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Year by year interest grows in what is probably the greatest social function in the Exercise—the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This year's festivities attracted a record gathering and the company came from the four corners of the kingdom. There are College Youths the world over and ringers, whether or not they are members of this really ancient Society, look up to it as the parent organisation of the Exercise. It has its roots deep in history; it came into being before change ringing, as we know it to-day, began and it has had a longer unbroken record than any other organisation connected with bells. It was formed thirty years before the Fire of London, which swept away the tower where first the College Youths met and from which they took their name, and it was a happy thought that led the Society a few years ago to institute, at the successor to that older church which stood on College Hill, in the City of London, a service as a preface to their festival.

Charles I. was on the throne when first the men, who rang the bells at College Hill, formed themselves into a society and they certainly did not realise then what history they were making. They were just a little company who rang the bells purely as a pastime, looking upon it as merely a sport and a healthy exercise. Half pull changes were probably unknown, Fabian Stedman had not invented his method of changing the bells by a set plan; another eighty years were to elapse before the first peal was rung. The College Youths, then, go back into a very distant past; they are enshrouded with traditions of hoary antiquity; but throughout their long history they have ever been in the forefront of the Exercise, and their membership has never been without men who were shining lights in the art. Ancient though it is, the Society has always kept pace with the developments of our science and, just as in days gone by the Society claimed many records, so in recent years it has shown that it is well able to hold its own, when one remembers that its members were among the first to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus, the first to ring Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples on hand-bells, and still hold, among other proud performances, the record for Stedman Cinques.

These are but two or three examples of many which could be quoted to show that the College Youths is not only the oldest ringing society, but still one of the greatest when it comes to the practice of our art. The great tradition which lies behind nearly three centuries of activity is being worthily upheld. It is not surprising, therefore, that as each anniversary comes round, members of

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the Ancient Society scattered throughout the land, and others who value the opportunity of renewing friendships, should take advantage of the occasion to meet round the festive board, where the spirit of goodwill and comradeship best manifests itself. Last Saturday's gathering included scores of men who had travelled long distances to take part in the function, but hundreds more were there in thought and would have been present in the flesh had circumstances permitted. The annual dinner of the College Youths is a great event and with the passing of time has developed a deeper significance than that of a merely convivial evening.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*RONALD BULLEN ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE A. CARD 8
HERBERT J. SEELT 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	JEFFREY R. GAMMON Tenor

Composed by W. PYB. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal, also of Surprise on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Treble	*GEORGE H. CROSS 5
*MISS FRED A. ORR 2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JOHN RANGLES 6
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITH 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

All except the conductor are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
JAMES INGHAM 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
*CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BERRY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas K. Driver, who has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal. The band wish to thank Mr. Driver for his hospitality after the peal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR C. EVANS Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
JOHN PERRY 2	ROBERT PICKERING 6
ISAAC EVANS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. POSTON Treble	HENRY E. COX 5
JOHN H. BUSHNELL 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
THOMAS NAPPER 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRED J. COOK Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

The conductor's 50th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
CHARLES ROOPE 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. WHITING.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1927, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK BIRD Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
WILLIAM MORRIS 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by G. DENT.

Rung to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
FREDERICK ROOPE 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

LIFTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On All Saints' Day, Tuesday, November 1, 1927, in Three Hours and
Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 4-6-8 covering. Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.
Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN REED Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 5
*WILLIAM BRIMMACOMBE 2	*ERNEST TOULSON 6
ERNEST W. MARSH 3	*WILLIAM E. BALL 7
*HERBERT BOUCHER 4	*WILLIAM E. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. T. B. Bradshaw, of Lifton Park and Millways, Launceston, who was interred at Lifton that day. The band at Lifton only joined the Guild in June, and received their instruction from the Rev. M. Kelly, ex-president of the Guild.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY WARD Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 5
*PERCY MASSAM 2	*ALBERT WORMALD 6
*HUGH TAYLOR 3	*HAROLD L. JONES 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS

* First peal in the method and first in method as conductor.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, NO. 11.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
THOMAS MEREDITH 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	THOMAS K. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EVERED J. WALSON Treble	EDWARD HARRIS 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ROBERT THOMPSON 4	FREDERICK S. PALMER, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS H. CULVER Treble	WILLIAM J. DEAN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	BERTIE ALDRIDGE 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE 3	HARRY MANCE 7
HARRY H. MANCE 4	CYRIL E. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

Rung at the time of the opening of Woolwich War Memorial Hospital by the Duke and Duchess of York.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. J. Smith 2, T. Blackburn 3, E. Shane (first quarter and first attempt) 4, B. Wilson 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNEY Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
MISS FRED A. ORR 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CLIFTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHTS 5
ALBERT E. PARKER 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	RICHARD CLARK Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.

* First peal of Surprise. Arranged for Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, Devon, who was elected a member of Gloucester and Bristol Association before the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
*WILLIAM BOND 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY 6
*SIDNEY A. STAGG 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED NOY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
FRANK BORHAM 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
GEORGE R. FYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	WILLIAM FYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM FYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Pridmore, late churchwarden at the above church for seven years, and common councillor for the City of London.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*HERMAN NELSON Treble	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 5
EDWARD CAWSON 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
ADAM BLOGG 3	HERBERT LUCAS 7
EDWARD B. CONHEAD 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (124). Conducted by H. LUCAS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local company. The composition, which contains 2nd and 6th the extent in 5th's place, and 4-5-6 the extent in 6th's, is now rung for the first time.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 13th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: R. Walker 1, A. V. Good 2, J. Floyd, sen., 3, H. Golding 4, H. Gates 5, J. Stopp (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 6.—Afterwards, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins., by the same singers, J. Stopp ringing 4th and H. Golding (conductor) tenor.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... Treble	FRED COTTON 5
GEORGE A. NEWION 2	T. HARRY WRIGHT 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 4	T. KELHAM DRACON Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First attempt at Treble Bob. Ringers of 6th and 8th have now rung each bell in this tower to peals. The composition (one-part) never has 2-8 in 7-8 together.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	*HAROLD KENT 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRIMSSELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
SAMUEL POTTS 4	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung for the festival of All Saints and in honour of the gift of a lych gate by Mr. R. D. B. Clayton, to the memory of his father and mother, the late Alderman R. Clayton, J.P., and Mrs. Clayton, of Coseley Hall. Also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK J. REEVE ... Treble	HERBERT GATES 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
JACK STOPP 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
WILLIAM C. HUGHES 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

This is believed to be the first peal rung in the method, which is No. 20 in the C.C. Collection of Legitimate Major Methods. The composition is No. 9 in the same collection.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON ... Treble	*PERCY LONG 5
*ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	BERTRAM J. SNOW 6
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 4	A. RICHARD WARD Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung for the patronal festival.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES ROOPE 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. Cox.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

The peal was rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association, which was rung in the above tower, and was the same peal. The only survivor of the first band, Robert Whiting, was too unwell to be present.

GUISELEY, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WARD Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	GEORGE W. STEEL ... 7
PERCY MASSAM 4	WILLIAM E. O. ASH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Barraclough.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF BROOKS'. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN S. MORTON 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cullum, sen., tower-keeper at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GWENNAP, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Weneppa,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN SEDGELEY 4
HORACE BENNETTS 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 3	BERTRAM PASCOE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

First peal on the bells. The band were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Thorold, and were entertained to supper at the Vicarage after the peal.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES PALING Treble	*HORACE L. DAWSON ... 4
*ARTHUR SHARP 2	HENRY S. BREALEY ... 5
HERBERT HURDMAN ... 3	JOHN HOGGH Tenor

Conducted by J. HOGGH.

* First peal. Rung for the enthronement of the first Bishop of Derby.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*HARRY V. SEAR Treble	EDWARD WHITLOCK 4
†WILLIAM FRENCH 2	*SYDNEY FOSKETT 5
†ALEXANDER COLEY ... 3	HARRY SEAR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Conway-Davis, who was inducted to the living of Bradwell on October 26th, by the Bishop of Buckingham.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH SHARP Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	HENRY STAPLETON ... 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4
ERNEST RILEY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
JACK BAILEY 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the hallowing of the diocese of Derby.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALEXANDER CLARK ... Treble	R. THOMAS CLARK 4
JOHN OWEN 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
GILBERT HASSELL ... 3	*GEORGE COMER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARKE.

* First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM SIMPKINS ... Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 4
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 2	ALFRED MOULD 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member of the M.C.A. prior to the peal. Rung to commemorate the hallowing of the cathedral and diocese of Derby.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Stedman and 40 of grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY F. CLULOW ... Treble	*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3
*ERNEST H. CLULOW ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... 4
J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, which were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1890.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN T. BARTRAM Treble	*HERBERT ROOKE 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	LEONARD PIERREFONT 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HARRY MORGAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells. First peal in five methods by all the band.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsires and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

AMOS SMART... .. Treble	WM. STOCK 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM SHARP 4
ALBERT MINNEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

SPALDICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HORACE BOSWORTH Treble	*JOSEPH CRISSELL... .. 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	JOHN SMART 5
KENNETH SEWARD 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Bob Minor.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2	JOHN HOLME... .. 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	THOMAS B. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by T. B. NEWTON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Furness Woodend, for many years a ringer at the above church.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST C. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE FINCH 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	ARTHUR E. SMITH 5
FRANK L. FISHER 3	ALDERMAN LING, JUN... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal on the bells since the tenor was recast and the other bells overhauled by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

AN ANCIENT PEAL.

At the Parish Church, Ampney Crucis, Glos, on Thursday, November 3rd, 1,440 of Doubles, viz., two six-scores each of Stedman, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, and Grandsire: W. G. Cook 1, G. J. Winter 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. C. Cuss 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5. The 5th bell is of the 15th century, with the following inscription (translated): 'Pure Gracious Virgin, take into thy care all those whom I may call together here.'

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At PERSEVERANCE HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRANK A. TURNER 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS... .. 5-6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4	MAURICE T. SYMONDS... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First double-handed peal of Major. First peal as conductor by M. T. Symonds, and rung as a farewell to him.

PLYMSTOCK, POMPHLETT, DEVON.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Moorings,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 120's of Stedman Doubles, ten 120's of Bob Doubles, and thirty 120's of Grandsire Doubles.

JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
THOMAS G. MYERS 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire: E. H. LILLEY.

First handbell peal for the above Guild, also for T. G. Myers, in three methods. The first peal rung in Plymstock.

**RESTORATION OF HAGBOURNE BELLS.
DEDICATION OF NEW FRAME.**

The new bell frame in East Hagbourne tower was dedicated by Bishop E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, on Saturday, October 29th, in the presence of a large congregation. The interest which Hagbourne people always take in ringing matters was well shown by the crowded state of the church. Evensong was sung, and after the second lesson the Bishop proceeded to the west end of the aisle and, standing under the tower, pronounced the sentences of dedication. In his sermon he referred to past performances recorded by the peal boards in the tower, and called attention to the message of the bells, pointing out that whoever heard that message could not be left as before, but must either be elevated by taking heed or hardened by neglecting it.

After the service, a tea was provided in the school. Unfortunately, the treasurer of the bell fund had been called away on that day, so that no formal meeting was held as had been intended. Also, owing to the large number of people who stayed for tea, although they had not sent in their names or bought tickets, the seating accommodation was insufficient, and the tea had to be taken in two relays. However, while some were having tea, others were able to ring the bells, and, we believe, everybody got tea sooner or later. The evening was spent in ringing numerous methods from rounds to Cambridge, and an attempt was made to see that every visitor had a pull in whatever he wanted to ring. It was agreed by everybody that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made a thoroughly good job of the rechanging, and the only criticism the Hagbourne ringers can make is that visitors will now be able to ring the bells as well as they can themselves, which they did not consider to be the case in the old frame.

The village people were overjoyed to hear the bells again, and one of the most stalwart supporters of the theory that an iron frame would spoil the tone of the bells was heard to remark in a stentorian voice, 'It sounds nice to hear 'em again, and I can't see that there's much difference.'

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Smith Masters, and the lessons were read by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Among those present were Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, Mr. E. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. E. Lock, secretary of the North Berks Branch, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, as well as ringers, too numerous to mention, from many towers in the diocese.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A FULHAM RINGER.

Mr. Douglas Stevens, one of Fulham's promising ringers and a member of the Middlesex County Association, has died under tragic circumstances at the early age of 23 years. He collapsed and suddenly expired in a bus, while on his way to business on Monday morning, October 31st.

A most devoted and respected member of the Middlesex Association, he recently rang his first peal (Stedman Caters) at Fulham. He had rung several quarter-peals, both 'in hand' and on tower bells, and was ringing as usual on the Sunday prior to his death.

He was buried on Friday in Fulham Cemetery. In the evening, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect by Messrs. Driver, Judd, Belcher, Skivington, Roberts, Folkard, Page, Norris, Ellis, Fulwell, Cutmore, Arthurton, Smith, Bennett, Edwards, and Hollier.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

A monthly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church, Warminster, on Saturday, November 5th, and, in spite of the wet weather, was largely attended, and the members were pleased to have with them the esteemed Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, M.A., Rector of Shroton, Dorset).

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Bellars, M.A., visited the belfry, shook hands with those present, and expressed the hope that all would have a good time.

The Guild service was held at 4.40 p.m., and was conducted by the Vicar, the Master reading the lesson. As those present were leaving, the churchwardens stood at the church door and shook hands with the visitors. After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Guild, supported by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, whom all were pleased to see in improved health.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) reported the receipt of a cheque for 14s. 6d. from the Parochial Church Council of St. James', Bratton, towards the funds of the branch.

Discussion on matters affecting the branch took place, and on the motion of the Chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Master for attending.—The Master, in reply, said how pleased he was to be able to attend the meeting. He would attend more often, but he lived in Dorset, and it was difficult to attend meetings on Saturday if they were held at the other end of the branch. He made reference to the good work done by the chairman of the Devizes Branch, and hoped that he would see his way clear to withdraw his resignation. He also expressed his thanks to the branch for the kind enquiries during his illness.

On the motion of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Cook, an invitation was given to the Master to attend the annual meeting of the branch to be held at Devizes in January, 1928.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holt.

Ringers, including the Master and Mrs. West, of Melksham, were present from Shroton (Dorset), Mere, Buckhorn Weston, Trowbridge, Warminster, Bratton, Holt, Rowde, Devizes, St. John's, and Melksham. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The ringers of Warminster are to be congratulated on having had electric light installed in the ringing chamber, which helps to make it one of the most comfortable in the branch.

Ringling also took place at Corsley.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. C. FEARNLEY, OF YORK.**FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE WITH ONE FIRM.**

A pleasing ceremony took place recently, when a well-known ringer, in the person of Mr. Albert C. Fearnley, was entertained by the directors of Messrs. J. Terry and Sons (in company with the staff) to dinner, in honour of the completion of fifty years' service with the firm by Mr. Fearnley. The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Terry, in proposing 'The Health of Mr. Fearnley,' commented on the fact that twenty-five of the company present had an average of forty-three years' service with the firm, and stated on behalf of the directors their gratification at the excellent relations existing between the firm and its employees. Mr. Noel Terry in supporting, stated that between them Mr. Fearnley and his father had eighty years' continuous service with the firm, this constituting a record for the firm. Mr. Fearnley was the recipient of a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the memorable occasion from the firm, and also a pair of handsome candlesticks from the directors. Joining the Yorkshire Association in 1883, Mr. Fearnley has been instrumental in teaching many young ringers at York, and the writer has many recollections of being steered through the mysteries of York Surprise by some of the pupils at that nursery of York ringers, the historic Church of St. Mary, Bishophill. The good wishes of the Exercise are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fearnley, and though one misses the many handbell performances in which formerly Mr. Fearnley took part, we trust that he may long be spared to guide the novices with sage advice, and give to the experts the value of his many years as an expert ringer.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, on October 31st, 672 Grandsire Triples: G. Taylor 1, *N. Mills 2, J. Pickering 3, *J. Sewell 4, *J. Airey 5, *A. Robinson 6, R. Patterson (conductor) 7, R. Langton 8. * First touch in the method. The ringers of the treble and 7th belong to St. Ignatius' band, Sunderland, and the ringers at Bishopwearmouth are very grateful to them and others of their band who kindly give their help at the practices.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on November 1st, two young ringers scored their first 720's. The extent was rung by a Sunday service band: A. Markwell 1, L. Palmer 2, F. Diable (first 720) 3, A. Steward (first 720) 4, W. Palmer 5, J. Knott (first 720 as conductor) 6. Messrs. Steward and Diable began ringing in February, 1926.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: H. G. Marlyn 1, T. H. Culver 2, H. Finch 3, C. E. Palmer 4, B. Aldridge (conductor) 5, C. Fairman 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A band that rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Coscley, Staffs, on Saturday, can boast of a combined record of 250 years as Sunday service ringers, which, it is suggested, may prove to be a record.

There were a number of clergy present at the College Youths' dinner on Saturday night, but not everyone was aware that the company included two Bishops. Both came from Swindon—but they were neither diocesan nor suffragan; just plain Mr.

The 'Tom-tits' were present in considerable numbers, their strength being revealed when their Grand Primo took wine with his fellow-members.

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner is to take place at Birmingham on Saturday, February 25th.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday, November 20th, at 7.55 p.m.

'Amerrycuss' wishes to know who is the famous family of twelve bellringers in town who are known as the 'Fourteen Thieves,' and is Uncle one of 'em?

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Giles', Camberwell, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was rung at the first attempt and as a final test of the bells after their being rehung in March by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The perfect ease and comfort that is experienced in ringing them is surprising, and has delighted the large numbers of ringers who have rung on them at meetings or in the quarter-peals that have been rung almost each week since their restoration.

Ramsbottom Parish Church steeple was damaged by the recent gales. Some of the upper stonework was loosened, and the weather-vane damaged. For the present, therefore, the bells cannot be rung, and the meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at this church on November 19th, is postponed.

The marriage will shortly take place between Rev. E. S. Powell, Vicar of Holbeton, and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and son of the late Rev. J. Powell, Rector of St. Clement's, Ipswich, and Miss Molly Davenport, secretary of the northern branch of the Ladies' Guild, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Davenport, of Dore, near Sheffield.

Miss Dorothy D. Steel, a well-known Bedford ringer, has sailed for Australia on a tour with the English croquet team. Miss Steel has five times won the Open English Ladies' Croquet Championship, and is the present holder of the title.

Next week sees the anniversary of two notable peals on the same bells, St. Andrew's, Norwich, now never rung. On November 17th, 1835, the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung, and on November 16th, 1837, a 7,360 Oxford Treble Bob.

The first peal of 'Real' Double Norwich was rung at Woolwich on November 16th, 1848.

'GREAT PETER' OF YORK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the account of the dedication of 'Great Peter' which appears in 'The Ringing World' of November 4th there is no mention whatever of the inscription thereon, or any particulars as to diameter, thickness of sound bow, or any other matters beyond the weight and note.

I am sure that your readers would be glad of some information on these points, and also as to whether the arms of see and city of York have been reproduced from the old bell.

I notice in the inscriptions on the new peal of twelve, which appeared some weeks ago, no mention is made of Dr. Stephen Beckwith, who bequeathed the former peal cast in 1844, according to the inscription on the eleventh bell of that peal. Surely, some mention ought to have been made of this, even if the whole inscription had not been reproduced on one of the new bells.

I believe that the eleventh was the only bell that bore any inscription beyond the founders' names and date.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. JERRAM.

Clerical Library, Salisbury,
November 4th, 1927.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the founders, have supplied us with the following information with regard to 'Great Peter':—

The inscription, in Gothic characters, is as follows: 'SANCTI PETRI APOSTOLI CAMPANA MAGNA VOCOR'—'ITERUM FUSA A.D. MCMXXVII,' the English translation of which is, 'I am called the Great Bell of Saint Peter the Apostle.'

In addition to the inscription, the Minster arms appears on the obverse side with the founders' mark on the reverse side.

The diameter of the bell is 8 ft. 8 in., and its weight is 10 tons 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katherine's Church, on October 15th, a quarter 'peal' of Bob Minor in 45 mins.: A. Wood 1, C. Hilton 2, D. K. C. Boil 3, R. Wells 4, H. Wood 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. H. F. Ewins, an hon. member of St. Katherine's band and Southern District secretary of the Surrey Association.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the thirteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

In the following seven columns, all of the false lead-heads with the 'tenors together' have been filled in; also, under the lines, the false course-heads derived therefrom. These are all of the course-heads that will prove false AGAINST COURSE HEADED 23456, in a peal with the tenors together. The numerals against the false course-heads, '(III.), (II.), (V.), etc.,' denote which lead (in that false course; will be headed by the false lead-head, from which the false course-head has been found.

Columns Nos. 1, 4, and 7 contain no false lead-heads with the tenors in plain course positions:—

Column No.	2.	3.	5.	6.
From plain L.-H.	(5738264)	(8674523)	(3527486)	(7856342)
False lead-heads	8574632 6738452	6728354	7865324	3647286 7865243
False course-heads	32465(III.) 43265(II.)	32465(II.)	43265(VI.)	43265(V.) 32465(VI.)

Duplicate false course-heads must NOT be ignored, when they refer to different columns, nor when they refer to different leads OF THEMSELVES. That is to say, in column No. 2 we might have had 32465 (III.) AND ALSO 32465 (IV.), etc.

One example, showing the finding of the false course-heads. In column 2 we have (8)5(7)4632. Its 'fellow' is the THIRD in the plain course (8)6(7)4523. We can ignore '1-7-8,' because, being in the same places in BOTH rows, they all go back 'home.' Read the pairs 'downwards' as before:—

3rd L.-H. in plain	From course headed
course is	by
So that our row	From course headed
will be 3rd L.-H. 00504632	by
(or) 32465 (III.)	03246500

We are now able to make for ourselves a 'proof scale' for any Treble Bob method, and the proving of plain methods should present no difficulty; but before leaving the subject I should like to touch upon one or two short-cuts which I have purposely omitted to mention in order to avoid confusion.

Given any lead-head, the course-head may be found in this way: The place occupied in the given lead-head by the tenor should properly be occupied (at rounds) by ANOTHER BELL; then, take the plain course lead-head which has that OTHER BELL in tenor's place (i.e., 'eight's-place'), and transpose the given head by the plain one. As an example, we will take the one quoted above. Column No. 2 has a false lead-head 1(8)574632; tenor is in the place which would be occupied (at rounds) by the '2.' The plain course lead-head, which has '2' in the tenor's place (i.e., 'eight's'), is 1785634(2). Then, transpose 18574632 by 17856342, which gives 13246578, or the course-head 32465.

When finding the lead-heads which are false against the first lead, we found that comparison of 'similar rows' sometimes produced duplicate pairs of false heads. This is due to the 'sections' being 'symmetrical.'

The 'sections' consist of the eight rows in which the treble bell is 'working' in adjacent places. There are eight rows where she is in first's and second's places (rows Nos. 1 to 4, and 29 to 32); eight rows when she is in '3/4 places' (rows Nos. 5 to 8, and 25 to 28); similarly there are eight rows in each '5/6' and '7/8' places.

Observe that, starting from Row No. 1, the treble gradually works her way from the front to the back of the rows, and finishes at row No. 16. Starting from row No. 32, and TRAVELLING BACKWARDS, she does exactly the same thing, and while we compare rows 1/30, we do not compare 2/31; row 2 is compared with row 29, etc.

A 'symmetrical' method causes the same pairs to change, when traced BACKWARDS from row 32, as those which change when traced FORWARDS from row No. 1. Therefore, if we compare rows 1/30, we need not compare rows 2/29, provided that the same pairs that change from row 1 to 2, also change from row 30-29. In the following example, rows 29/30 are reversed for comparison purposes:—

Row 1 ... (12)(34)(58)(78)	Row 30 ... (15)(78)(32)(46)
Row 2 ... (21)(43)(65)(87)	Row 29 ... (51)(87)(23)(64)

Symmetry in the sections is easily recognised by the 'places' which are made in the rows. That is, by the bells which retain the same places in the rows. Bells which do not make one of a changing pair are forced to stop in the same place in the rows. Therefore, similar places being made, means similar pairs being changed. So that if no places are made when the treble is passing from one place in the row to another, as in the example above, it means that every pair of bells (in the row) change. In Superlative this happens in every case in which the treble steps from the 'odd place' (1, 3, 5, 7) to the 'even' place (2, 4, 6, 8), in the first half of the lead; bells 'make places' when she

steps from the even to the odd place, as in rows 2 and 3 (where '4' and '5' retain the same places in the rows), and in rows 10 and 11 (places made by '6' and '4').

This latter does not affect our point, because, when comparing rows 10/21, row 11 is compared with row 24. We look for symmetry in the rows from Odd to Even places in the first half of the lead, and in their fellows in the second (or backward) half of the lead, where, of course, the reverse is the case—from EVEN TO ODD places.

If the sections are symmetrical regarding this 'place-making,' in the rows that have to be compared, we need only compare those similar rows which have the treble in the 'odd' places therein (either in 1, 3, 5, or 7), because the 'even' places (2, 4, 6, 8) will produce the same false lead-heads. If they are not symmetrical, all of the rows must be compared, subject, of course, to the condition that + rows need not be compared with — rows, etc.

As Superlative does not show 'place-making' between the rows which have to be compared, two halves of a section of London Surprise Major are given:—

No. First half of lead.	No. Second half of lead.
1. 12 3 4567 8 +	29. 41 8 7652 3 —
2. 21 3 5476 8 —	30. 14 8 6725 3 +
3. 12 5 3748 6 —	31. 41 6 8273 5 +
4. 21 5 7384 6 +	32. 14 6 2837 5 —

It will be seen that, ordinarily, the similar rows for comparison should be: 1/30, 2/29, 3/32, and 4/31; but the places made between 1/2 (made by '3' and '8') are symmetrical with those between rows 29/30 (made by '8' and '3'). Therefore, having compared 1/30, we need not trouble about 2/29, because the false heads will be duplicated. Similarly with rows 3/32 and 4/31.

The places need not necessarily be made by the same bells; it is the changing pairs that have to be symmetrical, and observation of the places is an easy means to deciding if the changing pairs are the same.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEW NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Bocking on Saturday last. Forty-three members were present from Rayne, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Black Notley, Witham, Ears Colne, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Sudbury, Dunmow, Stisted, Maldon (All Saints'), Feasted, Stebbing, Feering, Sible Hedingham, and the members of the newly-formed local band. At the service held in the Parish Church, Rev. T. P. R. Clark, senior curate, officiated, and the lesson was read by Mr. G. H. Howard, Master of the association. The Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg gave an impressive address, based upon the words: 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' Rev. P. W. Jenkins, assistant curate, and a full choir of men were also present.

According to a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the association, a collection was made for the Association Bell Restoration Fund. The offerings amounted to 13s. 3d.

Tea and meeting followed in the Church Hut. Mr. F. Claydon, District Master, who presided, having expressed his wish to retire in order to give others an opportunity to aspire to office, Mr. A. Saunders, of Greenstead Green, was elected Master, and the retiring Master was thanked for his services.

Mr. W. Arnold, Ears Colne, was elected secretary in place of the late Mr. W. H. Dyson.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. W. Smith, of Dunmow, whose father was buried that afternoon, and the Master of the association was requested to write him a letter of condolence.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dunmow in February.

A vote of thanks was passed to the aged Dean for the use of the bells and his excellent address, to the organist and to the ladies who managed the tea.—Rev. T. P. R. Clark and Mr. A. W. Tyler, churchwarden, suitably replied.

Mr. Wiffen, a member of the newly-formed Bocking band, who have taken up their duties in a most enthusiastic manner, thanked Messrs. G. and L. W. Wiffen, of Braintree, for their services as instructors, and expressed a wish that ere long the band would become change ringers and members of the association.

It being the Master's 59th birthday, Mr. L. W. Wiffen expressed the feeling of the meeting in wishing him many happy returns of the day.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were rung.

DEATH OF FORMER MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

As a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harold Walton, at one time Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and member of St. Leonard's Society, Streatham, and Mr. William Shepherd, for over fifty years ringer at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, and one of the founders of the Surrey Association, who both died recently, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled at St. Leonard's Church, on Saturday, November 5th, but, unfortunately, came to grief after ringing one hour and thirty-five minutes: L. Attwater 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, J. W. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. Rumley 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

There was a record gathering of nearly 220 present at the 290th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the London Tavern on Saturday, the visitors to the Metropolis including representative ringers from all parts of the country. There was ringing during the afternoon at St. Saviour's Cathedral, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, Churches, and following recent practice a service was held at the Church of St. Michael, College Hill, from which the society gets its name. The church was filled with the congregation of ringers, and the special form of service, brief but particularly appropriate, was conducted by the Rector, Canon Bullock Webster. The hymns were very heartily sung. The Rev. E. C. Bedford, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, was the preacher, and his subject was 'Hobbies.' He dwelt upon the importance of everyone having a hobby, and enlarged upon the advantages of such a hobby as bellringing, which was not only healthful, but had also the deeper purpose of service to God and His Church. He also urged his hearers to unite with the hobby adopted for pleasure some other hobby which would render social service in the world around them.

The Master (Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen.) presided over the dinner, and was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Prebendary Ponsonby (Rector of Bow), Mr. E. H. Lewis (Glasgow), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Major F. A. Yorke, R.A., Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus'), Mr. C. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. George (Birmingham), Mr. A. Coppock (Master of the Sherwood Youths, Nottingham), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's Verger at St. Paul's Cathedral), Rev. E. C. Bedford, Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Rev. W. Pennington Beckford (St. Clement Danes), Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn. Among other visitors were Messrs. J. T. Rickman (Master), A. D. Stone (hon. secretary) and K. Hart, of the Sussex Association; A. Walker (Ringing Master), A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary), and P. Laffin, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary) and T. King, of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association); J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association); H. Walker (secretary) and G. Clark, of the Doncaster District Society; R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild); F. A. Smith (president of the Hertford County Association); J. Christopher Mitchell (London), W. Haigh (Rockester), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), L. Wightman (Norwich), Gillingham and Tillett (Ipswich), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), S. Palmer and J. Thorpe (Sheffield), E. Bishop (Swindon), W. Davies (Liverpool), L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), J. Evans (Hugghenden), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), J. Parker (Edmonton), A. D. Cullum (Caversham), E. F. Poppy (Eye), W. Melville (Guildford), F. Dench (Saffron Walden), W. Hibbert, jun. (now home for a holiday from Nigeria), and ringers from many towers in London and within a big radius of the Metropolis. Mr. H. R. Newton occupied the vice-chair, and among the officers of the College Youths present were Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees), J. Hawkins and J. Bullock (stewards). The oldest member present was Mr. Ted Wallace, who joined the society 57 years ago.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Master proposed 'The Church,' to which Prebendary Ponsonby responded.

Canon Coleridge submitted 'Continued prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths,' to which Mr. W. T. Cockerill replied.

'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. C. H. Horton, and acknowledged by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford.

The Vice-chairman gave 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' nineteen of which, he said, were represented there that night. Mr. P. W. H. Sergesen and Mr. J. T. Dyke replied to the toast.

'The Press' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Young, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') responded.

Bells figured prominently in the musical programme. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung 'double handed' by Messrs. H. Hodgkiss, A. Peck, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill; Mrs. Hughes once more delighted the company with her handbell solos, playing, with her accustomed skill and grace, 'Londonderry Air,' 'The Old Brigade,' and, as an encore, 'Land of Hope and Glory'; and the Brothers Brett-Smith (Jack, Cyril, Percy, David and Tom) roused the audience to a pitch of great enthusiasm by their tune ringing, which included such favourites as 'Drink to me only,' 'The Farmer's Boy,' 'Ring the bell, watchman,' etc. Capt. Freeborn was encored for his delightful rendering of the song 'Danny Boy,' and a similar compliment was paid to Mr. T. Warren, who sang 'Leavin'' in fine style. Mr. F. Groombridge was the accompanist.

The happy evening was concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The reports of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.—On Saturday, Oct. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandisle Triples in 43 mins.: A. J. Sylvester 1, L. Manner 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. E. Butler 4, E. Burley 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, W. Brants 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Rung after a peal failure for the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE JUBILEE GATHERING.

The 50th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, October 29th, in the city of its birth, Durham. There were over 100 members present from York, Newcastle (three towers), Gosforth, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Darlington (three towers), Durham (two towers), Gateshead, Houghton, Hurworth, North Shields, Shildon, Staindrop, Stockton, Sunderland (two towers), Tanfield, West Hartlepool, and Whitley Bay.

Early in the day, ringing was kept going at St. Oswald's, St. Nicholas' bells not being yet available, owing to rehanging work going on in the tower by Mr. Ernest Ferry. The committee met at mid-day,

and got through a lot of business, deciding to send or present an address of welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Bilbrough; and also fixed the general meetings for the ensuing year: Pre-Lent, Cramlington; Whit-Monday, Stockton; and summer meeting, Bamburgh.

At one o'clock the members assembled in the beautiful chancel choir of Durham Cathedral for the service, the Dean of Durham (Bishop J. E. C. Welldon) giving the address.

Bishop Welldon, in his discourse, greeted the ringers as his fellow-workers in the ministry of the Church. It was a strange coincidence, he said, that their meeting that day in the cathedral should be marked by the news that the one professor of campanology in all the universities of the world had passed away. So far as he knew,

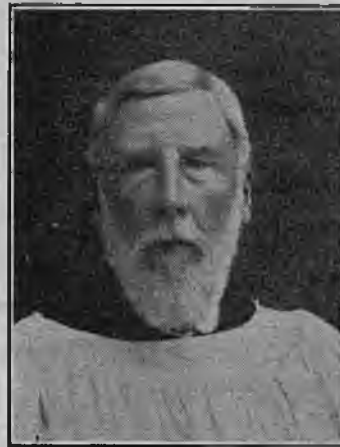
there had been no other professor like Professor Starmer in the University of Birmingham, and it was with sadness, and yet with thankfulness of heart, they remembered before God his services to the art of bell-ringing. Church bells, he continued, were a part of the legacy which the Church inherited from the Middle Ages. 'I like to think,' said Dr. Welldon, 'that the bells have done much for religion in England and in the world. I do not know what the Church would do without her bells; and, as you reflect upon the varying messages of the bells—the happy message of the marriage bells, the tragic message of the passing bell when the soul has departed to God Who made it—you will realise that the ringing of the bells is no more a mechanical business, but a spiritual office.'

The members afterwards gathered round the festive board at the Rose and Crown Hotel, where Mr. C. L. Routledge, president of the association, occupied the chair. He was supported by the president of the Yorkshire Association (Rev. C. C. Marshall), Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, Bishop Wood, Vicar of St. George's, Newcastle, Canon Stephenson, of Gateshead, the Vicar of South Shields (Canon Hudson Barker), the Vicar of Tynemouth (Rev. R. E. Holmes), Canon Bothamley, Durham, Mr. T. T. Goffton and his wife (Mrs. Councillor Goffton), the Rev. J. Wall (sacristan of Durham Cathedral), Mr. J. W. Parker, and Mr. G. S. Taylor, Sunderland, Mr. W. Story and Mr. E. Ferry (secretary), Newcastle, Mr. A. M. Hall, Gateshead, and Mr. F. Lowe, Tanfield. Mr. R. Patterson, of Sunderland, vice-president, occupied the vice-chair. The Bishops and Durham and Newcastle sent messages of regret for being absent on that auspicious occasion, and a telegram of good wishes and regretting absence was received from Mr. F. E. Dawe (London).

The visitors were formally but cordially welcomed by the Chairman, and, in reply, the Rev. C. C. Marshall expressed his pleasure at being able to represent the neighbouring association of Yorks at that gathering, and to bring with him another staunch supporter of his association in Mr. Broadley.

Mr. William Story, of Newcastle, giving the toast 'The Bishops and the Clergy of the two dioceses,' described the new Bishop of Newcastle as 'a big, hefty chap,' and remarked that if he and the Dean of Durham would take the tenor bell he had no doubt that the ringing would be 'Welldon.' There had been of late a good deal of controversy as to the relations between the clergy and the bellringers, and he was of the opinion that they were all to blame.

Bishop Wood, responding, remarked that many young curates would be only too glad to start ringing when they had health and strength, and life was all a game. He was perfectly certain they would find in the new Bishop of Newcastle a strong friend of that work. They were fortunate at St. George's, Jesmond, in having Mr. Ferry as master of the belfry.



MR. WILLIAM REED.
Elected first President.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Mr. E. E. Ferry, of Gosforth, presenting the 50th annual report, said the association was formed in 1877, and in 1882 there was a membership of 195, as against 686 at the present time. The old idea of the clergy and ringers looking upon each other as a necessary evil had died out, and now they looked upon each other as fellow-workers in the service of God. They had the support of five bishops and 33 clergy, but there were still 15 Vicars in the Durham diocese and two in Newcastle diocese who had bells in the church towers and were not hon. members. They were glad to have among them that day the only member of the original organisation left, Mr. William Newton, of Stockton. The past year showed an improvement in the number and quality of the Sunday service sheets sent in. Chief returns were: For the 8, 10, 12-bell towers: North Shields, 1, 1596.596; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 2, 1333.984; Whitley Bay, 3, 868.446; Newcastle Cathedral, 4, 618.97; St. John's, Darlington, 5, 319.97. Six-bell towers: Holy Trinity, Darlington, 1, 1370.08; Hurworth-on-Tees, 2, 775.96; Benfieldside, 3, 353.76; Newburn, 4, 221; Newton Hall, 5, 140.32. North Shields had taken first place for the second year in succession. Durham Cathedral and St. Oswald's, Durham, had sent in ringing sheets for the first time. Holy Trinity, Darlington, had taken first place for the sixth successive year. Mr. Adam Deas headed the list of peals with nine, and Mr. J. W. Parker was at the top of the list of conductors with four.

Mr. G. S. Taylor, treasurer, produced an excellent balance sheet, with an unprecedented balance in hand of £21 15s. 6d., but, as he explained later, though all outstanding debts were paid, 1927-28 was likely to be a heavy year of expense and would swallow it up.—The Chairman proposed the adoption of the balance sheet and report, and they were adopted.

'OUR FOUNDERS.'

The President submitted the jubilee meeting toast 'To the memory of our founders, 1877, and to the continued prosperity of the association.' He referred the audience to 'The Ringing World's' issue of that week for the details of the initiation of the association, which took place in that very city, in the song school of the cathedral. The first annual report, printed and in MS., was on the table for everyone to see, and he quoted from the account of the first annual meeting, published in 'Church Bells' of September 28th, 1878, some details of how the Durham Cathedral ringers themselves hauled the efforts of advancement in those days. After all these years, this obstruction had been overcome by their secretary, Mr. Ferry, with the co-operation of Dean Weldon and his chapter, and not only were the bells being rung now to changes on Sunday, but all the young band of enthusiasts were members of the association. Mr. Routledge mentioned the men of grit and enthusiasm who had carried on the work from the earlier days of the founders, in addition to those mentioned in

'The Ringing World' of October 29th, including such fine exponents of the art as Wm. Newton and Tom Stephenson, of Stockton, Joel Hern and Moffatt, of Shields, Wallis, Denton and Power, of Newcastle, the Gofsons, of Whitley Bay, the Hudsons, of Sunderland, Field and Falconer, of Gosforth, the Ferrys, of Newcastle, Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, Porter, Todd and the Parks, of Darlington. Of the parsons who had been most prominent were the Revs. C. Buxton, sometime secretary, C. C. Cox and H. S. T. Richardson, Bernard Jealous, A. Simpson, and Canon Williams, and last, but not least, their ex-president, Rev. A. W. Lister, of South Shields, formerly of Stockton and Tanfield. Of the non-ringing parsons they delighted in giving honour to were the Rev. Canon Barker, Canon Stephenson, Gateshead, and Rev. H. H. Barff, of Wylam, all of whom have given nearly 30 years' kindly support to this association. The President asked, Has this association influenced and improved the status of the ringer as a Church worker? The spread of voluntary ringing by the love of change ringing for its own beautiful intricacies and worth, and their staunch loyalty to the Church with its Bishop, priests and deacons, proved that up to the hilt. Voluntary work was the platform on which the ringer as a Church worker stood.

As to belfry reform, he continued, I can only refer you to our list of bells of the two dioceses in the final pages of our report to show you there is hardly one of the peals of bells mentioned there that has not been installed, augmented or rebung at the instance of some officer or member of this association, from the cathedrals down to the

five bells at Willington. Over and above these conquests, there is that magnificent feeling of brotherhood which has ever cemented us together as a whole family, free of cliques and factions, large in number though we be. These facts can only bring us to one conclusion—that we have justified our founders' ideas and plans, and that we would have been very much poorer morally, physically and certainly mentally, had we never been banded together as an association. Every effort should be made to gain the confidence and appreciation of the public, of our art and of our work, by propaganda. When a lecture can be given, let it be taken in hand at once and carried through thoroughly, with lantern slides and a handbell demonstration where possible.

In conclusion, the President referred to his 47 years as a ringer, and said he had never regretted one minute of the time spent in the belfry and in the company of the whole-hearted change ringer. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. William Newton, of Stockton-on-Tees, the only living member of the association who was present at the inaugural meeting in Durham 50 years ago, and who was there that day, hale in body and still whole-hearted in his ringing, and one of the straightest and kindest men he had ever known. For fifty years he had never wavered in his loyalty to the association (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm by all present, and Mr. Newton, in his reply, gave some delightful reminiscences of his experiences of the early days of the association and its meetings, which were listened to with rapt attention by the members and warmly applauded.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the following were elected officers for the coming year: President, Mr. G. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. A. Hern, Foster Pattison, R. L. Patterson, and T. Clark; secretary, Mr. Ernest Ferry; treasurer, Mr. G. S. Taylor; editorial secretary, Mr. A. Payne; and auditor, Mr. A. M. Hall. The district secretaries were all re-elected—Messrs. A. Deas (including the Newcastle division of Northern District), G. S. Taylor, J. T. Tiff, H. Tyson, and Chas. Symon, for West Tyne division.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall then graciously presented the winning certificates for the Sunday service ringing, awarded upon what is known as Ferry's List.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, with particular reference to Dr. Weldon's very beautiful address, to Canon Culley for presiding at the organ, and to the Vicars of St. Oswald's and St. Nicolas', Durham, for the use of the bells during the day.

After the election of new members, both honorary (including two Residentiary Canons of Durham) and ringing, of which there were about 25, a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

The rest of the evening was spent in ringing at the cathedral and, later, at Chester-le-Street, at both of which touches of Treble Bob Major and Stedman were rung.

REOPENING OF BELLS AT GUISBOROUGH.

On Saturday evening, October 29th, the peal of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) at Guisborough, Yorks, were rededicated by the Rector of the parish after being tuned and rebung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A short service was held, during which the Rector entered the ringing chamber (which is open to the church), and there read the dedicatory prayers. After the singing of the closing hymn, the bells were raised in peal, while the congregation stood as interested spectators. A band of ringers, which included the president and the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, then rang touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Guisborough is to be congratulated on possessing such a fine ring of six, and the bell hangers upon the excellent 'go' of the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HELP FOR WEST DRAYTON BELL FUND.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 29th. It was a pleasure to see so many young enthusiasts present, and their company was welcomed by the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Holloway) and Mr. Trollope. Splendid practice was done before service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Cole-Skeane, Vicar, the Rev. R. Jones presiding at the organ. After service, the members were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, the meal being served by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovell. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Etherington (churchwarden), Mrs. Cole-Skeane, Mr. Bird (vice-president), the Ringing Master, and hon. treasurer, and a company of 52 had an enjoyable time.

The usual business was transacted, with hearty thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, to Mrs. Cole-Skeane, to the organist, to the Ringing Master, the vice-president, the host and hostess, Mrs. G. Bradford, Mr. E. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family for their several selections on the handbells, which were very much appreciated.

The Hon. Secretary made an appeal for money to help the West Drayton Bell Fund, and two guineas have been sent and duly acknowledged by the Fund Committee.



MR. E. E. FERRY.

The present hon. secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, on Saturday, October 29th.

The bells were kept going to touches in the standard methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Elphinstone Rivers), who gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he welcomed the association to Eltham.

After the service, the members repaired to the Parish Hall, where a splendid tea was attractively served by Mrs. Anderson and a committee of ladies. Some sixty members partook of the repast, which was generously provided by the local ringers and friends.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar occupying the chair. The Secretary read a report of last year's work, and this was adopted.

Three new members were elected, and the officers for the year were chosen. The retiring secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) was re-elected. Then followed the election of two representatives on the Central Committee of the association. Mr. W. J. Jeffries, having become a trustee of the society, was unable to continue his long and faithful service in this capacity, but his colleague, Mr. I. Emery, was re-elected, and two nominations were made to fill the vacancy. The voting resulted in the appointment of Mr. E. Barnett, jun., of Crayford.

Only one suggestion was made for the place of the next quarterly meeting, i.e., St. Luke's, Brounley Common, and this was agreed to.

A discussion followed on the rule concerning non-resident life members. This resulted in the district representatives being instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the coming committee meeting, and to get the rule revised to avoid the existing ambiguity.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting; to the organist for his services, to the donors of the tea for their generous hospitality, and to Capt. Anderson, captain of the local ringers, who was solely responsible for all the excellent arrangements made.—This was carried with applause, as was a similar vote, proposed by Mr. I. Emery, to Mrs. Anderson and her committee, for their able supervision of the social function.

The Vicar and Capt. Anderson responded, the latter gentleman asking for ringers to visit Eltham on Wednesday afternoon, November 2nd, to ring on the occasion of the opening of the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital.

This concluded a successful meeting, the tower being again visited and further ringing taking place.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, on the occasion of the opening of the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital, by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Bob Major by the following: W. J. Jeffries, G. H. Daynes and E. Barnett, sen. (conductors), F. Fraser, E. Mounter, J. Hurrell, H. Wood, W. A. Simmonds, F. Coley, C. A. Bines and E. B. Crowder.

THE CLASHING OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The annual general meeting of the Rochester District was held at Chatham on Saturday, October 29th, nearly 50 members attending, and it is interesting to record that every 'touch' in methods varying from Grandsire to Superlative, that was attempted 'came home.'

The association service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Wiltshire, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Frindsbury, accompanying the singing on the organ.

Tea followed in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector.

The district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) presented his annual report, which showed a slight falling off in the number of practising members in the district, but an increase in the number of peals rung. In the report, the secretary urged all to try and get new members, as he did not like to see their membership declining.—The report was unanimously adopted, and the secretary thanked.

Mr. Mitchell was unanimously re-elected district hon. secretary, and Messrs. Haigh and W. Spice district representatives on the Association Committee.

A discussion took place on the clashing of dates of the various district meetings, and it was unanimously resolved that the representatives should do their best at the forthcoming general committee meeting to remedy this, not that that district was often privileged to have visits from other district members, but to enable its own members to visit other meetings if they so desired.

Rainham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, having beaten Gravesend in the ballot.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all for the success of the meeting, and the tower was again visited and ringing indulged in until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal on another highly successful meeting.

DERBY CATHEDRAL HALLOWING.

At Hartshorne, Derbyshire, on November 3rd, in commemoration of the Derby Cathedral hallowing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (the longest length on the bells) in 41 mins.: A. Sharp 1, R. H. Dove 2, P. W. Grice 3, F. Boulstridge 4, J. W. Cosson (conductor) 5. A peal on these bells had to be abandoned owing to the bad 'go' of the 4th and tenor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HITCHIN.**

An exceptionally good meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association was held at Hitchin on Saturday, when, by the kindness of the Vicar, the bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were available the whole afternoon and evening. Ringers were present from Baldock, Barley, Kempston, St. Neots, Hatfield, Offley, Biggleswade, Graveley, Royston, Trumpington, Kimpton, Sandy, Southill, Roxton, Little Munden, Luton and the local band. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and no time was lost between the various touches, so that all present might have as much ringing as possible. The Vicar conducted a short service, and joined the ringers afterwards at the tea and meeting. One new life member was elected, viz., Mr. E. H. Finch, of Great Shelford.

The Vicar very heartily welcomed all present, and remarked that bellringing must be a very fine art to bring so many men together at one place for it. Reference was made to the sad bereavement of a Royston ringer, Mr. S. C. Roberts, in the sudden death of his son, who was also a ringer, and as a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The belfry was visited again for further ringing, and the bells kept going till about nine o'clock. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise. London Surprise was attempted, but did not go too well. The success of the meeting was the subject of general comment, as was also the good 'go' of the bells, the back three of which have just been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND A PRESENTATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 29th, and between 40 and 50 members and friends were present. The well-known captain of the local band (Mr. 'Jack' Jefferies), who, by the way, is the chairman of the Bristol United Guilds for the year, was at the church to welcome the members. The bells, a light peal of eight, were raised in peal, and were rung up till service time at 4.30. The service was a great feature of the meeting, the full choir being augmented by the ladies' choir. The Vicar (the Rev. F. R. H. Crews) officiated, and also gave an address. He welcomed the association to Mangotsfield, and hoped they would come oftener.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Crown Hotel for tea, and at the meeting which followed the chairman of the branch (Mr. J. Gould) presided.

Mr. Jefferies undertook the duty of instructing the Abscon ringers in change ringing, and was thanked for his kind offer and service.

It was resolved to recommend to the general committee that a grant be made from the funds towards rehanging Marshfield bells.

Abbots Leigh was chosen for the next monthly meeting on Saturday, November 26th, and Brighthelm for the meeting on December 17th.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Wm. Knight seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the choir, also to Mr. J. Jefferies for making such excellent local arrangements, and this was carried by acclamation.—The Vicar, responding, said he would repeat what he said at the service, that a hearty welcome would be always given them at any time, and if they could not arrange a meeting at any chosen place, Mangotsfield would be always open to them as an alternative. He paid a high compliment to their captain and ringers.—Mr. Fussell responded for the choir, and said it was a real pleasure to them all.

This concluded the business meeting. The Vicar and the local ringers took advantage of the meeting to make a presentation to one of their members (Mr. C. R. Harding), who was shortly leaving them to take up his residence at Cheltenham. Mr. Jefferies spoke of Mr. Harding's past service, the help he had always given them, and the good fellowship he had always exhibited, and asked the Vicar to present Mr. Harding with a handsome mounted walking stick. The Vicar spoke of the loss which the local band would sustain by Mr. Harding's departure, and wished him well. Mr. Harding was loudly applauded on receiving the gift from the Vicar.

The Chairman outlined Mr. Harding's career as a ringer, and the Secretary, on behalf of the association, gave him warm wishes for his future health and happiness, and more usefulness to the cause of church bellringing.

Mr. Harding, who was taken by surprise, thanked them all, and said he would do his best to continue to give all assistance he could to the cause of bellringing.

The members then returned to the belfry until 9 p.m., special instruction being given to several learners, who were very pleased with their first success.

ONE HUNDRED 720's THIS YEAR.

At Over, Cambs, on Sunday, October 30th, Mr. F. Warrington rang his one hundredth 720 for 1927. This was before the evening service, and was a 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF MR. F. S. BARNES.**A WELL-KNOWN CHESHIRE RINGER.**

We regret to record the death of a well-known Wirral ringer in the person of Mr. Francis Sydney Barnes, who passed away on October 26th, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 50 years. The deceased commenced his ringing career at St. Albans Abbey, Herts, but removed to Birkenhead, Cheshire, in 1899, and became attached to St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, where he took a keen and active part in the ringing. The peals in which he took part, though not numerous, were invariably of a good quality, and he could always be relied upon as a 'safe' ringer.

His remains were laid to rest at Bebington Cemetery on Saturday, October 29th, in the presence of a large number of ringing and Masonic friends, who had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to their old colleague. Prior to the interment a service was held at St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Sayer, M.A. (Vicar), who also officiated at the cemetery. The bells were rung half-muffled previous to the service, and at the graveside a farewell touch on handbells was rung by Messrs. J. Cooke, W. Dean, C. I. Davies and H. Ludkin.

In addition to the relatives and other friends present at the church and cemetery, there were also present Messrs. E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary, Chester Diocesan Guild), H. S. Brocklebank (Wirral Branch secretary, Chester Diocesan Guild), R. Birchall, J. Evans, W. Hughes, S. Moston, G. Smith and W. Wharton (St. Saviour's Church), Claude I. Davies (Liverpool Branch secretary, Lancashire Association), J. Cooke, W. Dean, R. Fitzsimmons and J. Withers (St. Peter's, Rock Ferry), G. R. Edwards, J. Griffin, H. Ludkin, H. Marsh and H. Martin.

On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: R. Birchall (conductor), H. S. Brocklebank, J. Evans, E. J. Glanvill, W. Hughes, S. Moston, H. J. Samuel and W. Wharton.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT LOSS.**SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. FURNESS WOODEND.**

Members of the Exercise in the Lake District have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. F. Woodend, of Brathay, who expired suddenly in the early hours of Wednesday, November 2nd. Mr. Woodend was 57 years of age, and is survived by two sons and two daughters. He had been a ringer at Brathay for 35 years, and had taken part in 35 peals, his last peal being Kent Treble Bob Major on October 22nd of this year.

The funeral took place at Brathay on Saturday, November 5th, there being a large number of ringers and friends present. Ringers from Silverdale, Hawkshead, Brathay and Ambleside carried him to his last resting place near to the tower he loved so well. After the funeral a muffled peal was rung, ringers from Hawkshead, Kendal, Silverdale and Ambleside taking part. Among his peals Mr. Woodend had rung one of 6,120 changes of Minor in five methods, and two 10,080's of Minor in seven methods: Minor in one method 11, in two methods 1, in three methods 10, in four methods 2, in five methods 2, in six methods 1, in seven methods 5, Grandsire Doubles 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1.

FORMER LANCASHIRE SECRETARY'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Tomlinson, of Blackburn, formerly hon. secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association. Many of his old ringing friends attended the funeral on November 1st, and afterwards, on the bells at Balderstone, Rochdale, a representative band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled: J. Griffiths 1, S. K. Taylor 2, J. H. Kershaw (Rochdale Parish Church) 3, W. Staff (Milnrow) 4, T. Fletcher (Whitworth) 5, J. H. Lees (conductor) 6, F. Hartley (Shore) 7, G. Staff (Milnrow) 8.

On Sunday evening, November 6th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) half-muffled: Tom Clegg 1, C. Horsefall (conductor) 2, S. Taylor 3, J. Griffiths 4, F. Leah 5, J. H. Lees 6, J. Jones 7, E. Chadwick 8.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was one of those present at the meeting at Broxbourne, and heartily agreed with the Vicar in his views re the raising and falling of bells in peal. I think that the music which pours forth when they are about halfway up is grand, and far more pleasing to listeners than the lowering of a few at a time, even if they harmonise. It should not be too difficult for a great many bands to raise in peal or lower, if the treble is pulled up steadily and leading off the tenor carefully. I think the great secret is to keep them going up all the time and not to stay in one position. The same thing applies to lowering.

Your leading article of last week is a word in season, and I hope will bear fruit, and many change-ringing bands might copy some of the 'stony' bands in this, for, as you rightly say, they raise and fall perfectly, especially some of the heavy peals in the West Country. I am glad to say that it has been done here for many years.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. LAWRENCE.

Little Munden.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus' on November 24th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill (elections), on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th (at 8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. St. Nicholas' bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is especially requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The last meeting of the above district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m. I hope a good many members of the district will make an effort to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—A Cinques practice will be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., Heavitree, Exeter.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 12th. The ring of eight bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Members are kindly requested to send in all outstanding subscriptions to the secretary on or before this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Nov. 12th, and at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Towers open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Will members kindly make an effort to attend?—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, in the Parish Room, 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Thomas' bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. St. Mary's bells (8) available also. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Salthurnby-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Kimball's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend the meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting to approve rules, select officers and transact other important business will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 19th. All ringers residing within the new diocese are specially requested to attend. Service (in conjunction with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild) at S. Nicolas' Church, 3.45 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street, 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by Nov. 16th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The final meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 19th. Business meeting in St. Saviour's Hall at 3 p.m. sharp. Service at S. Nicolas' Church at 3.45. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall immediately after the service. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Let me know how many for tea by previous Wednesday.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual district meeting at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Nov. 15th.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (about 1s.). Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those intending to be present should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the Rose and Crown. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 16th? — P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/- Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please let me know by Wednesday, November 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Saturday, November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 with an address by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30, close to the Church. All will be made welcome, and a good attendance is hoped for.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Reply to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 5.30, 1/- each to those who advise me by the 23rd inst. Business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. All those intending being present please notify me by the 20th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoneham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Sunday Service Ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, Monday 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

NEW ADDRESSES.—Mr. J. W. Pemberton has removed to Seaford, College Road, New Oscott, Erdington, Birmingham. Mr. A. Harding has removed from 25, Murray Road, to 29, Ash Grove, South Ealing, W.5.

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FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 6th, 720 Southwell Surprise Minor: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. First in the method by all.—Before evensong, 720 Kingston Treble Bob, 360 Cambridge Surprise: L. Camp 1, E. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. First of Kingston by all.

WORKSOP.—At the Priory Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins. by the local company: Miss Winrow 1, B. Smith 2, S. Jordan 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, S. Walker 5, Miss Taylor 6, G. Hardwick 7, S. Eastland 8. Rung on the occasion of the first official visit of the Archdeacon of Newark since the formation of the new diocese of Southwell.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—For evening service, on Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Chapman 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, O. Waghorn 3, H. Baker 4, J. G. Powell 5, F. A. Rye 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Rakebup 8. Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker are from Frittenden, Mr. F. A. Rye from Walmer, and the rest local. Mr. Rye's first attempt for a quarter-peal.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, on November 6th, for evensong, 1,280 changes Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Watkin 1, H. W. Mance (first quarter in the method) 2, W. J. Dean 3, H. H. Mance 4, C. F. Mitchell 5, W. Essery 6, A. G. Newman 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On November 6th, on the occasion of the christening of the infant daughter of Mr. A. C. V. Gasson, a quarter-peal (1,320 changes) of Kent Treble Bob in 44 mins.: T. E. Exeter 1, A. C. V. Gasson 2, H. Laker 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6.

MALDON.—On Sunday, November 6th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. R. Linnett 1, F. Chalk 2, A. South 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, J. H. Waldo 5, F. White 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, J. Walden 8.

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