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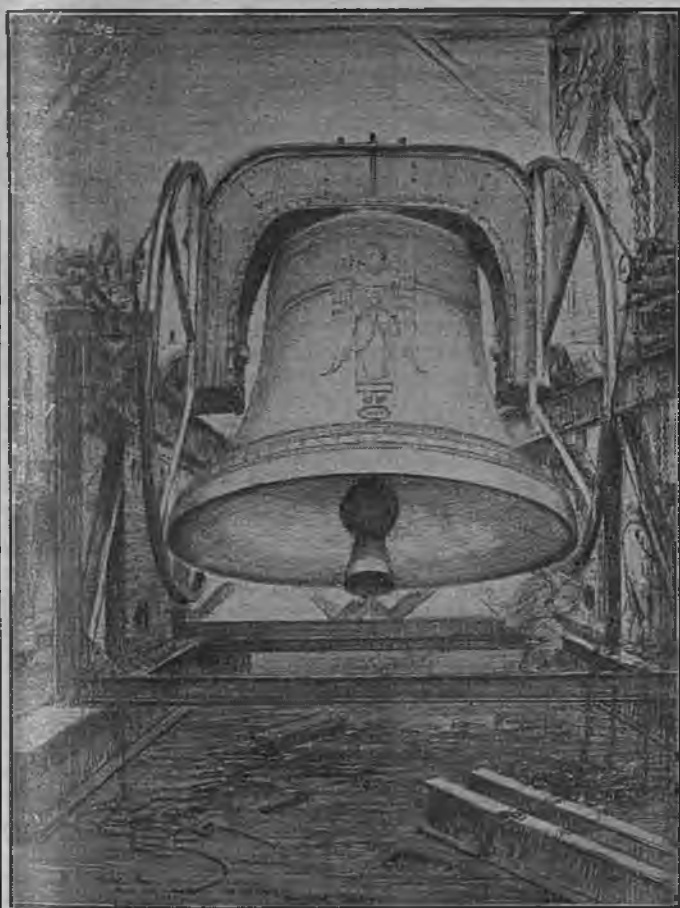
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A GREAT SOCIETY.

To-morrow members of the Ancient Society of College Youths from all over the country will assemble in London to celebrate the 293rd anniversary of the foundation of the society. This gathering, by far the largest event of its kind in the ringing calendar, seems to grow in popular favour every year, and were it open to ladies, as are the social gatherings in other parts of the country, would expand with a bound. It is, however, not only difficulties of accommodation which limit the party. A conservative policy of the society itself—which, for one brief period, admitted ladies to membership and then recanted—now restricts the dinner to gentlemen almost, but not absolutely.

The conservatism of the College Youths is one of its traditions, but that is not to say that the members have not kept abreast of all that is best in the advancement of ringing. The College Youths have a history of nearly three hundred years and those who are responsible for its management endeavour to live up to that history. To some people this tranquil progress which has been pursued through the centuries, which has been almost un-deviating since the days when Charles I. was on the throne, may seem out of date and antiquated, but there are some respects in which it is to be encouraged. Since change ringing began the College Youths have been at the very centre and core of the Exercise; indeed, the society has been from the first one of the pillars round which the Exercise has woven itself, and ramified throughout the country. It is only in the last fifty or sixty years that the territorial societies have come into existence; before that it was the College Youths and a very few societies of a like nature that kept alight the torch of change ringing and enabled the expansion of the last half century to be made. For its part in maintaining the art in the past, the Exercise owes it a debt and ringers look up to it as the doyen of all ringing societies.

There is still, however, about its proceedings—which necessarily centre chiefly in the Metropolis—a spirit of aloofness and exclusiveness which is not unnoticed by those outside. This spirit may be inbred through the traditions which are behind the society, but in these days of the wider brotherhood among ringers, it seems, though we cannot for a moment think it is really intended, a little austere. London may be somewhat crowded with ringing societies; in places they may be treading on each other's toes, but there certainly is scope in London for a greater intermingling of organisations. A policy of isolation is entirely out of keeping with the spirit of the age—in ringing as in other things. The goodwill which finds

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expression in the presence of so many non-members at the College Youths' dinner is proof of this, and the cause of ringing in the metropolis would receive a great impetus if all the societies interested endeavoured to work in less watertight compartments.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKFAST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALBERT WALKER Treble | SIDNEY T. HOCT 7 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 2 | FRANK E. PERVIN 8 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | JOSEPH T. DYER 9 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | JAMES BENNETT 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal rung on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

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| WILLIAM A. COOPER Treble | JOHN C. ADAMS 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 8 |
| JOHN PERRY 3 | WALTER R. HUGHES 9 |
| SIDNEY ELTON 4 | GILBERT HARDING 10 |
| ROBERT PICKERING 5 | THOMAS J. ELTON 11 |
| THOMAS HILL 6 | WILLIAM WALKER Tenor |

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal on twelve. First peal of Cinques as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Lempriere D. Hammond) and Mrs. Hammond.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

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| ALFRED H. WINCH Treble | JOHN H. WHITE 6 |
| JOHN BEAMS 2 | GEORGE A. COOK 7 |
| ALBERT H. HARMAN 3 | JOHN HOYLE 8 |
| GEORGE F. MARRINER 4 | ARTHUR DEAN 9 |
| ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5 | ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung to celebrate two noteworthy events, viz., the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Messam, and the completion by Mr. W. Messam of 50 years' service as a ringer at the above church.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * HAROLD V. COOPER Treble | SAMUEL GROVE 6 |
| † ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2 | * HARRY PRICE 7 |
| * WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3 | * CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 8 |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS 4 | * HECTOR G. BIRD 9 |
| † GEORGE E. FEARN 5 | * THOMAS HEMMING Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First Surprise peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Bishop of Worcester, patron of the above association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

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| CHARLES H. WEBB Treble | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6 |
| *DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2 | *JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 3 | *EDWARD C. GOBEY 8 |
| *EDWIN H. LEWIS 4 | COLIN HARRISON 9 |
| J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on the festival of All Saints.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble | *GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5 |
| SHELFORD SPARROW 2 | *HARRY D. LISTER 6 |
| *THOMAS SPARROW 3 | ARTHUR GREENWOOD 7 |
| LAWRENCE POULSON 4 | CHARLES BUTTON Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. W. C. Rumsey has now completed the circle to a peal in this tower.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| GEORGE EDWARDS ... Treble | HAROLD HUNTLEY 5 |
| ERNEST H. EVEREST 2 | ARTHUR WILES 6 |
| *JOHN CROWYS 3 | JOHN O. WELLER 7 |
| *JAMES NICHOLAS 4 | LESLIE EVEREST Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the weddings of the ringers of the treble, 5th and tenor. The ringers of the 4th and 7th hail from Westerham, and of treble from Penshurst, the rest belonging to the local band.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MRS. E. S. POWELL ... Treble | REV. E. S. POWELL 5 |
| *JOHN ARBURY 2 | WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | ERNEST J. BUTLER 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| *GEORGE H. ORCHARD ... Treble | NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| JESSE FRANCIS 2 | *HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6 |
| SIDNEY HILLIER 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4 | WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor, and 50th peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now completed the circuit in the tower.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble | *RONALD H. BULLEN 5 |
| *JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| *JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | *CECIL W. PIPE 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES GEORGE ... Treble | JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD 3 | BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 4 | CHARLES DRAPER Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, October 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| *LEONARD J. JOYCE ... Treble | *JOHN S. TAYLOR 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK 6 |
| JOHN SWAIN 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| HARRY W. SMITH 4 | PERCY DYKE Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HENRY FLOWER ... Treble | WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 6 |
| RICHARD STYERS 3 | JAMES E. DAVIS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4 | ROBERT FOEDIKE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a welcome to the newly-instituted Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Dunn, M.A., also as a compliment to Mr. E. B. Crowder, one of the local band, on the occasion of the wedding of his daughter, Iris, to Mr. James Bidewell, which took place at St. John's Church, Southend Village, on this day.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM MUSK ... Treble | ARTHUR W. LESDER 5 |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 6 |
| CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN 7 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. Charles Upwood Manning, Rector of Diss, 1899-1918, who was interred at Diss that afternoon. When the Rev. C. U. Manning retired through ill-health, members of the Manning family had been successively Rectors of Diss for 121 years. The composition, which contains the 7.4.6.8's, is rung for the first time.

HARROW WEALD.—At All Saints' Church, on October 14th, 2,880 Rob Minor (being four 720's each called differently): F. Wilcox 1, G. R. Goodship 2, Miss E. Fulton 3, J. Rootes 4, H. Holmes 5, W. Horrod 6. The longest length of Minor by all except the conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HOLT'S ORIGINAL. | | Tenor 14½ cwt. | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. | Treble | WALTER MASTERS | 5 |
| JOHN LLOYD | 2 | THOMAS HEMMING | 6 |
| *GEORGE DAVIES... .. | 3 | HAROLD V. HOOPER | 7 |
| WILLIAM POTTER | 4 | HECTOR G. BIRD | Tenor |

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. H. V. Cooper has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HEYWOOD'S No 1. | | Tenor 14 cwt. | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| MISS NOEL L. CAWTHORNE | Treble | *HEZEKIAH THORPE | 5 |
| RALPH S. LONG | 2 | *G. HENRY HURST | 6 |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER | 3 | JOHN THORPE | 7 |
| HAROLD NAYLOR | 4 | HAYDN THORPE | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. | | Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE GREEN | Treble | ERNEST FORBANK | 5 |
| FRANK G. RINGE | 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE | 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN... .. | 3 | WILLIAM LINCOLN | 7 |
| HENRY TURNER | 4 | ARTHUR HEAD | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the patronal festival of the church.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| JOHN J. MAWBY | Treble | GEORGE BASFORD... .. | 5 |
| *FREDERICK R. PALMER | 2 | WALTER PERKINS | 6 |
| JOHN R. MAIN | 3 | HARRY CHAMBERS | 7 |
| JAMES T. WARD | 4 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 52. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G. | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| *THOMAS J. FOWLER | Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY | 5 |
| *JAMES ABERY | 2 | *PERCY J. DYKE | 6 |
| *MISS STELLA DAVIS... .. | 3 | HARRY W. SMITH | 7 |
| *REGINALD W. REX | 4 | GEORGE GILBERT | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| HARRY F. HOLDING | Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER | 5 |
| ALAN M. HICKMAN | 2 | JAMES H. RIDING | 6 |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 3 | WILLIAM EDGE | 7 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. | 4 | RICHARD D. LANGFORD | Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of All Saints' Day, and as a birthday peal for the ringers of 3rd and 5th.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

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|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| *WILLIAM DURHAM | Treble | TOM SAUNDERS | 5 |
| †JOHN J. BASSETT | 2 | JAMES BASSETT | 6 |
| CHARLES H. SONE | 3 | THOMAS E. SONE | 7 |
| ALEXANDER WADDINGTON | 4 | ALBERT RELFE | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (304). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight. Birthday peal for C. H. Sone, also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. T. E. Sone and the conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT | Treble | WILLIAM BASON | 5 |
| WILLIAM DUNCAN | 2 | EDWIN GOATE | 6 |
| JOHN DICKEN | 3 | JOHN SNELLING | 7 |
| CHARLES BAKER | 4 | ERNEST WHITING... .. | Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

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|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| *JOHN TODD | Treble | †HUBERT RICHARDSON | 5 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS | 2 | †JIM TEBAY | 6 |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON | 3 | †FRANK WILSON | 7 |
| WILLIAM PITCHALL | 4 | THOMAS METCALF | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, 1

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| JOHN RAY | Treble | JOHN GOODMAN | 5 |
| *SIDNEY JENNINGS | 2 | WILLIAM LOWE | 6 |
| WILLIAM MILLS... .. | 3 | WILFRED FULLWOOD | 7 |
| *THOMAS FLAVELL | 4 | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung for the festivals of All Saints and All Souls. Also as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Marley, M.A. The ringer of the 5th belongs to Dudley, the rest to the local band.

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FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble * HAROLD HERBERT 5
THEODORE E. SLATER 2 ARTHUR MAXIM 6
PERCY GRIDLEY 3 CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4 SAMUEL EVANS Tenor
Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to T. E. Slater, of Glemsford.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT J. DAWK Treble | ALBERT HODDEN 5 |
| WILLIAM JENNER 2 | WILFRED BOOTH 6 |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3 | JAMES A. HART 7 |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4 | FREDERICK MILES Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

Rung to commemorate the opening of a ring of eight bells in the tower 150 years ago.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND HUGH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS 5 |
| JOHN A. WAUGH 2 | EDWARD D. SMITH 6 |
| HARRY SMALE 3 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 7 |
| P. C. FREDERICK DIGBY 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | WALTER THOMAS 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | THOMAS GRIFFITHS 6 |
| JOHN E. RANGLES 3 | GEORGE R. JONES 7 |
| JAMES ALDERMAN 4 | ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung in honour of All Saints' Day, and also on the 82nd birthday of the Archbishop of Wales, and in honour of the Vicar, Rev. J. E. Williams, being made an Archdeacon.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble | FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5 |
| KEITH HART 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7 |
| TOWER R. TAYLOR 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

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BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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| CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 5 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7 |
| FRED HODGSON 4 | HERBERT PEEL Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. E. Gill and Miss Annie Peel, daughter of the tenor ringer, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Barraclough, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 2 | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3 | HARRY KILBY 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 1,472 Cambridge and 608 Bristol, and is the first rung in three Surprise methods. First spliced peal on the bells. This band has now rung peals in 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11 Surprise Major methods, besides peals in four methods individually.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHIRLAND, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of St. Simon's, 960 changes each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| W. SWAIN Treble | W. RILEY 3 |
| W. PARKES 2 | A. SMITHSON 4 |

FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

CHILTON CANTELO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

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| * JOHN RICKMAN Treble | WILFRED P. LAMBERT 3 |
| ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY 2 | PERCY N. G. RAINEY 4 |

FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First attempt for a peal, and elected a member before starting. The first peal on the bells. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Nancy Price, daughter of the tenor ringer.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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| GEOFFREY TOSSELL Treble | WILLIAM E. WISEMAN 4 |
| CHARLES FIELD 2 | LEONARD G. TANNER 5 |
| CHARLES WEARZ 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The conductor has now completed calling Doubles, Triples and Major from every bell. The band wish to thank Mr. C. Wearz for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal, and Mr. W. H. Starks for obtaining the use of the bells.

ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... Treble | GEORGE BAILEY ... 4 |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... 2 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5 |
| WILLIAM BASON ... 3 | JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.

First peal on the bells after a most economically successful restoration by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

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| GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... Treble | FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 4 |
| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2 | FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 5 |
| FRANK DEWEY ... 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| ARTHUR WILSON ... Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4 |
| KITTY WILLERS ... 2 | FRANK HARPER ... 5 |
| JOHN W. WARD ... 3 | ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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| CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE ... Treble | FRED W. KNOWLES ... 4 |
| *JOHN BLEBY ... 2 | TOM CLARKE ... 5 |
| CORNELIUS J. PARTIDGE ... 3 | JOHN W. ENGLAND ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the anniversary of the birth of the late Mrs. M. E. Heathcote, mother of the treble ringer; also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bleby.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *FRANK DEWEY ... Treble | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4 |
| *HERBERT LOUTH ... 2 | STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 5 |
| FREDERICK PEARSON ... 3 | ALBERT H. BENNETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble | WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 3 |
| H. JIM RALPH ... 2 | FRANK PRICE ... 4 |
| WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor | |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| MANSFIELD GINN ... Treble | ARTHUR J. GINN ... 4 |
| BERRY WAYMAN ... 2 | *WILLIAM BAVIN ... 5 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside,' and rung at second attempt. Rung on the festival of All Saints.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK WATTS ... Treble | DOUGLAS ELLENDER ... 4 |
| WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 2 | WILLIAM A. STOAT ... 5 |
| EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 3 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal except on tenor covering. Rung on the second anniversary of the induction of Rev. Harold Smith, M.A., as Vicar of Shilton.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| MOSES BILLINGS ... Treble | CYRIL SPEED ... 4 |
| *JACK DIXON ... 2 | CHARLES CLAYDON ... 5 |
| HARRY CARTER ... 3 | JOHN WALDEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's of Plain Bob.

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| *GEORGE RICH ... Treble | HAROLD DENMAN ... 4 |
| MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2 | ERNEST MIDWINTER ... 5 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3 | LEONARD PIRREPONT ... Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD PIRREPONT.

* First peal and first attempt. The thanks of the band are due to the treble ringer for standing in at a moment's notice.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 3, BELL STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;

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

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witness: PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1-2 | *WILFRED JARVIS ... 5 |
| *WILFRED ANDREWS ... 3 | LENNARD PRYKE ... 6 |
| *REGINALD DENT ... 4 | ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 7-8 |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. E. WHEELDON. THIRTY YEARS AS LEADER OF THE NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS BELFRY.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Monday, October 27th, in the Church Room, at Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffs, on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, leader of the belfry. At the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. G. Hamlet) and Mrs. Hamlet the following were present at tea: Messrs. J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, J. Walley, F. Triner, W. Corfield, H. Wibberley, S. Ryles, C. Williams, J. Walker and G. W. Walker. Apologies were received from Mr. G. Lawrence, Mr. J. Mountford (ringers), and from Mr. W. Jack, people's warden.

In proposing the toast, Mr. G. W. Walker referred to the capabilities of Mr. Wheeldon as a change ringer, and also to the admirable way in which he had controlled the belfry at Norton for the past 30 years. Mr. Walker expressed the wish, on behalf of those present, that he might be able to carry out his duties for many years to come.

At the conclusion of the tea, upwards of fifty people assembled to witness the presentation to Mr. Wheeldon, which was in the form of a cheque. In presenting the gift, the Rector referred to the work that had been done in connection with the church during 1929-1930. It would stand as a record. He wanted specially to record the work done in connection with the bells, which had been recast and rehanged during 1930, and also to record the thirty years' loyal and faithful service of Mr. Wheeldon, who had worked assiduously during these years, and particularly in helping to raise funds for the bells scheme. In asking Mr. Wheeldon to accept the cheque, the Rector expressed the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Wheeldon would be favoured with good health and a happy life.

In thanking the Rector, churchwardens, and parishioners for their generous gift, Mr. Wheeldon said that during his years of leadership at Norton he had always been happy. He had always endeavoured to instil into the ringers their responsibility as churchmen. Concluding, he spoke of the ready help that had always been forthcoming from his fellow-ringers, and said he had many happy reflections from their companionship, and hoped that he might still be allowed to continue his associations.

Mr. W. Lawrence and Mr. A. Walley expressed their pleasure at being present, and supported what had been said by the Rector.

The rest of the evening was spent in a happy mood, when songs and short stories were contributed by the friends present. Mr. S. Moreton and Miss Sillitoe supplied the music for dancing. At the close of the evening the Rector thanked all those who had helped to make the evening a success.

BELLS RESTORED AT DEDDINGTON. AN ENGLISH OAK FRAME.

On Saturday afternoon the Bishop of Oxford dedicated the newly rehanged ring of bells at Deddington, Oxfordshire, in the presence of a large congregation. The bells were raised previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and took the form of a shortened evensong. The lesson was read by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, immediately after which the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where, at the request of the churchwardens, the Bishop offered the customary dedicatory prayers. In his excellent sermon the Bishop referred especially to the uses and customs connected with bells, and said he hoped that the sound of the bells ringing out Sunday by Sunday would turn the thoughts of those living nearby to God and the church and their duties as Christians.

After the service several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung by members of the Diocesan Guild from Banbury, Appleton, Caversham, Reading, Adderbury, Bodicote, Launton, and the local band.

The work of rehanging has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, who has put in a massive frame of beautiful English oak, on a foundation of four very massive oak beams, under which are two rolled steel girders encased in concrete.

The canons have been retained on the bells, which have been hung to headstocks made from some of the finest seasoned elm in the country, and fitted with self-aligning ball bearings of the latest pattern. The whole is a very fine piece of master craftsmanship, and the fine timber—very rare in these days—of which the frame is composed is well worth inspection. The bells go beautifully, and it is hoped that in the near future two trebles will be added to complete the octave. Provision has been made in the frame for these additional bells. The present six are a 'maiden' peal cast by Thomas Mears in 1791, and all bear the same inscription, viz.: 'Thos. Mears, late Lester, Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1791.' They are in the key of E, and the tenor is 17 cwt. 10 lb. There is also a small sanctus bell inscribed 'Anthony Basely, Richard Large, C.W., 1649.'

The tower was rebuilt about 1683. It is a very massive structure, worthy of a ring of eight, as is, indeed, the grand old church. The town stands on a slight hill, and the tower is a landmark for miles. Its predecessor fell down in 1635, and in 1643 Charles I. demanded the bells, which, as he explained, were of no use to the church as the tower had recently fallen, and so they were carted into Oxford and made into guns.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon G. F. Coleridge will have the good wishes of the whole Exercise when he celebrates his 73rd birthday next Monday.

One of the ringers in the peal at Buckfast asks who rang the treble to the peal? Apparently he did not see him during the ringing, and, we suppose, following his usual custom, was out of the tower almost before the bells stopped. However, he will find the name in the report of the peal in another column.

The secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association writes that the tenor at Congresbury is 35 cwt., not 38 cwt. as reported in a peal report last week; also that the first peal of Grandsire, Triples on the bells was rung on November 29th, 1924.

Lord Harris, the veteran cricketer-peer, is trying to raise £400 for the repair of the parish church bells at Throwley, Kent. One of the bells has to be recast.

In the tower at Huddersfield is one of those rare old boards which records not only the performance of a peal but gives the composition as well. 'On November 13th, 1820, the Society of Ringers belonging to the old Church of this Town performed a Peal of New Trillie Bob Major, 10,080 changes, consisting of thirty-six courses, in five hours and forty-five minutes.' Then follow the names and the course-ends of the peal.

Market Drayton bells (8) and Hodnet (6) have been taken down and removed to the Loughborough Foundry. The former are to be recast, and the latter are to be tuned and rehung in a frame for eight.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Atwell, of Newport, will be pleased to learn that on Saturday last he was returned as a member of the Town Council. Mr. Atwell is a Conservative in politics, and beat a Labour opponent at the poll. Mr. Atwell is the oldest active ringer in Newport. He was one of the band at St. Woolos', when the present hon. secretary of the association (Mr. J. W. Jones) removed to Newport. At that time the church had but six bells. He has seen the six augmented to eight, then recast and made ten. He also saw All Saints' Church built with a ring of eight installed, and was one of the earliest members of the Llandaff Association.

Mr. George Barraclough, a Yorkshire veteran, in honour of whose golden wedding a peal was rung at Birstall on Saturday, has the distinction of having rung more peals with the late Jasper W. Snowden than any other ringer now living.

ELEVEN-METHOD WEDDING TOUCH.

At Kimbolton, Herefordshire, on Wednesday, October 29th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,320 changes) in 45 mins., being a six-score each of Stedman's Slow Course, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Old Doubles, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, Original, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire: W. E. Jaine 1, F. A. Jaine (conductor) 2, J. F. Fox 3, W. E. Brookes 4, T. G. Cooke 5, J. Robinson 6. First quarter in eleven methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Green and Miss G. Phillips, a member of the company, who were married at the above church earlier in the day, the band wishing them 'long life and happiness.'

MILTON BELLS AUGMENTED. RECOGNITION OF MR. F. M. MITCHELL'S WORK

The bells at Milton Church, Gravesend, have been augmented to eight, to mark the twenty-first anniversary of Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association) as leader at the tower. The old peal of six have been completely restored and re-hung, and the treble and the tenor retuned. The back five were cast in 1656 by John Hodson. The new trebles are inscribed:—

No. 1.—'M. & S., London. Given by Churchwarden Ernest E. and Mrs. J. E. Knowles, 1930. G. W. Mennie, M.A., 30 years Rector.'

No. 2.—'Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1930. In memory of Alan Gates Sandford, killed at Loos, 1915. F. M. Mitchell, 21 years leader.' (Presented by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sandford.)

These new bells are hung in cast-iron frames, and a new chiming apparatus, presented by the Misses Andrews, has been installed.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made an excellent 'splice,' and they were heartily congratulated on their work.



THE TOWER OF MILTON CHURCH.

The dedication ceremony took place on Thursday evening, October 25th, the 30th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). The service, which took the form of shortened evensong, was attended by the Mayor (Councillor G. L. Simmonds, J.P.), the town clerk (Mr. H. H. Brown, B.A.) and members of the Corporation in civic state. There was a crowded congregation.

The founders of the new bells were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes (proprietor) and Mr. A. R. Macdonald (manager).

During the singing of the processional hymn, the Dean of Rochester (Dr. R. T. Talbot, D.D.), the Rector, and other clergy, and the churchwardens (Messrs. E. E. Knowles and C. Devereaux) proceeded to the tower.

The Dean offered prayer, and then taking the ropes of the new bells from Mr. Knowles and Mr. Mitchell (deputising for Mr. Churchwarden Sandford) said: 'In the Faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate the Bells now hung in this Tower from all profane and unhallowed uses, and dedicate them to the Glory of God and to the benefit of His Holy Church.'

The bells were then rung by the following members of the local band: F. A. Mitchell 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, H. Argent 4, F. M. Mitchell 5, F. Seabright 6, C. M. Mitchell 7, G. R. Ambrose 8, also Messrs. G. Huggins and S. Parker.

After prayers and the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' the Dean addressed the congregation. It was not an ordinary occasion, he said. It marked the occasion when a brother of his and of theirs had for 21 years been doing the same thing in the same place. Mr. Mitchell had been honoured in his lifetime—it was so simple to honour people when they were dead—but he had been honoured by his comrades and confreres, who had put up the bells in his memory. Mr. Mitchell had not only been leader of the ringers at Milton for 21 years, but he was also well known in the ringing world throughout the whole of Kent. It had also been made the occasion of celebrating the ministry for 30 years not anywhere but at that church, of their Rector. It was so easy to go about from place to place and to start with a flash of fire first here and then there. But it took a man of proven qualities to survive the test of being microscopically examined by day and by night, in fact at all times, for 30 years. He personally could not stand that: he had never stayed in one place for 30 years. There in God's House Mr. Mennie had been present with three generations. He was now seeing the third, and in that was his consolation and his hope. Mr. Mitchell, in writing to him, had mentioned that he had thought he was interested in bells. He did not think he was more interested in them than anybody else till he went to live in Wiltshire. There, by accident, he found that ringers thought they were a very injured and neglected people. They thought they were quite as necessary to the going of the church as anybody else, but no one thought of them. If there was one person he liked it was the neglected and forgotten person. Others could swim by themselves, but these poor, sad, neglected people made a strong appeal to him. So at every church he visited, before the service, he always went up, and sometimes stumbled up, the narrow stairs to the tower. He saw men doing what appeared to be such an unpromising thing—just standing up and holding a rope with a tasselled end. Then, at a moment's notice, those men let loose sounds that stirred you to the very utmost depths.

That was how he came to care about the ringers. 'You also care for them, I know, very much,' he added. Some people said any fool could ring. Could he? No! It was a science and an art which had to be much followed unless one was only willing to produce vain, jangling sounds.

The final hymn was, 'Lifted safe within the tower, now our bells are set on high.'

After service there was a reception at the Milton Church Schools. The Mayor and members of the Corporation were preceded to the schoolroom by the churchwardens and the mace, borne by the sergeant (Mr. J. Parkinson). Among those present were the Mayoress (Miss Ada Simmonds), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. McGregor, J.P.), the Rector of Swancombe (the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward), the Vicar of Northfleet (the Rev. C. G. T. Colson), and churchwardens and churchmen and women from other churches in the district.

Regret was expressed that Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sandford were unable to attend.

The Rector said they were delighted to once again welcome the Mayor and Corporation. Their presence showed their backing and their sympathy. In a reference to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, he said that he had been a fine man in the tower at Milton. Everything had gone harmoniously and without a hitch since he had been leader at the tower. He publicly thanked the donors of the bells and other subscribers to the work of restoration.

The Mayor, replying to the welcome, amused the company with reference to bells, cracked and otherwise, and said that, heard in the distance, nothing sounded sweeter than a peal of church bells.

Refreshments were served by the ladies, and the evening passed pleasantly with dancing and harmony.

During the evening between 60 and 80 ringers attended from all parts of Kent, and enjoyed a ring on the bells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING.

Belper and Duffield, which are situated some few miles north of Derby, were the scene of the third quarterly meeting of the Derby District on Saturday, which was most successful. Ringers arrived at Belper early, and the first touch to be rung was Grandfire Triples as a local wedding party was leaving the church. The new Vicar, the Rev. A. F. G. Fletcher, paid a visit to the belfry to give everybody a welcome. Afterwards touches in the various methods up to London Surprise was indulged in by the thirty odd ringers present, everybody agreeing that the meeting was most successful.

At the business meeting one new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting (which will be the annual) at Derby, St. Andrew's during the afternoon and St. Alkmund's in the evening, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Duffield bells were utilised in the evening.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: W. Payne 1, T. J. Salter 2, J. Smith 3, J. Woodberry 4, J. E. Lawrence (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6.

THE FIRST PEAL AT BUCKFAST. THE ABBEY AND ITS BELLS.

One of the most interesting peal ringing achievements of this year was the first peal on the twelve bells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on Saturday week, the particulars of which appear elsewhere in this issue.

Although Buckfast Abbey, which stands on the banks of the River Dart, has been re-established only about fifty years, its foundation is lost in antiquity. It dates back at least to the latter half of the 9th century and, with the exception of a period in the reign of William Rufus, when its lands were distributed among the King's favourites, it flourished up to the time of the Dissolution. Its resurrection dates from 1882, when monks, dispersed by the French Government from the Abbey of La Pierre-que-vire, were offered the chance to purchase what remained of the Abbey. Their decision to acquire the property was a venture of great faith, but Cardinals, Bishops and distinguished laymen of the Roman Catholic Church showed their sympathy in unmistakable terms. First the abbot's tower was restored and a temporary church erected. The foundations of the ancient Abbey were excavated, and a young architect, Mr. Frederick A. Walters, was entrusted with the care of supervising everything and preparing the plans. After a lapse of nearly half a century, he still has a guiding hand on the work of restoration which, beginning very slowly, has gone on ever since, brothers of the Order having been trained as craftsmen and having executed the work.

Buckfast was made a separate community, distinct from that of Pierre-que-vire, in 1889, and three years later, from a priory, it was raised to the dignity of an independent Abbey. The first abbot of the new line was chosen in 1902, a young monk of the Abbey, Dom Boniface Natter, who lost his life in a shipwreck off the Spanish coast, while on his way to fulfil a mission in South America. His companion on that tragic voyage, Dom Anscar Vonier, was rescued, and was destined to succeed him as abbot. Abbot Natter had longed to undertake the rebuilding of the Abbey Church at Buckfast. Abbot Anscar, immediately on his election, struck a bold line, and informed the world that he wanted to rebuild the church in memory of his predecessor. He had one capable mason for the work, but no money, but contributions began to come in, and the first stone was laid in January, 1907. Everyone must admire the spirit of faith that initiated the enterprise, and the perseverance that has carried it on until final achievement lies in the near future.

The Abbey Church is approaching completion. It follows the foundations of the 12th century edifice, is cruciform in plan, and reproduces the transitional style of the Norman and Early English period. The length from west to east is 240ft., and the width across the nave and aisles 62ft. It is built of Bath stone, and the vaulting is of local red sandstone. Against the piers in the nave there are four altars, and in the choir of two bays there are temporary stalls for the monks, and the organ. When the church is completed there will be seventy carved oak stalls for the monks, and they will occupy three bays. Beyond the choir is a central space from which the transepts open, and above rises an open lantern, with a stone gallery running round at a height of 51ft. from the floor. Over this again is the belfry in which are 14 bells, the gallery being at present the 'ringing chamber.' The three easternmost bays comprise the sanctuary, but the high altar is not yet complete. In the north transept is the Lady Chapel, in the south transept the Holy Cross Chapel, and in the eastern ambulatory, behind the high altar, are six chapels. The tower itself is not yet finished. Another storey will eventually be added, to which the bells will be raised, and a ringing chamber will then be formed.

THE BELLS.

The bells themselves came before any tower was ready to receive them. They were the gift, in 1910, of Sir Robert Harvey, and for a time were fixed in the old abbot's tower. In the dark days of the war it was Sir Robert more than anyone else who enabled the monks to carry on their building operations, and he offered to pay for the belfry in which the bells are now hanging.

In the sixteenth century when the Abbey was dismantled, there were five bells, which, it is recorded, were bought by the mon of Buckfastleigh for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings for the Parish Church. The present bells are a ring of twelve, with two semi-tones. The tenor is about 28 cwt., and the translation of their Latin inscriptions is as follows:—

- Treble.—GEORGE. The Dragon is cast out.
- Semi-tone.—PAUL. You were bought with a great price.
- 2.—PETER. Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 3.—THOMAS OF CANTERBURY. Avenge our blood, O Lord
- 4.—GREGORY. Ye angels, bless the Lord.
- 5.—VERONICA. I will seek the face of the Lord.
- 6.—BONIFACE. Ye nations, bless the Lord.
- Semi-tone.—BERNARD. O sweet Virgin Mary.
- 7.—BENEDICT. Let nothing be preferred to the work of God.
- 8.—RAPHAEL. Ye Heavens, bless the Lord.
- 9.—GABRIEL. Hail, Mary!
- 10.—MICHAEL. Who is like unto God.
- 11.—ROBERT. The faithful man shall be much praised.
- Tenor.—MARY. Come, let us adore the King, for whom all things live. This and thirteen other bells, cast to form a harmonious chime through a well proportioned weight of metal, were

given to the Abbot and Convent of Buckfast as a free gift by the most munificent man, Robert Harvey, of the Order of Knighthood, from Dundridge, Totnes, in Devon, whose way God has prospered, as a means of perpetuating the memory of his well-beloved wife, the religious and noble lady, Alida Mary Harvey, born in the state of Peru, on the 23rd December, 1858, piously fallen asleep in Christ at Dundridge on 12th July, 1901. That she may live with the angels we pray. 'And they shall come from the East and the West, and the North and the South, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God' (Luke xiii. 29).

A DIFFICULT PLACE TO RING IN.

The peal rung on Saturday week had been long contemplated. A member of the band, whilst on a visit to Devonshire early in the year, called on the Father Abbot and obtained his promise that a peal might be attempted after the holiday season. Preparations were made to take a band for Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and a provisional date was fixed. Good fortune favoured the band chosen, all being able to make the journey, whilst the date was quite suitable to the Abbey authorities.

Most of the ringers travelled to Exeter on the day prior to the peal and completed the journey next morning. Twelve o'clock was meeting time, shortly after which hour lunch was served in the Abbey guest house. By one o'clock the band was in the lofty belfry. The narrow gallery, from which ringing is done, is about 4ft. wide, with a waist-high protecting wall. The space in the middle is about 20ft. square, with a drop of 51ft. to the floor below.

It was quickly realised that to attempt a peal of Surprise Maximus would be exceedingly risky, owing to acoustic difficulties and a bad rope-sight. The four trebles, in a straight line, are almost hidden from one another by projecting pillars, and the ringer of the third has to stand with his back to the two smaller bells. Stedman Cinques was, therefore, decided upon, the bobs being called by Mr. W. Pye from the tenor. These could just be heard on the opposite gallery, but visitors in the Abbey below heard a 'big noise,' most of the sound travelling down the space between the galleries.

An excellent peal was completed in 3 hrs. and 50 mins., and amongst those first to congratulate the ringers were several of the monks themselves.

The Father Procurator very kindly treated the ringers to selections on the splendid Abbey organ, after which tea was taken and a departure made. The visitors felt that a good impression of change ringing was left behind, and hope that it will not be long before another band may be fortunate enough to ring a peal on these very fine bells.

Those of the party travelling by road arrived back in Exeter in time to join the Cathedral ringers at their practice, and two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung. Next morning a special treat was in store for them. By the kindness of the Dean and Chapter the party were given an opportunity to ring a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Two being required on the tenor (just to see if two could work together), a thirteenth ringer was required, and Mrs. E. S. Powell very ably 'made up the number.' She is to be congratulated on the way she performed her part.

The course was rung prior to the soldiers' service by Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, A. Walker 2, R. Pro 3, F. W. Perrons 4, C. T. Coles 5, A. E. Reeves 6, S. T. Holt 7, F. E. Pervin 8, J. Bennett 9, J. T. Dyke 10, E. P. Duffield 11, W. Pye and A. W. Coles 12. Time, 27 mins. This was the first course of Cambridge Maximus rung in the county.

Other items during the pleasant week-end were a visit to St. David's to ring for morning service, when several novices rang their first touches of Spliced Surprise Major; an interlude in the afternoon at Heavitree, when an opportunity occurred to ring on a magnificent eight, one of the best ever heard; and a visit to Clyst St. George in the evening as the guests of the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell. The first course of London Surprise Minor, and a course of Cambridge, besides some touches in easier methods, were rung for evensong.

A peal at Thorverton on Monday ended the programme for the last of the party to leave Devonshire, which they did very reluctantly.

Thanks are heartily given to everybody who contributed in any way towards this pleasant and successful week-end.

THE PEAL AT PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.

The peal of Superlative rung at Portsmouth Cathedral last Saturday, besides being the first in the method on the bells, was rung at the earliest opportunity as a welcome to the new Provost (Canon T. H. Masters), an honorary member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and former Vicar of Petersfield. It was also Mr. A. C. Williams' 100th peal, and Mr. A. R. Pink's 50th peal, and was a farewell to the latter, who is leaving the district for Woking after doing some splendid spade work in the Petersfield area.

'BELLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' that a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tickhill by a mixed band of church bell-ringers. Will someone enlighten me on what 'honours' are gained in thus ringing a quarter-peal when the mixed band leave three of their churches short of ringers for Sunday services?—Yours truly,
'CHURCH SERVICE RINGER.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at the Parish Church of the ancient town of Kirkham on Saturday. The eight bells are a very harmonious ring, with tenor about 20 cwt., cast by Rudhalls, of Gloucester, and are in good going order. Seventeen members assembled in the ringing chamber by three o'clock, and the bells were kept merrily going to the tune of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Little Bob. An encouraging feature was the appearance of three local ringers, who, although only stoney men, showed an interest in the ringing, the leader of them asking if it was possible to have an instructor sent to give them instructions in change ringing.

A special item in the afternoon's programme was provided by Mr. A. Hague, who brought a set of handbells, and a course of Grand-sire Caters was brought round in good style by the Blackpool ringers.

ARMISTICE.

BY WILLIAM WILLSON, LEICESTER.

A November day, and the clouds are grey o'er the clock in yonder tower,
And heads are bare in the City square as the hands approach the hour.

The wheels that whirl now cease to stir—a gun booms overhead—
A sudden thrill and the world is still! . . . in THE SILENCE for the dead.

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Our homage is made and the moments fade. If faces are stern and set,
There's nought of shame or ought of blame, e'en though your eyes be wet.
Two minutes' toll can sear the soul, constraining men to pray,
Nor need we quail to lift the veil from our hidden hearts to-day.

O, woman of grief, 'tis sure relief that your loved one under the sod
Came back to your side as you softly cried—came back from the light of God.
He stood as you bowed in the waiting crowd, to dry the tear that falls;
You will meet no more till the journey is o'er, and the last Reveille calls.

And war-time men recall again how they 'ducked' at the sniper's 'pop';
How they furtively felt for the cartridge belt, the time to go over the top.
How they stood in the trench in the mud and the stench—and how cheerily they strode,
Dodging the shells from a hundred Hells, at Messines and the Menin Road.

Then our thoughts turn where they sleep 'out there,' in the land where poppies grow,
Where graves are white in the fading light as flakes of falling snow.
And we count the cost of the lives we lost, and their Calvary keep in mind
As year by year we here revere—the lads who were left behind.

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Is it nothing to you that they pulled us through; that still there are hearts that ache?
That theirs the light through years of Night—yet We saw Morning break!
Then never forget we owe the debt—a debt we can ne'er repay—
Till wars shall cease and the bells of Peace, ring in the Eternal Day.

THE FIRST PEAL AT KINGTON MAGNA.

The first peal on the bells of Kington Magna, recorded in another column, was rung by request of the Rector, Rev. F. L. Edwards, on All Saints' Day to celebrate the patronal festival of the Parish Church. Mr. Edwards reports on it as follows: 'The striking was magnificent. The peal literally answered to the description sometimes found in old records, "rung without a single false blow being struck or a bell misplaced from beginning to end." At the conclusion, the bells were delightfully lowered in peal.'

The ringers were subsequently entertained to supper at the Rectory. The bells are a very musical ring of five, with pre-Reformation tenor, second and third cast by John Wallis, 1608, fourth dated 1643. The treble was cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1914.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held at Eckington on Saturday, November 1st, proved a great success. Although the weather was none too kind, about thirty members attended from Killamarsh, Norton, Bolsover, Sheffield Cathedral, Hands-worth, North Wingfield, Raunmoor, Creswell, Chesterfield and Rotherham.

Eckington is fortunate in possessing a fine peal of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt.), and these were set going early in a variety of methods, including Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, Duffield, Oxford and the four standard methods, and the striking of the bells was excellent.

At the business meeting held in the tower it was decided that the next meeting be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 11th, instead of December 4th, in order to form a joint meeting with Yorkshire Association, the secretary having previously read a letter from the secretary of the Yorkshire Association requesting this change of fixtures.

A proposition that the secretary write the Rector of Eckington, the Rev. W. R. Hewson, expressing the thanks of the meeting for his kind hospitality in granting the use of the bells, was put forward by Mr. J. Flint, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis and carried.

This concluded the business, and ringing was continued until 9 p.m., when the bells were rung down in peal, bringing to a close a happy and enjoyable day.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**RECORD WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH MEETING.**

By permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Laws) a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irchester on Saturday week. A record attendance of members was present from a very wide area, some twenty-five towers being represented. The newly-augmented peal was in great demand during the afternoon and evening, and many methods were rung, from rounds and Grandsire Doubles for beginners, to Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major for the more experienced. Many expressions of satisfaction at the tone and 'go' of the bells were forthcoming.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a most helpful and practical address, in the course of which he expressed his great joy at being in the position to welcome them to ring the bells. It was not only a joy to him, but to the whole village. Two years ago, when he became an honorary member of the Guild, he had the lucky privilege of addressing the members, and he then said that they hoped to put their bells, which had been silent for twenty-five years, in order. That wish had been gratified, and had exceeded their greatest expectations. He appealed to all of them to look upon their work of ringing the bells as much a part of the ministry as his was; in fact, they appealed to a much larger audience than he could hope to.

After the service, tea was partaken of in the Co-operative Hall, eighty-nine members and friends being present, the Vicar presiding.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair. Finendon was suggested as the next place of meeting. The election of Messrs. George Williams, Charles W. Roberts, Wilfred Williams, James Bennett, Thomas T. Giffon, John W. Wood and Ernest W. Tipier, as non-resident life members, was confirmed. Messrs. J. Lillie, F. Brudenall, A. Stone, W. Dunkley, S. Lawrence, R. Payne, C. Aldridge, S. Boddington and J. Smith, all of Irchester, were elected ringing members.

The secretary, on behalf of those present, offered a very hearty welcome to them as members of the Guild. He also thanked those who had, and were, helping their Irchester friends, and said that those who knew anything about ringing knew what a difficult task they had before them. It was bad enough when they had one or two beginners, but when they got a dozen, the problem was multiplied considerably, and he hoped that any who could would continue that help. He also thanked the members for attending there that day in such splendid numbers. As some of them would remember, they had a record attendance at their meeting held at Higham Ferrers in January, but that record had been left behind that day. There were complaints about the falling-off in attendance at various meetings up and down the country, but he was thankful to say that was not the case in the Wellingborough Branch.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the organist, not forgetting the blower, and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, was proposed by Mr. E. Wilford (Master of the Guild) and carried with acclamation.

Apologies were received from the Rev. C. F. Westacott (president of the branch), Rev. B. E. Owen, R.D. (Vicar of Higham Ferrers), Rev. G. G. Thompson (Vicar of Wollaston) and Rev. J. H. Marlow (Vicar of Bozeat). Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Mr. H. Baxter (secretary of the Kettering Branch), Mr. J. Nickerson (secretary of the Thrapston Branch), Mr. C. T. H. Bradley (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. P. Humphrey (Folkingham, Lincs), Mr. A. King (Luton), etc.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at Clanfield on Saturday, October 25th. A service in the church, at which the preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild, was conducted by the Rev. H. M. Goodacre, and the secretary (Mr. W. Evetts, jun.) read the lesson. After the service the bells were rung, and tea was served at the Mason's Arms. The business meeting was then held, and in the absence of the Rev. F. R. Marriott, the Master took the chair. He referred to the loss by death of two of their members, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (late branch chairman) and Mr. T. Buggins (foreman of Wootton tower).

A statement of accounts was given, but as several towers had not sent in their subscriptions, it was impossible to give anything but a rough estimate of the financial position to date. Only 106 members out of a possible 150 had so far paid their subscriptions. Honorary members were still up to previous numbers.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Clanfield for his hospitality, coupling with his name the ringers of Clanfield.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. F. R. Marriott; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Evetts, jun.; representatives on the Guild Committee, Messrs. W. T. Bond, N. Spindlow and G. Clarke. The next meeting will be at Eynsham.

The Secretary asked that all foremen of towers should send him weights of the tenor bells in their various towers to help the Bristol United Ringing Guilds Committee to bring their 'Directory of Church Bells' up to date.

The Master mentioned that a memorial tablet was to be erected in Kidlington Church to the memory of the late Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, and said he thought the branch might like to associate themselves with it.—It was decided to send a guinea.

The members then returned to the tower for ringing, and others went to Rampton, where there is a peal of eight bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT POTTERNE.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the beautiful Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, on Saturday, November 1st (Feast of All Saints), and in spite of the wet weather a large number were present.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Kewley, M.A. (Rural Dean), Mrs. Kewley being the organist. In a short address Canon Kewley spoke of the lessons to be learnt from the Festival of All Saints, and said it would be much better if more brightness could be put into our religion. He referred to the part ringers took in putting brightness into the services.

Tea followed in the Church Room, to which 28 sat down, including Canon and Mrs. Kewley. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the business meeting, and extended a welcome to the visiting ringers, viz., Messrs. Prescott and Linter (Bath), Woodroffe (Swindon), Box (Wootton Bassett), and spoke of the improvement made in the ringing chamber at Potterne by the laying of the new floor. He hoped that it was the forerunner of other improvements, and that he would see the day when there would be a peal of eight in the fine tower. He also congratulated Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, on ringing his 50th peal, he having now also rung a peal on each of the bells at Melksham Parish Church.

Mr. F. Green, the secretary, read a letter from Mr. W. J. Prescott, thanking the branch for the donation sent towards the building fund of the new hospital at Bath.—Mr. Prescott also spoke a few words of thanks.

The question of the length of the meetings and the reducing of the annual subscriptions was discussed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Kewley for the use of the bells and conducting the service, Mrs. Kewley for playing the organ, and Mrs. Wells for preparing the tea.—Canon Kewley replied.

Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from Potterne, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Holt, Bratton, Trowbridge, Rowde, Melksham and Market Lavington, including the Vicar of Market Lavington, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, B.A. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain, Bob and Cambridge were rung in the afternoon and evening.

The following is a description of the bells given in 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire,' by Mr. H. B. Walters, F.S.A.—

- 1.—The gift of the Rev. George Edmonstone, Vicar, 1920. R. T. Watts and Jos. Glass, Ch. Wardens. James Wells, Feecit.
- 2.—(Unintelligible inscription.)
- 3.—+ Anno Domini, 1624.
- 4.—Mr. John Gaisford and John Moore, C.W., 1713 (vine border above) W. bell C.
- 5.—On rin, R. Wells, of Aldbourne, Feecit MDCCLXXI.
- 6.—+ Drawe Neare to God. Anno Domini, 1624. RP.IM.—: RBRP.

'The date of the 2nd bell is probably about 1600. It is very far from being so ancient as Lukis imagined. The inscription is apparently meaningless, and I do not know any exact parallel, but such collocations of letters and quasi-letters are not uncommon at that period.

'1553, Potterne iij bells and Sanctus.'

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION VISIT TO LLANBRADACH.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held at Llanbradach on Saturday last, proved a most pleasant one. The bells, a light ring of eight by Taylor, were kept going until 4.30, when service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. David J. Wills, officiating. It being All Saints' Day, the address had a direct bearing on the occasion, the preacher very aptly applying his remarks to the ringers and their duties. He specially mentioned that his own ringers were a loyal and faithful band, mustering punctually and regularly every Sunday.

Following the service, the ringers sat down to a sumptuous knife and fork tea which had been very generously provided in the magnificent suite of rooms belonging to the church. Although the muster was a very good one, it was perhaps a bit disappointing to those who did the catering that there were not even more present.

Following the tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who at the outset heartily welcomed the association to Llanbradach.

Instructors' reports were read, new members made, including ten of the local band, and restorations and augmentations reported on, and the usual votes of thanks passed.

The hon. secretary brought to the notice of the members the little book on 'Rules and Diagrams for Instruction of Beginners' issued by the Lancashire Association, and disposed of several, which, by the way, had been sent by the hon. secretary of the Liverpool District, Mr. Claude I. Davies, who before going to Liverpool was one of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association's most enthusiastic members.

The bells were rung in the four standard methods and Double Norwich until later in the evening. Those who failed to turn up missed a real treat.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

For the second time in succession the elements were unkind to the members of the North and East District on the occasion of their meeting, and a wet, dismal afternoon on Saturday undoubtedly kept a number of intending visitors away from what was a very pleasant gathering. Some 36 members in all attended, and the peal of eight at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, were kept going continuously from 3 to 5 p.m., when service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Tyrrell), who was assisted by the Rev. T. Lewis. The Vicar gave the association a most cordial welcome.

Tea was served in the Church Schools. The two clergymen attended for a short time, the Vicar again expressing his pleasure at meeting the members.—Mr. C. T. Coles took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Tyrrell for his kindness in meeting them that day, and for the use of the bells.

At the business meeting after tea, the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of deep respect to the late Mr. Harry Barnett, of Tottenham, who had been a member of the association since its inception, and to the late Mr. Harry Dyas, of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a member of many years' standing.

Five new members were elected, including two provisionally elected prior to ringing peals for the association.

The District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) proposed a vote of thanks to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea, and to the Rev. J. O. Vince (Dalston) for allowing his bells to be rung that evening.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary, who also expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present.

The Hon. Secretary asked members to attend a mid-week practice meeting, which he had arranged at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Hounston, on Tuesday, November 18th, and also to assist the Dalston and Clapton bands at their practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectively.

There was further ringing until shortly after 7 p.m. at Clapton, and a good number afterwards paid a visit to St. Mark's, Dalston, where the bells were kept going until about 9 p.m., most methods from 'Rounds' to London Surprise giving everybody an opportunity to ring.

A VENERABLE TREASURER.

At Charing, Kent, on Sunday evening, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Baxler (first quarter) 1, F. Good 2, M. Johnson 3, W. Good 4, W. Henniker (first as conductor) 5, L. Osman 6. This was rung for the 90th birthday of Mr. P. Edwards, who for many years was captain of the Charing band, and is now treasurer, but has been unable to ring since he was 80.

THE 'ORIGINAL.' To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Miss Phyllis Moss (now Mrs. C. C. Mayne) called the 'Original' at Acton, on April 21st, 1924; Miss Norah G. Williams called it on October 8th, 1926. These two ladies are to be congratulated, and I would suggest that we toast them in a glass of good strong ale.—Yours truly,

C. F. WINNEY.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Chappell 1, E. Stith 2, W. J. Nulton 3, W. Williams 4, C. Jones 5, C. Mathers 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

RENHILTON, SUTTON.—On November 2nd, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: W. C. Smith 1, G. Reed 2, G. Rayner 3, J. Crawford 4, H. E. Good 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6, A. Giberd 8 (covering). The conductor hails from Hemel Hempstead, the ringer of the 4th from Epsom, the remainder being local ringers.

SUTTON-ONTRENT, NOTTS.—For the dedication festival at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 2nd, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 540 Plain Bob: Miss K. Burchall 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, H. Denman 3, T. Bartholomew 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6.

LIANBRADACH, SOUTH WALES.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service for the festival of All Saints, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Gwillim 1, H. Cassel (conductor) 2, G. Gwillim 3, J. Williams 4, J. Gwillim 5, A. Jenkins (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Burgess 7, T. H. Skinner 8. 4.6.8. covering. Ten different callings with 60 added.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Baker 1, Salem Goodswen 2, J. Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, C. Roope 5, F. Borrett 6.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, October 19th, for evening service at St. Paul's Church, 1,280 Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: F. E. Hawthorne 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, A. Cutmore 6, C. J. Tricker 7, H. Gash 8.—On Sunday, October 26th, for morning service at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: E. Lubbock 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, S. Stilwell 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, H. Folkard 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—At the Holy Trinity Church, on October 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: F. Matthews 1, E. Harris 2, J. Buckenham 3, A. Mason 4, W. Bone 5, W. Buckenham (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect for the victims of the R 101 disaster.

WOOLTON HILL.—On Sunday, October 12th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings) in 50 mins., rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. N. Scott, who was for years a ringer at this tower: J. Robbins 1, J. Berry 2, F. Knapp (conductor) 3, A. Challis 4, S. Bevan 5, J. Challis 6. Ringers of 3 and 6 hail from Highclere.

SALFHEURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, G. Mills 3, F. Morgan 4, E. Mills 5, W. Hoad (conductor) 6, G. King 7, A. Hoad 8.

HORLEY, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Woodman 1, E. Razzoll 2, F. Sadler 3, S. Kenward 4, P. Etheridge 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, A. Lucas 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 28th, for evensong, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, A. Rainbird 2, E. W. Furbank 3, F. G. Radley 4, W. Burgess 5, A. Head 6, F. G. Ringe (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, W. Emery 8.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. S. Jennings 2, W. Mills 3, A. Greenfield (conductor) 4, W. Lowe 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Fullwood 7, B. Fullwood 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of 2nd and 6th.

THE LATE BISHOP OF WORCESTER.

With the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Bishop (Dr. Pearce), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,253 changes) was rung by the Cathedral Guild at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday: F. Neate 1, G. Hinton 2, B. Hill 3, W. Powell 4, A. Hill (conductor) 5, R. Knowles 6, C. Jones 7, D. Morris 8, R. Woolyatt 9, C. Tansell 10, J. J. Jeffries 11, E. Crumps 12.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Jeffries 1, D. Morris 2, W. Powell 3, W. Lewis 4, C. Jones 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, E. Watkins 7, E. Crump 8.

On Saturday, November 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 58 mins., with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Worcester: A. Reynolds 1, J. Bass 2, J. W. Smith 3, F. W. Gibbs 4, S. Thompson 5, C. W. Cooper 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, A. Fellows 8. First quarter-peal by A. Fellows, and all are regular Sunday service ringers, with the exception of Messrs. Bass and Thompson, who belong to Wollaston.

At Tipton, Staffs, on Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') was rung at St. Martin's Church, in 44 mins.: M. G. Hughes 1, F. Williams 2, B. Windsor 3, T. J. Meeks 4, H. N. Williams 5, H. Griffiths 6, T. W. Cattell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Freeman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Dr. E. H. Pearce, Bishop of Worcester.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 2.50, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Lawrence Jewry 2.45 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 20th, *The Coffee Pot (election night) on the 11th (8 p.m.), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on Nov. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30, at Commercial House, Church Street.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford Rectory.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 8th, for the purpose of unveiling the peal tablet in memory of the late Mr. Robert Holloway, late ringing master of the South and West District. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Spooner. Tea 6.15 p.m. (6d. each), meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are welcomed. —B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ordsall, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The peal of 6 bells will be available from 2 p.m. Good attendance requested. Good train and bus services from all directions. 'Roll up in hundreds.'—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurstaston on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. Let's have a really big meeting!—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

STANDISH, GLOS.—The re-dedication of the bells, which have been silent for twenty years, and which have been hung in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. A. J. Freeman, B.A., Standish Vicarage, Stonehouse, Glos., beforehand.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar is providing tea as a mark of appreciation. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 2.30. The Ribble buses, on the Blackburn to Leyland service, pass the church.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Barkston (owing to Denton bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—The recast and augmented ring of 8, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, at St. Matthias' Church, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, on Thursday, Nov. 13th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good attendance.—J. Bracewell, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Tenterden on Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Temperance Hotel 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card from those wanting tea will help.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready 6 p.m. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Feering bells between 7 and 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than morning of the 12th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Harmston (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Thursday, Nov. 13th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please attend to nominate your officers for 1931, and send numbers for tea to Mr. Cooper, 26, Church Road, Epsom, before Wednesday, Nov. 12th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available after 3 p.m. All subscriptions for 1930 are due. A card would be appreciated from those requiring tea.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 1s. 2d. each, at the Station Hotel, at 5 o'clock. All ringers intending being present kindly advise me on Tuesday before the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672)—A whist drive and dance will be held at St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open for ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the officers. Will members please note and give their support? All ringers and friends will receive a cordial welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Norton, near Evesham, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 12th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. & E. District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 and tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; W. Lawrence, Little Munden, near Ware, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Bagot de la Bere (Vicar). Will all those intending being present please notify me not later than the 18th inst.? — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District Meeting, Puttenham, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members are reminded that nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. Numbers for tea to me, please, by Nov. 17th. —G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the St. Thomas' Society to those who advise me by Wednesday, the 19th. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. Bartholomew's has been brought forward to Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Arrangements for 1931 meetings calendar. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church bells (6) available from 3 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Parish Church bells (8) open after tea until 9 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Company). Those requiring tea please let Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Collier's Wood, S.W.19, know by Wednesday, Nov. 26th. All ringers are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Re-opening of the bells of St. George's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Service in the church 3.30 p.m., with address by Archdeacon Howson, Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Tea in the school after service for all those who send in their names to Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, not later than Nov. 27th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early appli-

cation should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Thursday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Evans 1, Miss N. G. Williams (conductor) 2, Miss D. Richards 3, J. Davies 4, P. Heath 5, J. Phillips 6, E. Coombes 7, S. R. Barker 8. Specially rung for Miss Williams, who was on a visit from Bath.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, October 27th, at the Parish Church, 720 Annable's London Surprise: A. W. T. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—Also for matins, on Sunday, November 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, D. Adams (first Surprise 'inside') 3, K. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, October 23rd, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): A. Symonds 1, W. Andrews 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, L. Offord (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 5, L. Pryke 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, F. A. Turner 8.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Thursday, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Sharp 1, A. Ball 2, H. Richardson 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine: W. Sharp 1, F. Ball 2, A. Ball 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, H. Richardson 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Sharp 1, J. Ball 2, H. Richardson 3, W. Hayes 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball 6.—On Sunday, October 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Sharp 1, A. Ball 2, J. Ball 3, F. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, H. Richardson 6.

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