells. He was also very grateful to the excellent band of ringers who rang there for the services on Sundays. The visitors much appreciated the invitation to that gathering, and he was sure they all enjoyed the evening.

'London and Provincial Societies' was submitted by Mr. P. E. Clark, who mentioned the numerous associations and Guilds represented at that gathering. They had come there that evening from all parts of the kingdom to give the College Youths their fellowship, and the society took it as a great compliment. Mr. Clark referred to the presence of several representatives of the Cumberland Youths, and to the friendly rivalry revived between the societies when they journeyed into Kent and rang simultaneous peals. He hoped they would be able to continue that friendly rivalry, and that the genial spirit which prevailed afterwards would long continue (applause). He noticed that other societies were organising joint meetings, and these gatherings he thought would tend to remove that feeling of jealousy which there had been in the past and which still, to some extent, was to be found between rival societies. He was glad to notice that some societies were taking in hand more seriously the teaching of beginners, for it must be remembered that the beginners of to-day must be the instructors of to-morrow, and if beginners were not encouraged it would be a sorry thing for the ringing in future years (applause).

SUGGESTED INFORMAL CONFERENCES.

Mr. E. A. Young first responded on behalf of the London societies, and Mr. Albert Walker replied for the provincial societies. He remarked that St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was represented that night by no fewer than seven members, and he hoped the College Youths would be equally well represented at the Birmingham dinner next February. There would be a welcome for them all, whether there was one or a hundred or a thousand (laughter). He said he thought they ought to congratulate the two provincial bands (both of which were represented that night) on the splendid performances of the previous Saturday in endeavouring to break records. He would describe them as glorious attempts, not glorious failures. To ring London Surprise for seven hours and then, unfortunately, to come to grief, deserved their commiseration. On behalf of St. Martin's Guild, which at present held the London Surprise record, he hoped they would ring the peal at the next attempt (applause). The Bolton peal was lost through someone inadvertently putting out the light. They sympathised with both bands (hear, hear). Coming to the question of broadcasting, Mr. Walker paid tribute to what had been done by the College Youths at Bow, and said some of the ringing which they had done there for the purpose could never be excelled (applause). Broadcasting at Bow was a very big proposition, and he took it as a compliment that the broadcasting the following evening was to be done by London and provincial members. They had heard that evening the beautiful handbell ringing by Mrs. Hughes, and he hoped they would some day hear broadcast an exhibition of her ringing such as they had enjoyed that night (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Walker referred to a recent leading article in 'The Ringing World' on the apathy of ringers. They all knew that to keep ringing alive they must put their shoulder to the wheel. They might not get much encouragement, but they must not relax their efforts. They must do all they could to maintain interest in the art, and he wondered if it would be possible, on the occasion of such gatherings as that, to have, as a preliminary to the other proceedings, an informal conference on subjects relating to the promotion of the art. They were very representative gatherings, and if they could have an hour's discussion they might get many valuable hints. He was a member of an engineering association in Birmingham, and at a meeting before their annual dinner they discussed in an informal manner the working of various engineering societies. There were four important ringers' dinners in the year, and, if they could adopt this plan at each, some valuable suggestions for the Central Council, who met only once a year, might be made, and great benefit accrue to the various societies (hear, hear). In conclusion, Mr. Walker urged the maintenance of

the traditions of the old societies, and in order that this might be done, they must bring others along to continue the work when the present ringers were finished.

The remaining toast was 'The Press,' proposed by Mr. R. T. Hibbert and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The feature of the musical programme was the handbell ringing of Mrs. Hughes, whose performance elicited vociferous applause. She played first Brugs's 'La Serenata' and 'Love's old-sweet song' (Molloy), and gave the familiar 'Ash Grove' as an encore. The solos were rendered with harp accompaniment by Mr. E. A. Young. Mr. P. C. Burden played a selection from 'Il Trovatore' on the violin, accompanied by Mr. J. Langrill, and a gramophone record of 'Bow Bells' aroused considerable interest. It is a record by the Columbia Gramophone Co. (No. 4082), in which the famous bells are heard rung in musical call changes. The vocalists were Mr. T. Warren, who sang 'Neptune,' and Mr. J. Bullock who gave 'My old Shako' and 'Tally Ho!' The pleasant evening came to a close all too soon with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A few weeks ago in the columns of 'The Ringing World' was published a short account of an Oxford Guild branch meeting. One of the items of business was a restoration grant to help get the fine old peal of eight at East Hagbourne relung. This has to be done with new frame and fittings, and will be approximately a £500 job.

Hagbourne was, and is, one of the few places where visitors, whether as a band or as individuals, were always welcomed for a peal attempt. The villagers being very proud and fond of their bells. Just over £300 has been raised, and as the work will shortly be put in hand we appeal for assistance from fellow ringers, reminding all that every little helps.

The following ringers have promised to collect as much as possible in their respective districts, and to forward same to the proper quarter:

Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester.
Mr. J. Dearlove, of Brighton.
Mr. G. Caudwell, of Oxford.
Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Nuneaton and Cambridge.
Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.
Mr. T. East, East Hagbourne.
Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of 69, York Road, Reading.

The above earnestly beg for support, as all are hoping to see the work completed in the near future.—Yours, etc.

R. T. HIBBERT.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. THE COMING DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Southampton on Saturday, November 6th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells were available to members during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. A. R. Spread, the Guild form of service being used, and Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presiding at the organ.

Tea and business meeting took place in St. Michael's Parish Hall, Rev. Canon Braithwaite being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of St. Michael's, Rev. J. Parmiter (Vicar of Holy Rood), Mr. Churchwarden Hunt, Mr. Geo. Williams (Master), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, Hursley, Fareham, Dibden, North Stoneham, Southampton, Twyford, Stockbridge, Lynton, Winchester, Bournemouth, Ringwood, Mr. F. Lambeth (Chippenham), Mr. S. Procter (Grantham), and Mr. S. R. Roper (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's, Croydon).

The balance sheet showed receipts £15 0s. 3d., expenditure, including instruction at Stockbridge, £5 10s. 9d. £8 2s. had been handed over to the Guild treasurer, leaving a balance in hand of £1 7s. 11½d., which was considered satisfactory and passed.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. Canon Braithwaite; district secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; with Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull as representatives on the Central Committee. The next question discussed was the division of the diocese, and the following resolution, which was passed at Southampton on November 3rd, 1923, was placed before the meeting and carried unanimously: 'That when the present diocese is divided, this meeting of the Winchester District is very strongly in favour of the Guild continuing as hitherto, and that the title be changed to the Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. We invite ringers in the new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth to remain in unity with us, and to help carry on the great work and great name of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on the first Saturday in November, 1927, at Winchester.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for the first Saturday in February at New Alresford, first Saturday in May at Stockbridge, last Saturday in August at Sherfield English.

The Vicars of Holy Rood and St. Michael's were elected honorary members of the Guild, and the local band were elected members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's, Archdeacon Daldy, and the Rev. R. A. R. Spread, Vicar of St. Michael's, and to the chairman for presiding.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

GEORGE NEWSON AND THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROILLOPE.

The first peal recorded by the 'Bell News' was by the College Youths. It was not till the sixth issue that an account of a Cumberland peal appears, but the second peal was conducted by the man who, at that time, was the leader of the latter society. The performance was of no particular account—Grandsire Triples—but the band contains men who were well known among ringers—George Minton, A. J. Perkins, W. Doran, S. Jarman and George Newson.

George Newson, the latest of the famous ringers and conductors who were connected with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, was one of the many London ringers who came from the Eastern Counties. He was born at Carbrook in the county of Norfolk in the year 1844. In his twentieth year he went to London, and at once joined the Cumberlands. He rang his first peal on March 25th, 1867, at St. Stephen's, Westminster. The method was Grandsire Triples, and the conductor John Cox, at that time steeplekeeper at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, leader of the society, and one who ranked among the foremost ringers and composers of the country. Newson quickly became one of the leading ringers of London, and between 1867 and 1896 he rang 357 peals, of which he conducted 258. The methods were Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques; Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus; Bob Major; Double Norwich Court Bob Major; Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major. In those days three hundred and fifty peals was a very good score, the number of men who had rung peals in the three standard Surprise Methods was very small, and the fact that Newson had rung as many as 58 peals of Double Norwich put him and his band among the most advanced in the country.

The first notable peal he took part in was 8,896 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1876 at St. Ann's, Highgate, the longest peal then—and still—composed in the method with the tenors together. John Reeves had published in the 'Clavis' an 8,448, which he considered to be the greatest length obtainable. This was rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths in 1787 at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, William Shipway being one of the band.

In 1869 John Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne, succeeded in getting two peals three leads longer, 8,544 changes. One of them was rung on November 15th, 1873, at Christ Church, Liversedge, as the composition of William Sottanstill. Sottanstill may have composed it independently, but as his record as a plaguist of other men's compositions is a very bad one, it is, to say the least, doubtful. In 1874 John Thorp produced an 8,864, and called it for the Ashton band at St. Peter's, Ashton, on February 21st of that year. In 1876 William Harrison obtained a peal one lead longer, or 8,896 changes. This was sent to J. W. Snowdon, who forwarded it on to Henry Hubbard, who was able to include it in the appendix of the 1876 edition of his 'Campanalogia.'

A copy of the book was received by the secretary of the Cumberlands on April 26th, a band was at once made up, and the peal rung the following afternoon. Henry Dains, who rang in the peal, related that so great was Newson's enthusiasm for ringing that he not only gave up a day's work and put everything else aside to ring this peal, but he persuaded his whole band to do the same thing.

The following are the particulars: 'On Thursday, April 27th, 1876, at St. Ann's, Highgate Rise, London, the Cumberland Youths rang Mr. W. Harrison's peal of 8,896 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, being the greatest length ever obtained with the tenors together, in 5 hrs. 22 mts. G. Newson 1, H. Dains 2, J. Cox 3, J. Howe 4, D. Stackwood 5, E. Gibbs 6, S. Jarman 7, J. Barrett 8. Conducted by G. Newson. Tenor 15 cwt.' Mr. Gibbs is the only survivor of the band. At least four of the band, Newson, Gibbs, Dains and Stackwood, were East Anglians.

David Stackwood was an Aylsham man. His father and his brother Robert were both good ringers at that Norfolk tower. When I was a boy I knew the old man quite well, and the last time I met him he was very insistent in extracting a promise from me that when he died I should be one of the band to ring a muffled peal for him. I forget whether the promise was kept.

As already mentioned, Double Norwich was one of Newson's favourite methods, and thirty years ago Double Norwich was reckoned as one of the advanced methods, not practised except by the most proficient bands. The first peal in the method in London was rung as far back as 1786 by the Junior Cumberlands; the second two years later by the Senior Cumberlands; the third, also by the Cumberlands, was not rung till 1840; the fourth was by the St. James' Society in 1848, and the fifth by the College Youths in the same year. Then for 27 years no peal in the method was rung in London. This silence was broken in 1877 by the following peal: 'Royal Cumberland Youths. Rung on the bells of St. George's Church, Camberwell, on April 9th, 1877, a true and excellent peal, containing 5,040 changes of that most musical method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The performance occupied three hours; the striking was excellent throughout; and the band stationed as follows: George Newson 1, Henry Dains 2, Joseph W. Cattle 3, Henry Swan 4, George Harvey 5, Edwin Gibbs 6, David Stackwood 7, James Barrett 8. Composed and conducted by Mr. George Newson.'

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

At the postponed six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association, three teams entered. Each rang 600 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the cup was won by Batley with 116 faults and 10 penalty, total 126. The other competitors were: Meltham, 274 faults, 20 penalty, total 294; Holmfirth, rang out.

The annual meeting of the Association followed the contest, the president, Mr. C. E. Carrington, occupying the chair.

In moving the adoption of the balance sheet, which showed a debit balance of £1, the chairman said it was regrettable that the members did not pay their subscriptions more regularly. No doubt, he said, it would be far better also if the Vicars of the various parishes took more interest in the ringers, and became honorary members.—Mr. Booth (Holmfirth) seconded, and the balance sheet was carried unanimously.

The retiring officials were re-elected: President, Mr. C. E. Carrington; treasurer, Mr. F. Salmon; secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves, all of Halifax.

The President moved thanks to the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Greaves) and churchwardens, for use of bells, also to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—Mr. Earnshaw seconded, and the Vicar, in reply, said he was sorry he had not been able to hear the ringing, but he hoped that they had all had a good time, and he hoped to see them again at Oxenhope before long.

Mr. Granger also spoke and gave the ringers a hearty invitation. The judges (Mr. G. H. Hardy and Mr. J. Barraclough) were thanked for their services, and, having given their award, the Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Senior of the Batley company.

MR. CLAUDE J. DAVIES' 50 PEALS.

Mixed Minor methods 3, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Grandsire Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Major 3, Bob Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 12, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1; total 50.

BEGINNERS' COLUMN.**CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

As I remarked in my last article, it is very difficult to explain anything about the rudiments of ringing more simply than it is now given in our modern ringing books. Unfortunately (or it may, perhaps, have been fortunate for me), when I was called upon to teach a young band on the augmentation of our ring from six to eight bells at Soberton, Hants, in 1883-4, I was not armed with anything compared with the ringing literature of the present day, therefore I had to dig into the mysteries of the art as best I could, and map out my own ideas.

This, no doubt, has helped me very considerably in making any progress whenever opportunities have presented themselves. I often wonder what our total number of peals would have been by now had there been as many opportunities then as there are at the present day. But, of course, change ringing, like most other pursuits, has advanced with the times. But, coming to the point of conducting, I would say to the would-be conductor, 'teach.' This is how I started, and what I have been continually trying to do throughout my whole ringing career, believing, as I do, there is much more to be learnt by teaching than all you can get from books.

At Bratton, Wilts, on Sunday, October 31st (the eve of All Saints' Day), at the Church of St. James the Great, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. Cook 1, C. H. Lawrence (conductor) 2, W. J. Chapman 3, H. G. Smith 4, B. Cook 5, H. J. Lawrence 6. First quarter-peal as conductor by C. H. Lawrence, who is only 17 years of age and a promising young ringer. First quarter-peal by the ringer of tenor, who is the father of the conductor.

On Saturday evening, October 16th, at St. John's Church, Marston Magna, Somerset, at the quarterly meeting of the Castle Cary Branch, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: E. G. L. Coward 1, P. Hazzard 2, P. Rainey 3, H. Shute 4, F. A. Coward (conductor) 5, G. Bugby 6. This was the longest length by ringers of 3rd and tenor, who are local men.—Also 120 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Rainey 1, P. Hazzard 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, F. A. Coward 4, W. Shute (conductor) 5, G. Bugby 6. First in the method by ringers of treble and tenor.

At Horsington, Somerset, on Tuesday, October 19th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Andrews 1, P. Hazzard 2, J. Ralph 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, L. Perrett 5, W. Shute (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.—Also 360 in the same method: W. Shute 2, F. A. Coward (conductor) 6, remainder as before.

**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR ESSEX.
DUNMOW'S OCTAVE COMPLETED.**

Considerably over a hundred ringers accepted the invitation to the dedication and opening of the two new treble bells at Dunmow, on Sunday, October 31st. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Colchester in the presence of a very large congregation. Evensong was sung by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. House, D.D.).

Last year the old ring of six were rehung in a steel frame for eight. The two bells have now been given, the treble by the Baron Bell Trust and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins in memory of an old parishioner of Dunmow, Mrs. Eliza Jane Lodge, inscribed: 'Benedicite omnia opera Domini'; and the second by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris, of Dunmow, inscribed: 'Sursum corda.'

Immediately after the dedication rounds were rung by the local company. The Bishop, in his address, referred to the fine example of the Dunmow ringers, who in their spare time last winter put in the new bell floor as a labour of love, and who this winter were going to put in a new clock floor.

The first touch on the bells was by a representative band from eight different parishes, who rang Double Norwich Court Bob Major in excellent style, conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, Kelvedon. Among these present were: Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. F. J. Pilslow (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. P. Taylor (Loughborough), Messrs. W. J. Nevard, F. Claydon, E. J. Butley, R. W. Stannard, H. Dew, C. Beeston (district officers), Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, W. Keeble, W. Elliott, L. W. and G. Wiffen, H. E. Hammond, A. Saunders, W. Duffield, W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and many other distinguished ringers. Touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. The bells are a very melodious ring with a tenor of 21 cwt., and reflect great credit on Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the whole of the work in a very satisfactory manner. The bells are hung with ball bearings. The 'go' is perfect, and the tone was the admiration of all who heard them.

The visitors were entertained to tea by the Parochial Church Council and ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Norton 1, H. W. Liddbetter 2, H. A. Harding 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, E. V. Beadle 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. Harding 7, H. Sheard 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: G. Upshall 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 464 Bob Major, and a course of Stedman Triples, in which R. J. Hasted, of Havant, rang the 6th.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, November 7th (Armistice Sunday), at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. J. Saunders 1, S. Baker (Cheriton) 2, R. J. Birch (Hythe) 3, R. H. Stevens 4, H. Whitehead 5, G. Turner 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cateters: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, J. Lee 2, R. Sanders 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, Miss R. G. Hawksworth 6, R. A. Fardon 7, W. Hart (Brighton) 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, E. C. Garrad (longest length on ten bells) 10.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Faithfull (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, H. Badger (Eastleigh) 3, F. Mursell 4, F. Lambort (Chippenhams) 5, S. Procter (Grantham, Lincs) 6, F. Blondell 7, H. Nash 8. Arranged for Mr. Sidney Procter.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, November 7th, for 3 p.m. Remembrance Day service, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Rayner 1, A. Munkelow 2, P. O. A. Ockwell, R.N., 3, F. R. White 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8.

DARLINGTON.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 31st, for the choir festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: A. Coates 1, F. W. Johnson, jun., 2, F. W. Johnson, sen., 3, F. Cooke 4, R. H. Johnson 5, Wm. Broadley (conductor) 6, H. Broadley 7, H. Taylor 8.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Sunday evening, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), having the 24 6-7's: E. Leigh, jun. (first quarter) 1, H. Leigh 2, W. Leigh, sen., 3, E. Collison 4, Er. Leigh 5, G. Malyon 6, J. Heasman (composer and conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING AT WARMINSTER.**

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch, postponed from October, was held at Warminster on Saturday, November 6th, at the Minster Church of St. Deny, and was largely attended. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and at 4.30 the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Belairs, M.A.) unveiled and dedicated a peal board, erected in the ringing chamber, recording five peals recently rung in the tower. The ceremony was to have been performed by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, or Shroton, Dorset), who, to the regret of all present, was prevented by illness from attending.

The usual Guild service followed in the church, and was conducted by the Vicar. At the subsequent tea in the Magnet Rooms, between 20 and 30 sat down, including the Vicar.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes) presiding.

After a humorous speech by the chairman, five new practising members were elected, and the Rev. A. R. Belairs was elected an honorary member.

The chairman thanked the Vicar and the organist, and the Vicar, in a humorous speech, replied, saying how much he appreciated the work of the ringers, and how much he liked the singing during the service, especially the ringers' hymn.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where they were joined by Mr. J. T. Dyke (secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association) and Messrs. Ronald and Reginald Beck. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Ringers, including Mrs. Wills, of Warminster, and Miss N. Williams, of Bath, were present from Warminster; Mera, Buckhorn Weston, Trowbridge, Melksham, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Bratton and Rowde. The next meeting is to be held at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon.

The ringers of Warminster are to be congratulated on the erection of the peal board and improvements in the ringing chamber, also upon the advance they have made in change-ringing, altogether worthy of the fine church at Warminster.

This was a good meeting, and would, no doubt, have been more largely attended but for the inclement weather.

NOTICE.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Nov. 20th. Service in church, addressed by the new Vicar. Tea at the Welcome Inn as usual. Business after. All friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis., Sec., Little Munden.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th (election night); St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, November 13th. The bells (8) will be at the disposal of ringers from 3.30 p.m. Tea 1/- per head. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Shockington, Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 5, when the Bishop of Guildford will give the address. Tea at the Excelsior Hall, Upper High Street, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Chairman: W. Harrison, Esq. As there are some very important matters for discussion, it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30.—F. Bibby, Branch Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45. All ringers welcome.—Fred Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Higd Halden on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1/-, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting is to be held at Crofton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready 2 p.m. or earlier by request. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m., at a reasonable charge. Members directly affected by the strike are to be the guests of the Crofton company. The Vicar, Rev. — Brownrigg, will be pleased to meet a large gathering of members.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A special invitation meeting will be held at Lower Beeding (Plummers' Plain), near Horsham, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 4.45 p.m. Those who intend to be present must notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Nov. 16th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Dedication of recast and augmented peal of bells at Church Kirk will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20th, by Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A. (president, Lancashire Association). Service to commence at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge for all who notify Mr. L. J. Williams, 58, York Street, Church, by Nov. 17th. All ringers welcome.—J. Watson, 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar and chairman of the branch (Rev. F. H. V. Paton). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea free to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, the 16th.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district again will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 20th, owing to the very poor attendance. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting of this district will be held at King's Langley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. This tower is well served by both omnibus and train service. Please send word if you are coming by the previous Wednesday. —W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Braintree, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available: Braintree (8), Bocking (8). Short service 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow in School Hall, New Street. Tea will be provided by the Master of the Association to all who notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 18th. Ringers from all districts will be welcomed. This meeting replaces the one arranged for Halstead, owing to the bells not being available there after 6.15 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, the 18th. Good bus service from Swindon.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Six new bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Cheap return fares by L.N.E. Railway and also buses. Visitors welcome. All those requiring tea, which will be served in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m., should notify E. H. Smith, 18, Station Street, Tuxford, Newark, not later than Wednesday, the 17th inst.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room 5.15 p.m. Will members make an effort to attend this meeting?—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells at liberty 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Mary's, Putney, will be open from 4 to 5.30, and All Saints', Fulham, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 'The Cosy Corner Café' at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 17th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 13th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. P.R.H.A. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (by kind invitation of the Vicar) for those notifying me before the 23rd inst.—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting for this division will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Green, Bell Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 1st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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GREENWICH.—On Saturday, October 16th, at St. Alfege's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett (conductor) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, H. Hoskins 3, E. E. Richards 4, C. H. Walker 5, F. W. Thornton 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. Berry 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. E. Richards on completing his 62nd year.

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