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ASSOCIATION PIONEERS.

The Lancashire Association is the latest among the ringing organisations to celebrate its jubilee, and the Exercise at large will congratulate the ringers of the County Palatine on reaching this interesting 'birthday.' In this it has followed closely after the neighbouring county of Yorkshire, whose association was founded only in the year prior to that of Lancashire. It is extremely interesting, also, to know that there are still living in Lancashire men who helped to form the association in 1876, and that they continue to be actively concerned in the fortunes of the sturdy tree which they helped so successfully to plant. To those who can recall the early days of these associations these jubilees are a rather painful reminder of the rapid flight of time, but there must be at the back of any such feeling a considerable sense of gratification that the associations have developed as they have done into organisations of influence and importance. They came upon the scene in those days which the writer of 'Notes by the Way' — quite by a coincidence — describes this week as the worst period in ringing history. It was, of course, the necessity for action, both to uplift the position of the Art and the status of the ringer, that led to the formation of the modern associations, and the need for them was recognised in the north as early as anywhere. Not that in the north ringers were any worse than elsewhere, or that ringing had slipped back into a more deplorable condition there than in any of the other counties, but these men of Yorkshire and Lancashire were among the first to realise that organised effort was necessary if the use of church bells was to be preserved for the Art—nay, more, if the Art itself was to be preserved. How well they carried out their task, the flourishing condition of the two great associations remains as proof. The fine spirit which prompted their founders has continued to animate the actions of those who have followed them throughout the years, and the examples of Yorkshire and Lancashire were in no small degree the source of inspiration which led, in the immediately succeeding years, to the establishment of many similar societies throughout the length and breadth of the land. Ringers of the younger generation, who have only come on the scene in the last fifteen or twenty years, can hardly realise, perhaps, all that the early work of the county and diocesan organisations has really meant to the Art and the Exercise. It was a movement from within to bring about reforms and the development of change ringing at a time when ringers were in general disrepute, and, except in a few places, which formed a striking contrast to the general position, change ringing had drifted into a state bordering on inanition. It was the labours of those

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who founded the associations and did the heavy spade work of those early years which prepared the way for the advances which have been made in this century, which raised the Art to another plane and helped to make ringing easy for the men of to-day. These labours have resulted in tremendous advances in the science; they have brought about the restoration of hundreds of peals of bells; they have given ringers a totally different idea of their duty to the Church, and they have given the clergy and a considerable portion of the public an entirely different view of the standing of the bell ringer and his place in the entity of the Church.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE 6
*FRED CHAMBERS 2	*JOHN SANDERSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 3	JOHN WATSON 8
*HERBERT CHAMBERS... .. 4	†WILLIAM E. WILSON 9
*THOMAS CHAMBERS 5	*MATTHEW KEARNEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the building of the present Blackburn Parish Church and its elevation to Cathedral rank.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. WILKINS Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
CHAS. T. COLES 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS... .. 3	HENRY RUMENS 8
HENRY J. MAYNARD 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
WALTER STEED... .. 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. T. COLES. Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Robert Maynard, sen. 50th peal by J. C. Adams.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JAMES FLEURY 2	*DAVID VINCENT 6
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	FRED PRICE 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 4	WILLIAM GREEN Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At Christ Church, Upper Armley.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM GREEN Treble	SIDNEY SADLER 5
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 3	HENRY LINDSAY 7
†JOSEPH BENNETT 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. S. Sadler, H. Lindsay and the conductor, and also in honour of the birthday of their old friend, Mr. A. Windsor, of Armley.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	JOHN ALDIS 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
RICHARD BALDRY 3	GEORGE POYNITZ 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. The thanks of the band are due to the Rector for kindly providing tea at the conclusion of the peal, which was arranged to oblige the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Kettering, Northants.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ASTLE Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
*THOMAS GRIFFITHS 2	WALTER THOMAS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 7
JOHN W. DAVIES 4	ROBERT GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. G. M. V. Hickey, M.A., who was leaving to take up work at Trowell, Notts, after having been Rector at Christleton for 16 years.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... Treble	GEORGE PERKINS 5
CHARLES W. COOK 2	JOHN SMART 6
HAROLD J. HAZZELL 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS 7
HERBERT FIELDS 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

This peal was specially arranged for G. Perkins, of Hemmingford Abbots, and J. Smart, of Huntingdon, this being their first peal on eight bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	HARRY PARKER 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	†CHARLES MASON 6
THOMAS HORD 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 4	JOHN PARKER Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

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

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*THOMAS LUNN Treble	†GEORGE HOLMES 5
†THOMAS WALTON 2	†JOHN G. KINCHIN 6
HENRY TAYLOR 3	REV. A. SIMPSON 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	†RICHARD J. TODD Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. A. SIMPSON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	ROSSELL RICHES 7
*JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the variation.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

HARRY OVERTON Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2	J. WILLIAM EDGE 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM CADWICK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which are a left-handed ring.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HUGHES Treble	SYDNEY T. ELTON 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
RICHARD T. INGRAM 3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

A. SYMONDS Treble	W. F. POULSON 5
S. EVANS 2	*G. C. BIRBY 6
T. CHINERY 3	C. G. BIRBY 7
F. POULSON 4	W. BORGES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. BORGES.

* First peal in the method. Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, has rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*[CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	*J. W. CORNFORD ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	J. H. CHEESMAN ... 6
†WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 3	T. WILLSON ... 7
†JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal in the method. † Elected members of the association previous to starting.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. RONTIER ... Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6
WALTER ARNOLD ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the golden wedding of Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise, J.P., for many years an honorary life member of the association, and Mrs. Ruggles Brise, of Spains Hall, Finchingfield.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours & Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH. BISHOPSGATE, E.C.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

The conductor's 300th peal.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER FRANKS ... Treble	LESTER L. GRAY ... 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6
CHARLES J. CHOIST ... 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 7
HARRY FRANKS ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT C. DARNELL.

The ringer of the treble hails from Battle, Sussex. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Hoing.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

R. ROCKALL ... Treble	*F. ROCKALL ... 4
*F. GOODE ... 2	*W. LUFF ... 5
J. W. HAYNES ... 3	*J. MONK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HAYNES.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to F. Rockall.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, September 15th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins. (tenor 41 cwt.): C. Edwards (conductor) 1, W. E. Williams 2, Alec Taylor 3, T. Tayson 4, G. Giblin 5, Walter Taylor 6, A. W. Davis 7, W. H. Symonds 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

THOMAS WISE ... Treble	GEORGE PARKER ... 3
ALFRED PICKFORD ... 2	JAMES MARR ... 4
ISAAC BENNETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, September 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following: Netherseal, Bourne, York, Durham, Annable's London, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR ... Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM ... 4
HARRY GREAVES ... 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 5
FRED HALL ... 3	CHARLES SEVERN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

All the above are of the local company.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being equal parts of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SORRIDGE ... Treble	REG V. JOHNSON ... 3
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 4
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor	

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all the band.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 changes each of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON ... Treble	ERNEST GOSDEN ... 4
EDWARD A. HERN ... 2	JOHN GEORGE ... 5
JAMES E. SCOTT ... 3	ALBERT SCHEOF ... Tenor

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

First peal of Doubles by all the band and by this association.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

*RICHARD FURNESS ... Treble	ISAAC BENNETT ... 4
ALFRED PICKFORD ... 2	THOMAS WISE ... 5
JOHN HAYNES ... 3	WILLIAM LUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal. First attempt. R. Furness and W. Luff elected members before starting.

APPLEBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT ... Treble	JAMES C. COLES ... 4
*BRIAN BRAY ... 2	GEORGE HOBBS ... 5
CHARLES H. BIRD ... 3	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal and first attempt.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST A. MARSH Treble	J. T. WILLIAM KILSBY ... 3
CHARLES S. FROST 2	RUFUS SCRIMSHIRE 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. The conductor wishes to thank the above local ringers for the opportunity of a peal at this church, and their kind entertainment afterwards.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Stedman and 22 of Grandsire.

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE HATTON, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN CURTIS 3
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 2	ALFRED W. BEADSMORE ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells which were made five in 1876. This is the 25th five-bell tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Hilperton on Saturday, September 18th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. B. Proby), Mr. Watts, who had come from North Bradley for the purpose, playing the organ. Tea was provided in the new Church Room, in the Rectory Garden, by the kindness of the Rector.

A short business meeting followed, at which the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes) presided, supported by the Rector and Sir Edward Wallington, C.V.O.

The chairman read a letter which the secretary had received from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Shroton, Dorset), which expressed his regret at being unable to be at the meeting, but all present were pleased to hear that he was better.

The chairman then thanked the Rector for his kindness in providing tea and for conducting the service and for the use of the bells. He also thanked the organist.

The Rector appealed for more young men to come forward and help with the ringing, saying how very different it was on Sundays when the bells were rung.—Sir Edward Wallington endorsed all the Rector had said, and hoped the holding of the meeting at Hilperton would have the desired effect.

Mr. W. Mees, the foreman of the Hilperton ringers, mentioned the interesting fact that on St. Stephen's Day next (December 26th) he would have completed 50 years as a ringer.

Ringling was then continued till about 8 p.m., ringers being present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Rowde, Bratton, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge, and Hilperton. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob were rung.

At the meeting the chairman drew the attention of the ringers to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' on good striking, and while agreeing that good striking was to be desired said, nevertheless, ringers should not be discouraged because good striking could not be always attained.

Keevil was proposed as the place for the next meeting, and the quarterly meeting was postponed till November, at Warminster, for the convenience of the chairman.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, September 18th, at Pensnett, where the autumn meeting of the above society was held. The new ring of eight bells, recently installed by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, were kept going in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

The service in church was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, and a very interesting address delivered by the Rev. N. Edwards, Vicar. About 30 members and friends sat down to a good tea on the Vicarage lawn, which was much enjoyed. Of the nine new members enrolled, three were of the local company.

Darlaston is selected for the next meeting on January 8th.

DEVON AND CORNWALL TOUR.

The following twelve peals were rung in Devon and Cornwall by well-known ringers from eleven counties, on a holiday tour, September 11th to 19th, 1926:

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIFLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	WILLIAM H. HOWE 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
JAMES RIDING 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The date coincided with the 'silver wedding' anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge.

The three 'back' men are Exeter ringers, and represent St. Sidwell's, the Cathedral, and St. Thomas' towers respectively.

While the above was in progress, a team of eight visitors rang 14 hours for Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Thomas' tower. Mr. T. J. Stokes kindly welcomed the strangers to Exeter.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FREDERICK WHITE 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 8
EDWARD JENKINS 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
JAMES RIDING 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by GEO. R. PYE.

A birthday touch for Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook. Mr. Edwin Shepherd (Exeter Branch chairman) met the visitors at the tower.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN 5
HARRY BARTON 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES RIDING 7
*THOMAS F. KING 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Double Norwich by Mr. King, of Twerton-on-Avon, who was staying at Teignmouth.

A 'Superlative' team of visitors went to Sowton Church the same afternoon, and, being unsuccessful, spent the evening at Littleham.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr.

*AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	ERNEST BISHOP 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Major by Mr. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

The Rector met the band at the tower, and congratulated the ringers on completion of their peal.

The above band travelled by motor-car from Exeter to Plymouth, calling at Buckfast Abbey on the way.

The 'railway' team were successful with Cambridge Surprise Major at Totnes the same morning.

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BOTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,316 changes of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: T. Samuel 1, M. Beud 2, J. R. Jackson 3, C. H. Jallands 4, F. C. Briggs 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, R. Jackson 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Duke of Rutland, his Grace being president of the Framland Society, also lord of the manor.

TOTNES, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
JAMES RIDING 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS

Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Major rung upon these bells. The tenors fairly 'talked' to each other during this peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 3	GEORGE R. PYE 8
JAMES RIDING 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
HARRY BARTON 5	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

The third ringer, Miss Moss, was on holiday at Kingsbridge, having cycled down from Uxbridge the previous week. Messrs. G. H. Myers and Son met the visitors at the tower and gave them every assistance.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. GERMAN'S,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
JAMES RIDING 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

First peal in the method upon the bells, and possibly the most changes in any performance yet rung in the county. The Rev. H. A. Kennedy, Vicar, met the visitors at the tower and gave them a welcome.

Another team attempted Stedman Triples here in the afternoon, and rang 24 hours.

KENWYN, TRURO.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JAMES RIDING 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

A birthday peal for Mr. W. H. Fussell. The other team visited Kea and Helston towers without success.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	JAMES RIDING 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The first peal upon the bells. This church is within a few miles of Land's End, so that the above performance is the most southerly peal of Surprise rung in the British Isles. Perhaps a team will venture across the Atlantic some day! Dr. J. Symons welcomed the visitors to Penzance.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes, IN THE NORTHERN COMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. PYE 7
HARRY BARTON 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
EDWIN BARNETT 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Royal in the county. The Cathedral company made excellent arrangements for the welfare of the tourists.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	JAMES RIDING Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS

The first peal upon the bells. The conductor's 100th Surprise peal, rung in seven different methods.

The Hampshire men left by car for home after this peal. The two Bristol 'featherweights' left at 9 a.m. for Trowbridge.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The first peal on the bells.

An early morning motor drive of nine miles out from Truro was much enjoyed by the above tourists, who returned to London by the 12 o'clock Cornish Riviera express.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTH SHROPSHIRE RINGERS JOIN.

A successful meeting of the above was held at Church Stretton on Saturday last, when thirty-three ringers attended from Shrewsbury (St. Chad's and St. Mary's), Coalbrookdale, Ludlow, Bishop's Castle, Hednott, Hopesay, Church Stretton, etc.

Ringings commenced soon after three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods till 5 p.m., when the members adjourned to the State Cafe for tea.

At the business meeting, Major E. R. Trevor Corbett presided. A number of new members were elected from South Shropshire towers.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury, as usual, in January, and Mr. Rodenhurst was asked to obtain estimates for new certificates for the association and to have the peal book entered up to date.

After the meeting, the members returned to the tower, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

Always a 'bright' spot in the Nottingham area, Greasley, with its fine peal of eight, was visited on Saturday by nearly thirty members, who did ample justice to the splendid tea as well as to the opportunities in the belfry.

The usual business routine resulted in one new member, and the selection of Bulwell, Mansfield and Radcliffe for the next three meetings. The annual meeting of the Nottingham district was also fixed for January 8th, 1927, at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The vice-president announced that owing to two societies existing in Nottingham now, and it being deemed advisable that no member should hold office in both, he, along with the hon. secretary and Mr. F. Bailey (committee), would not seek re-election at that meeting.

The customary votes of thanks to the Vicar and the locals for a really first-rate entertainment, to which Mr. J. Hobbs replied, ended the business, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

RETURNING TO AMERICA.

After a stay in this country of eleven months, Mr. Albert Crossley, a former ringer at Oldham, is returning to New Bedford, U.S.A. On Sunday evening a farewell touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Parish Church: V. Sykes 1, S. M. Butterworth 2, E. Geary 3, J. Lees 4, J. W. Taylor 5, C. H. Marsland 6, R. Greenwood (conductor) 7, J. Cox 8.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S WEDDING

Large numbers of people flocked to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Southwark, on Saturday, September 11th. It was the occasion of the wedding of Miss Alice May Tomlinson to Mr. Arthur H. Keighley, the well-known secretary of the London County Association. The church was nearly full, as Mr. Keighley has done much social work in connection with the church of South London, and the interest taken in his wedding shows how much his labours have been appreciated. Among the congregation were several officers of the London County Association, including the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), the treasurer (Mr. E. A. Young), assistant secretary (Mr. T. W. Taffender), senior steward (Mr. F. W. Chorley), Past-Master (Mr. C. F. Winney), and a large number of ringers.

The choir, of which Mr. Keighley is a member, met the bridal party at the church porch, and the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Hammell Smith, the curate-in-charge.

There was one regret, that the eight splendid-toned bells in the tower (tenor 20 cwt.) could be neither rung nor chimed, an examination having revealed that the pits were choked with birds' refuse. But the ceremony was not allowed to pass without the bells playing their part for, as the bride and bridegroom passed out of the church, a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

The wedding breakfast and reception were held in St. George's Hall, Borough Road, where the festivities were kept going till a late hour. A number of ringers were present. During the afternoon six courses of London Surprise Major were rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East by: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. Wingrove 3, W. Miller 4, G. Faulkner 5, J. R. Gammon 6, A. Card 7, E. D. Smith 8.

LADIES' GUILD.

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held a quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, September 18th, about thirty members and friends being present. The Guild service was held, and an address given by the Vicar (Rev. Badcock).

At the business meeting, which followed tea at the Cinema Cafe, it was decided to hold the December meeting in Bristol, St. Andrew's, Clifton, being the tower chosen.

The attendance in the belfry after tea was small, owing to the beauty of the evening and the attraction of the sea front. Those, however, who did find their way back quite enjoyed themselves.

Earlier in the afternoon All Saints' Church was visited by some of the party, who had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with the lady members of the local band.

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The meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held at Hillingdon on October 9th, has been postponed to the 30th.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 5,040 Bob Major rung in the year 1749 by the Eastern Scholars, being the first 'on ye eight new bells at St. Mary Rotherhithe.'

On October 1st, 1793, Joshua Short called a peal of 15,360 Bob Major at Aston.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells at All Saints', Fulham, was rung on October 3rd, 1819.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung for the first time on October 6th, 1788. This was at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the College Youths, and 'is an instance of that unrivalled merit only to be equalled by a similar assiduity and perseverance.'

Born in 1783, William Booth, one of the most famous of old Sheffield ringers, and grandfather of Charles Henry and Thomas Hattersley, died on October 6th, 1849.

The first known Northamptonshire bell-founder, Henry Bageley, son of a blacksmith, at Chacombe, was baptised on October 2nd, 1608. He apparently started bell-founding in 1632, and died about the year 1676.

Mr. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, Kent, and Mr. John Emery have sustained a sad bereavement by the death of their father, who passed away on Friday within three weeks of his 88th birthday. The funeral took place at St. Mary Cray, Kent, on Wednesday.

The death has occurred at Liversedge of Mr. William Collins, at the advanced age of 81 years. He had been a ringer since the year 1861, and some details of his long career will be given in our next issue.

Part II. of Mr. E. A. Young's article on 'Bell Tones' will appear in our next issue.

METHODS VERSUS STRIKING. APPLIANCE FOR OBVIATING PUBLIC ANNOYANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leader, 'Methods versus Striking,' and in particular to the continual 'banging about,' which applies not only in attempting to ring a method which is really beyond the capabilities of a band but to novices who bang about the bells in attempting their first plain course, in Jasper W. Snowden's book, 'Rope Sight,' on pages 4 and 5 he states: 'A very efficient apparatus capable of being fixed to any ring of bells, by which, when the clappers are lashed or fixed, blows, corresponding to the times at which the clappers of the bell would have sounded, are struck on miniature bells fixed in the ringing chamber. By this means the ringers have the benefit of the sounds from their bells when practising, without any annoyance being given to the public by irregular sounds from the tower bells. Having had several opportunities of practising with this apparatus, and of hearing the opinion of those who have it fixed to their bells, I can with confidence recommend it, and consider that it ought to be fixed in every tower where the practising of beginners is likely to cause any annoyance.'

It would be interesting to know the makers of this apparatus and its cost, as it would probably be a means to overcome the annoyance to those outside who, as you say, are compelled to listen.—Yours truly,
ARTHUR C. WALSH.

WORDSLEY BELLS RING OUT AGAIN.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

Shortly before noon on Sunday, September 12th, and immediately following the celebration of Sung Eucharist, a very interesting ceremony was performed at Wordsley Parish Church. The tower, which had been closed for many months for repairs and strengthening, was re-opened by the Rector (Rev. R. H. Fowler).

A procession was formed, consisting of the clergy, the wardens of both the Parish and Glynn Mission Churches, the architects (Messrs. Webb and Gray, Dudley), Miss Carr, representing Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, the bell-founders responsible for the retuning of the bells, and the choir, and upon arrival at the tower the Rector read prayers of dedication.

Upon the stroke of 12 the Rector pulled the wire and started the clock, which had stood still for about 12 months. As soon as the clock had finished striking, the ringers ascended to the belfry and rang a short but merry peal. In the afternoon they again, with the assistance of two ringers from Wollaston, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the ringers afforded much pleasure to the villagers.

The ringers were unanimous in their opinion that the bells had been splendidly hung, and that the highest possible credit was due to the firm responsible for the work of retuning.

It has been decided to have the dials of the clocks illuminated, and for this purpose a fund has been opened. Mr. W. H. Stuart, J.P., of The Mount, Wordsley, has consented to act as treasurer, and will be pleased to acknowledge any donations which may be forwarded to him. It is hoped that the new dials will be fixed in the course of the next three weeks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION COMMEMORATION DINNER ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

The fifth annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield on Saturday, September 18th, at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, when a widely representative gathering of ringers and friends paid tribute to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association. The bells of the Cathedral and of the neighbouring church of St. Marie were available for visitors during the afternoon, some very good ringing being heard at both churches.

At 6 p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Very Rev. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A.), took the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. Frank Willey (vice-president), Mr. P. J. Johnson (secretary), and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. Colterill (treasurer), Rev. W. G. Largie (Vicar of All Saints', Sheffield), the Revs. H. F. Sheppard and David T. Sykes (of the Cathedral), Mr. A. Walker (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), and Mrs. Walker, Mr. S. R. Roper (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. J. Oldham (Messrs. Taylor and Co.), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. W. Knight (Bristol), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. H. R. Newton (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. W. H. Shuker (secretary of the Lancashire Association), and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. W. Payne (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. J. H. Howell (Beverley), Mr. C. D. Potter (secretary of the Barnsley and District Association), Mr. H. Walker (secretary of the Doncaster and District Association), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Chester Guild), Mr. A. Craven, Mr. J. Holman, Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, and Mr. C. Harrison, all of the Sheffield District Society, Mr. S. P. Palmer (secretary of the Dinner Committee), and many ringers from towers both near and far.

The toast of 'The King' having been proposed by the chairman and honoured in the usual custom, the toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said he did indeed consider it a privilege to be invited to say a few words that night on the subject of Church and State, and to ask them to join with him in drinking that toast. He thought that the subject first mentioned was of all toasts the most misunderstood. By the 'Church,' in many cases they referred to Bishops, Archdeacons and old gentlemen who took care of their cathedrals, and they did not always realise, perhaps, the part which the Church had played in their history. It was responsible for their code of laws. Having outlined something of the history of important movements in the churches, he went on to say that, so far as the clergy were concerned, those who were with them that night were an excellent example of what every member of the Church should be. He felt, and was sure, that deep down in their hearts everyone connected with the Church believed that they should ring true in every sense of the word. During the last fifty years they found that enormous strides had been made in belfry reform, and what was a very pleasing fact was that it did not come from outside but from the ringers themselves. In the present state they found that the clergy came amongst them more and more. The example they had that day was a very good proof of this. With regard to the State, never in the history of the nation had they had a position such as they had to-day, which engaged the thought of all classes, yet they ought to see, and would see, the desired results if they realised that in dealing with matters connected with the Church and State they put the Church first. Such principles should be reflected in national legislation, and these would then, no doubt, be embodied in the national life. The clergy had come forward in the present dispute with proposals of their own, which, unfortunately, had not produced the desired results, but if they followed the principles of the clergy in viewing affairs of the State, they would find that the interests of the Church and State were the principles of the country combined (cheers).

RINGERS AND THE CHURCH.

The Archdeacon of Sheffield, who responded, said Mr. Johnson had remarked that the toast was a theme that was perennial, and it was most appropriate that it should be so. In most ancient times bells were used for State occasions as well as for ecclesiastical occasions. In ancient belfries one use of the bells was undoubtedly to summon the people to civic assemblies or to give the alarm in the case of the irruption of the foes of the State, and it was frequently the case that in unsettled times one of the first precautions was to annex all bells or even to destroy them in order that they should not be the means of summoning the people for any hostile purpose. That this was not an unnecessary precaution would be proved by an amusing little experience which befel their colleague, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, in the course of the recent Cambridge Guild tour. Raising the bells for a peal in a certain village belfry, the effect must have sounded to the authorities very like their fire alarm, for within a few minutes the local fire fighters descended upon the church enquiring for the fire (laughter). Continuing, the chairman said that the association between Church and State appeared to be closer in the case of ringers than in that of any other body of church workers, and he expressed the hope that it might always be the outstanding feature of ringers as a body that they well represented in themselves the union of Church and State. He would like to take the word 'church' in a wider sense than Mr. Johnson had done, the latter having apparently indicated by his remarks the Established Church, and quite naturally so, as the vast majority of the company present represented towers of the Established Churches. Nevertheless, it was not only the towers of such churches that possessed bells, as even in his own city there was a very fine peal of eight in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie, whilst in some places there were peals in the belfries of Nonconformist

places of worship. The real cleavage between Church and State would be liable to come if they were to take the possibly controversial stand-points to which Mr. Johnson objected. If the Church were viewed simply as a number of old gentlemen taking care of cathedrals (this remark brought a smile from the clergy present), then it would be pretty useless; it could not stand against the opinion of the great bulk of the civilian population. If every ringer, Established Churchman or otherwise, would make it his business to be a Churchman as he individually construed the word, he would be able to do a great amount of work and exert a considerable measure of influence to bring about the communion of interest between Church and people which Mr. Johnson desired to see. Referring to the present industrial crisis, without touching on the ground covered by the proposer, he expressed the hope that all present were filled heart and soul with a genuine desire for a lasting settlement devoid of bitterness which would provide a natural occasion for all ringers of Yorkshire to ring 'the wildest peal of years.' Since the possibly not too good old days when the leather jug was a prominent feature in belfry furniture, great progress, continued the speaker, had been made towards unity of ideas and purpose between clergy and the laity, particularly that section of the latter occupied in ringing, and it was essential that this should continue and that an increasing freedom of intercourse between them should come about. He felt that coupled with this toast should have been the name of the society's esteemed president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who, in view of his great abilities, both ecclesiastical and campanological, might very fitly, in his own person, stand for both Church and State. He was very glad that Mr. Marshall was not the only clerical gentleman lurking in the midst of the evening's gathering. In addition to the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, by now well known to those present, they had a newcomer in the Rev. D. T. Sykes, a colleague in the cathedral work who was very welcome, although up to the present had not been infected by Mr. Sheppard's 'bell-ringing mania' (laughter). He was not alone in that respect, as the speaker had to confess that his only experience of campanology so far extended to the ringing of a single bell for matins and evensong at the Cathedral, in the occasional absence of the vergers. In conclusion the Archdeacon thanked the company for having invited him to take the chair and to join them in doing homage to the memory of their worthy founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, to whose memory he would ask them to drink the toast in the time-honoured manner by passing round to each individual present their historic loving cup and observing the toast in silence, standing (loud applause).

HONOURED MEMORIES.

The company having so honoured the society's founder, the vice-president (Mr. Frank Willey) then proposed the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He said: 'It is impossible in the short time at my disposal to give a résumé of the many vivid memories I have of the sterling character and inspiring leadership of our great predecessor, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and, really, I think it is unnecessary after the splendid way in which the Rev. C. C. Marshall described his services to our Exercise in his address four years ago.'

As evidence of the way in which the passing of years is robbing the art of its old stalwarts, it is interesting to note that on Mr. Willey asking how many of the company (which included men whose names have been a household word for very many years) remembered the founder, personally, no one present, save Mr. Willey himself, could claim that honour.

The speaker continued by referring to the early struggles in the middle of the nineteenth century, during which the foundation of the present prosperity of the Exercise was laid by the founder, ably assisted by such worthies as Robert Tuke, Wm. Whitaker, Charles Jackson, George Breed, Tom and Charles Henry Hattersley, the friendship of whom he had known and enjoyed. Of them all could it with truth be said, in the words of Tennyson, 'Ne'er shall their memory fade, long live their names.' Mr. Willey's remarks (he is a great favourite with all ringers) were greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

At this juncture a well executed course of Stedman Cinques was rung by: C. Harrison (St. Marie's) 1-2, J. Thorpe (Cathedral) 3-4, S. F. Palmer (Cathedral) 5-6, S. Briggs (Rotherham) 7-8, A. Walker (St. Martin's) 9-10, R. Harrison (St. Marie's) 11-12.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies' was proposed by Mr. C. Harrison (secretary of the Sheffield District Society), who drew attention to the very cosmopolitan nature of the gathering, including, as it did, representatives from as far north as Newcastle, from London in the south, Bath and Bristol in the west. They missed especially Mr. J. Rowbotham, of the College Youths, and although he had sent his apologies for absence and wired his good wishes, they would have much rather had him there in the flesh. The speaker referred to the long-standing associations between the Yorkshire Association and the College Youths, and said they were indeed honoured that Mr. H. R. Newton had found it possible to come. In speaking of the St. Martin's Guild, and the welcome which they habitually extended to visitors, he said that the consistency with which Mr. Albert Walker attended their Yorkshire gatherings proved and showed the mutual desire of both societies to cement the friendships begun in the days of such men as Charles Henry Hattersley, Henry Johnson and John Carter. They especially welcomed the ladies that night, to share the memories of men who had made ringing what it was to-day and to join in the friendships, cemented and made anew that night (loud cheers).

DIFFICULTIES OF BROADCASTING

In reply, Mr. Albert Walker said how gratified he was to have the privilege on that further occasion. He was most struck by the wide area from which the visitors had come, which indicated their interest in the work of the Yorkshire Association. He felt that they were particularly honoured by the presence of the Ringing Master of the College Youths, and he heartily congratulated the College Youths upon a very notable achievement which would be a prominent milestone in the history of the art, namely, the broadcasting of change-ringing on Bow bells. He might say he had the honour of arranging the first broadcasting of any church bells, and was aware, as few people were, of the tremendous difficulties to be overcome before this could be satisfactorily executed, as the wireless transmission greatly accentuated even the slightest trip or other defect of any kind. Whilst congratulating the College Youths, he would also sympathise with them, as he understood that in a recent broadcasting programme they had the misfortune to have a stay break while ringing for transmission. Their several performances of Stedman Cinques for broadcast purposes were worthy of the highest appreciation. It was particularly pleasant for him to be responding on this topic in a Sheffield gathering, as both towns owed so much to each other, Birmingham being especially indebted to Sheffield for the assistance and encouragement which their members and he, personally, had received in their early struggles from such men as the brothers Hattersley. He recalled with pleasure a most enjoyable visit to Sheffield which the Birmingham ringers paid on invitation some years ago. For some time past it had been in the speaker's mind to arrange a suitable return compliment, and had it not been for the present industrial crisis this would have taken place at Duffield this year. However, he had every hope that this fraternal event would materialise during the course of the coming year (applause).

Further messages of goodwill were voiced by the representatives of two of the most distant bodies, namely, Mr. H. R. Newton, of the College Youths, and Mr. W. Payne, of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' was admirably proposed by the Rev. David T. Sykes, who said he was specially pleased as what might be termed an outsider to be asked to propose such a toast. He felt, nevertheless, a certain amount of kinship with the ringing art, as when 'a young man' he had been a member for a year of the Cambridge University Guild, and had also pleasant memories of many outings with ringers in the Staffordshire area. He recounted an amusing incident which occurred to a band who were invited to a village church outside Cambridge to ring a peal. The only means of entry to the ringing chamber was by a ladder leading to a trap door. However, the band climbed in, got started, and rang without incident until about twenty minutes from the end, which he was told was a very critical time. At this juncture, however, a pale young curate, who was about to say evensong in the Lady Chapel, but who feared he would be unable to make himself heard, came climbing up the ladder, raised the trap door, and in a very gentle voice said, 'My dear friends, I am just going to say evensong, and I must really request you to stop.' Without a moment's hesitation, the conductor, who was nearest the trap door, extended his foot, and, applying his whole weight, closed the trap door and rang on to a successful conclusion without a word (laughter). He (the speaker) felt that he was similarly placed to the 'pale young curate,' and inasmuch as the gathering was undoubtedly keenly looking forward to Mr. Marshall's speech, he would close the trap door upon himself and without further ado would ask the company to join him in the toast he was so delighted to propose (laughter and applause).

PRESENCE OF CLERGY WELCOMED.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the association), in proposing 'The Chairman,' said although this toast was the last on the list he felt that it was by no means the least important for two reasons, firstly, he was so often the chairman himself at similar gatherings that it was a real pleasure to sit aside for once and see the duties carried out by an abler hand. Secondly, he spoke as a ringer and not as a clergyman or a president, and as such he heartily welcomed the presence of so many different clergymen and officers of the Church. At no time had a better feeling existed in Sheffield between ringers and the Church than during the Archdeacon's stay. In the past it had been felt that the clergy had not considered them enough or been amongst them sufficiently often, but that time was now rapidly getting past, and such gatherings as that evening's did a great deal to help both parties to know each other and appreciate each other better. It might be said that the laity did not often really know the clergy, and this was possibly because there was still a tendency for the layman to shun the clergyman, as having no sympathy with many of his walks of life. Nothing could be further from the actual facts, and he hoped that as time went on this impression would be banished for ever. A concrete instance of this was the attitude of 'the man in the street' towards a cleric of great renown and striking ability, who for a long time now had been popularly known as 'the gloomy Dean.' As a matter of fact, no description of such a many-sided and talented character could be wider of the mark. Anyone who had the time and privilege to read that gentleman's book which had recently appeared would have no difficulty in refuting the suggestion conveyed by such a description, and the speaker put the gathering in laughing vein by quoting some really first-class 'howlers' from Dean Inge's book, which showed that, at all events, that gentleman certainly did

not lack the saving grace of a splendid sense of humour. It was obviously quite wrong to say that a man with such a trait could be indifferent to the aims and interests of the English layman (cheers).

The Archdeacon suitably replied, and announced that ringing would be permitted on the Sunday morning between the hours of 9.30 to 10.30, and in the event of any of his 'pale-faced curates' interrupting them with requests to stop for Matins, they were to 'chuck him out' (laughter).

During the course of the evening the Sheffield Orpheus Male Choir and the Norton Handbell Ringers rendered various acceptable items, it being a special treat to hear the choir whose fame is by no means confined to the Sheffield district. The visitors had a real sample of the Yorkshire dialect in their rendering of the famous Yorkshire folk song, 'On Ilkka Moor 'bart 'at,' which was received with tremendous applause.

About a score of the visitors stayed overnight and visited the various towers on the Sunday.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FUND FOR CATHEDRAL MEMORIAL BELLS COMPLETED.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bigby on Saturday, September 18th. The weather being ideal for the occasion, a large number availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this village with such charming surroundings, also of inspecting its fine old church and having a ring on the nice toned peal of six bells.

About 90 members and friends were present from the following places: Ashby, Barrow-in-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Branston, Brigg, Burton-on-Stather, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Haxey, Lincoln, Relford, Scotter, Scunthorpe, and Uleoby, in addition to the local company, also Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Treeton, near Rotherham. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, when several touches were brought round in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Service, consisting of the Guild Office, was held, at which the Rector (Rev. H. T. Parry) officiated. The Rev. T. E. Muerig Davies (Vicar of Barnetby) was the preacher, and delivered a most appropriate and instructive address to the large congregation assembled. Amongst those present were the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (president of the Guild), and Mrs. Fry, Dr. F. P. H. Birdwhistle, Barton-on-Humber, and Mr. E. Dawber, Gainsborough (honorary members). Mr. H. Rushby, one of the ringers at Grimsby St. Andrew's, presided at the organ. The hearty way in which the members joined in the singing added considerably to the brightness of the service, and left an impression which will be remembered for some time to come.

Subsequently, through the kind generosity of the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Parry the company were entertained to tea in the schoolroom. It was at this juncture that the Dean of Lincoln informed the members that he had been successful in raising sufficient money to meet the balance required for the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to twelve, as a memorial to the ringers in the diocese who sacrificed their lives in the Great War. This announcement was received with applause.

At the conclusion of tea, a collection was taken for the fund and realised the sum of £4 7s. 7d.

Owing to the Dean having to leave early, Mr. F. F. Linley, on behalf of the members, extended to him and Mrs. Fry a very hearty welcome and also thanked them for their presence.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. Linley (Northern Branch president) took the chair. Apologies for absence were announced from Canon Hicks, Messingham, Revs. H. A. C. Herbert, Broughton, R. Bond, Lincoln, and E. W. Carpenter, Kingerby. Reference was also made to the loss which the Gainsborough company had sustained through the departure of Mr. H. Morgan, owing to his removal to Leicester.

One new honorary member, Rev. Hall, Welton, was elected. It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Harston, an amendment to visit Barton-on-Humber finding so second.

Votes of thanks were proposed as follows: To the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Parry for their kind hospitality, the church authorities for the use of the bells, the Rev. T. E. Muerig Davies for his excellent sermon, Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, the ladies who so willingly assisted at the tea tables, and all others who had helped towards making the meeting such a success. These were carried and duly responded to.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, after which further ringing took place, thus bringing to a close what will be remembered for some years to come as a red-letter day in the annals of the Northern Branch. It was with regret that the members received information of the indisposition of the Rev. H. T. Parry, but all hope and trust that he may soon be once again restored to health and strength.

SILVER WEDDING.

On Tuesday, September 14th, at Kidderminster Parish Church, 134 of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: Keith Salter 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, E. J. Brooks 4, J. Smith 5, J. Woodberry 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, J. Bennett 8. Composed by A. J. Pitman, and contains 108 6-7's, 48 4-6's, and 48 7-4's. Rang as a compliment to the ringers of the 3rd on his silver wedding day.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE JUBILEE MEETING.

The Lancashire Association assembled for its annual meeting on Saturday at Bolton, and there was special interest in the proceedings inasmuch as it was the jubilee gathering. All and sundry did their best to make it a success, but each one disclaimed that he did more than anyone else. The result, however, was highly gratifying. The eight rings of bells of Bolton and also Walkden were at the disposal of members during the afternoon, and were well used in the various methods beloved by ringers.

The real business of the day commenced at 4 p.m., when service was held at Holy Trinity Church. The association had been fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, for their preacher, and he was assisted by Rev. G. A. Deakin, Vicar of Holy Trinity, who intoned the service, Rev. Canon Lloyd (Wigan), who read the lesson, and Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association), who gave the blessing. Also in robes were the Rev. F. E. Cheetham (principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester), Rev. W. Moore Smith (Walkden), Rev. J. H. Martin (All Souls', Bolton), Rev. J. W. Willis (St. Bartholomew's, Bolton), Rev. H. W. Bland (curate of Bolton Parish), and Rev. C. A. Clements (Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild).

Tea followed in the schools, when 133 sat down, the tables being presided over by the ringers' wives and friends. After tea, handbells were brought out, and the desire for 'more' delayed the start of business. The meeting was presided over by Canon Elsee, supported by the Mayor of Bolton (Councillor Percy Knott) and officers of the association.

After the president's address, the Mayor extended to the members a welcome to Bolton in a witty speech. As he could not stay long, he was thanked for coming to the meeting.

The committee's report showed 106 new members and a balance of £9 on the year's working. It also mentioned repairs and renewals in the various belfries in the county and the loss by death of 15 members. A printed balance sheet was in the hands of those present, and, after the auditors' report, was passed.

As there was only one nomination for each office, the following were re-elected and thanked for past services: President, Rev. Canon Elsee; general secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson.

A ballot took place for the election of Central Council representatives, and of the seven candidates Canon Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman, P. Crook, and W. H. Shuker were elected.

Wigan was chosen as the venue of next year's meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and wardens of the various churches for the use of bells, also to the organist and choir of Holy Trinity, and, last but not least, to Mr. P. Crook, the energetic local secretary, and his band of ringers for the labour they put in to make the day one to be remembered.

As the meeting was closing, a telegram was received from the Yorkshire Association, congratulating the Lancashire Association on attaining its jubilee, and the good wishes were highly appreciated.

Among those at the meeting were Mr. W. G. Mann, one of the founders, Mr. Marsden, of Chorley, and Mr. H. W. Jackson, the treasurer, who met together at Chorley 50 years ago to put the association on its feet. To-day it has 1,066 ringers in the county.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 18th, at Wolverley. Ringers from all parts of the branch began to assemble at three o'clock, the towers represented being: Harborne, Halesowen, Old Hill, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Kinver, Stourbridge, Wollaston and Wolverley. The bells were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Wilson, who also kindly entertained the ringers to tea on the Vicarage lawn.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. He gave the members a cordial welcome to Wolverley, and apologised for the absence of Mrs. Wilson, who was indisposed.

Mr. A. Hackett (Halesowen) was re-elected ringing master of the branch, Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Piggott (Smethwick) was elected as Central Council representative.

Mr. J. Price invited the branch to hold their next meeting at Old Hill, and it was unanimously agreed that the invitation be accepted.

Mr. A. E. Parsons thanked the Vicar, on behalf of the branch, for his excellent address in the church and also for entertaining the members to tea in such beautiful surroundings. He expressed the hope that Mrs. Wilson would soon be recovered from her illness, and thanked the organist and choir for their services. The Vicar, in replying, thanked the ringers for their kind wishes for Mrs. Wilson's speedy recovery, and said it gave him great pleasure to have the association at Wolverley. He knew that through the great work of the ringers' associations, belfries had become occupied by men who were real church workers. It was one of the best meetings of the branch.

The ringers again visited the tower till about 7.30, and touched a Cambridge Surprise and various other minor methods were brought round.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION. QUAINT STORY OF A STOLEN BELL.

After a silence of 15 years, the bells of Abson, a little village hidden away in the Gloucestershire countryside, on the Bristol-Chippenham Road, have been heard again, their restoration having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The task of raising the necessary sum of nearly £300 has been a long one, but patience and perseverance have rewarded the authorities, and much of the success of the scheme is due to the unflagging zeal of Mr. Frederic Lewis (the people's warden) and Mrs. Lewis, who undertook the work of raising the last £150. Only a few pounds remained to be cleared off when the restored bells were rededicated on Saturday week, amidst the rejoicings of the villagers.

The bells, a peal of six, with tenor 10½ cwt., have an interesting history. There are two pre-Reformation bells among them, and the treble, known as the 'Vicar's bell,' has passed through many vicissitudes, having been, so local legend states, taken away from the church 120 years ago, only to be recovered in a daring manner by two villagers. The bell was then hidden, it is said, in a garden for two years; afterwards it was melted down and a smaller bell made from the metal. The present overhauling included sand-blasting and tuning, each bell also being one-eighth turned, and the original cannons have been preserved in a patent head stock.

The Rural Dean (Rev. J. H. Robertson, Rector of Syston) performed the dedication in the presence of a crowded congregation, and gave an interesting address.

The bells were first rung by members of the former body of ringers, Messrs. H. Perry (foreman), W. Nelmes, F. Hembury, T. Mizen, T. Smith and A. Amos. They were followed by members of the Mangotsfield Guild, and during the evening the bells continued to sound their mellow notes, while the villagers made merry on the green below. The programme included a public tea in a huge neighbouring barn lent by Mr. W. Brown, while during the evening the Staple Hill Concert Party gave enjoyable items, Mr. R. Brimble also taking part.

Arrangements are now being made to organise a new body of ringers for the parish. A collection at the service in aid of the bells realised over £4 10s.

On Saturday a meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Abson, and sunshine again favoured the proceedings. When the roll call was made for the Bristol party, thirty members boarded the motor, and Abson was reached in good time, everyone enjoying the drive into this remote part of the county, where for the first time in the history of the association a meeting was held. A good gathering of the clans had been asked for on this particular occasion, and the spirit was manifest when sixty gathered together from over a good radius. All the ringers were eager to try the bells, but some proved too strong for the light going little ring.

The association form of service was held in the church, which was tastefully decorated for the harvest festival, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Lewis), who gave a splendid address and quoted Schiller's beautiful poem on bells, which was heard for the first time by several present.

Tea followed in the neighbouring barn, which was also decorated, and in right good fellowship the good things that had been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis and a band of lady helpers were much enjoyed. The large company, in addition to members of the local branch, included the Vicar and the following visitors: Miss N. Williams, Messrs. F. W. Canning, T. Grant, J. G. Taylor (Bath), S. R. Roper (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), and C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. Spurrier (vice-president) and Mrs. Spurrier, while it was also gratifying to renew friendship with old ringers from St. George's, including the redoubtable 'Charlie.'

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), at which Messrs. S. Riches, W. H. Payne, W. True, P. Bryant, and W. Greenland, of St. Werburgh, Bristol, were elected performing members.

Mr. F. Leaker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and giving the address, and said it was the finest address he had ever heard at a ringers' meeting. He also thanked Mr. F. Lewis for arranging the tea, the ladies for looking after their comfort, and Mr. W. Brown for the use of the barn. He concluded by congratulating Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the excellent way they had carried out their contract.—Mr. Heginbotham seconded and, in a humorous speech, 'brought the house down' by his folk-lore stories.—The Vicar, in responding, thanked the meeting, and said he would do his best for the ringers and all concerned.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the St. Thomas' (Bristol) ringers gave a fine selection of tune playing on the handbells, which was much appreciated by all. Further ringing on the tower bells took place till after eight o'clock, and thus another happy meeting ended. The motor ride home to Bristol in the fine, autumnal weather was again enjoyed, 'Old Charlie' keeping the company alive. The next meeting (quarterly) will be held next month on the banks of the Severn, at Abbots Leigh.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, 1,295 changes of Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: E. Hinton 1, W. Stone 2, C. W. Player (Ashford, Kent) 3, J. W. Chandler (Rugby) 4, G. Stone 5, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 6, A. Woolf 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston 9, B. Kerley 10.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE WORST PERIOD IN RINGING HISTORY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Last week I referred to the low ebb to which ringing came in the years before the 'eighties' of last century. In country districts there was a great decline in ringing. The repeal of the Corn Laws and the consequent cheapening of wheat badly hit the agricultural interests, and caused a great change in village life. The younger and more intelligent men crowded into the towns, where there was at the time a great industrial expansion. The old sports seem to have died out, and there was little for the farm labourer to do after he had finished his day's work except to loaf about and go to the village public-house. All this affected ringing, and for the worse. The Rev. Dr. Jessopp, a widely known writer of the time, in a book he called 'Arcady,' laments the decline of the old English sport of ringing. He did not stop to inquire the reasons. If he had done so he could have found one, and a quite sufficient one, in the tower of his own church at Scarning—the bells shamefully neglected and totally unringable. And all round there were towers with the bells in similar condition, at once the cause and the result of the bad times that ringing was going through.

The period we are talking about has always seemed to me to be the very worst in the history of English bell founding and hanging. In bell hanging no improvements had been made for many years. Bell frames and fittings were the same as had been used for two centuries, the only difference was that the work was worse done. And there are few rings cast in this period which are of any great merit. There are, of course, exceptions like Southgate (1874), but there are none to compare with the fine rings of the eighteenth century by Rudhall and the Whitechapel Foundry, nor with those in the early nineteenth century by Osborn, Dobson and others, nor with the many excellent modern peals. The most ambitious rings cast in this period were those at St. Paul's Cathedral and at Worcester Cathedral. Both show the influence of Lord Grimthorpe, and neither is a good peal. The Worcester bells especially are poor and very hard in tone.

If it were possible to arrive at the number of change ringers in England in the year, say, 1870, I think we should find that it was actually less than a hundred years previous. There were, of course, many good bands, but method ringing outside one or two of the simpler standard methods had declined. In London, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal were practically all that were practised. In the East, Oxford Treble Bob and nothing but Treble Bob. In Yorkshire, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples. Elsewhere Grandsire Triples. Birmingham had a good band, and rang peals in some methods off the beaten track, such as Stedman Royal in 1876. But nowhere will you find bands anxious to push on and do something fresh in method ringing like the College Youths in Annable's time, or the old Norwich Scholars, or the Cumberlands when Shipway was ringing with them, or many other bands of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The Woolwich band, when the Bannisters were ringing there, and the Bennington band, with their three peals of Surprise—Superlative in 1855, London in 1870, and Cambridge in 1873—were almost the only companies that practised any of the higher methods. Between 1851 and 1876 no peal of

Double Norwich Major was rung. Then a solitary peal in 1876, and another in the following year; and it was not till 1882 that peals in the method began to be fairly regularly rung.

During this period there were several eminent names associated with the theoretic side of ringing. Henry Johnson and Thomas Day, in Birmingham; James and Tom Lockwood, in Leeds; William Harrison, of Mottam; John Thorpe, of Ashton; and others. Apart from Johnson, most of their work was in Treble Bob, and in that method they produced a number of fine peals. In many respects the standards of composition were deplorably low. Many men got reputations as composers by the simplest and most obvious variations of other people's work. Two of the worst offenders in this respect were Jeremiah Miller, who was supposed to have composed the three Surprise peals rung at Bennington; and William Sottanstell, whose book is packed with simple variations of older peals. To be fair, it must be added that Sottanstell did compose a good many good and original peals. And there is no reason to think that he was consciously dishonest in his variations. The truth was that the general standard was low.

Now, I have painted a very depressing picture, but there are quite enough men still living whose memories go back to at least the last years of this period, and who can testify that it is a true one. It will be interesting next to see how the Exercise got into this state, and then the various steps it took once more in the direction of growth and development.

(To be continued.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION'S VISIT TO AN INTERESTING CHURCH.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held on Saturday, September 18th, at Great Yeldham. This church possesses a very fine tower, dating from the end of the 15th century, and there are also many other interesting features, parts of the building dating back to 1350. The churchyard, neatly kept, with its fine trees and wealth of flowers, could not fail to impress the visitors on this lovely sunny day.

The bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening, are a nice little light ring of six, the 'go' of which is everything to be desired. The usual service was held in the church, when the Rector gave a short address, laying great stress upon the beauty of their form of service, and giving them a very hearty welcome to the parish.

Afterwards, the ringers sat down in the village school to a tea which had been provided by the Church Council, the Rector occupying the chair. There were 23 present, representing the following parishes: Earls Colne, Great Yeldham, Rayne, Great Henny, Sible Hedingham, Feering, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Stobbing, Braintree, Wethersfield, Black Notley.

At the business meeting, the chair was occupied by the District Master, Mr. F. Claydon, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. W. Keeble, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, and the district secretary. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Halstead, subject to the consent of the authorities.

Mr. C. H. Howard moved a resolution thanking the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, also the organist for his services, and the Church Council and all those who had assisted in providing the tea.—To this the Vicar responded, saying it had been a pleasure to him to have the meeting at Great Yeldham.

After the tea, the Rector invited the company to walk round the Rectory garden, and also took them over the house—a fine old timber-built structure, part of it dating from the year 1500, and it goes without saying that this was greatly appreciated by all present.

During the day touches were rung in various methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, September 15th, the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. H. Holt, a former highly respected Vicar of the parish and later of Hornchurch, Essex. Touches were rung in the following methods: Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and London Surprise Minor.

The bells were also rung half-muffled on Sunday, September 19th. For matins, 360 Bob Minor; for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Wilfred Park 1, E. Brown 2, W. Oliver 3, W. N. Park 4, R. Park 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble, and the first 720 inside by the ringer of the 2nd.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, September 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 1,080 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupton 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This was the longest length in any method for the ringer of the treble, and the first 1,080 of London by all the band, except the conductor.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, September 26th, 720 London Surprise: G. Wiffen 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Burgess 5, A. Saunders 6. First London on the bells; also 360 Cambridge.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Illtyd's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,316 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, F. Rowsell 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Head 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, R. C. Clark 5, P. T. Spencer Phillips (first quarter-peal on the bells) 6, J. Wood 7, P. Timson 8, L. J. Clark 9, G. Cooper 10.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. John's Church, for evensong, in 48 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bundy 1, W. H. Bennett 2, H. Mitchell 3, E. C. Chandler 4, S. Rawden 5, F. Frampton 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th, and was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. The ringer of the 7th is from London.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday evening, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: W. Henniker 1, J. Edwards 2, G. Youngs (Boughton Aluph) 3, W. Good 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Calbreay 6. This is the first quarter since the bells were rehung by Mr. A. Bowell.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: T. Samuel 1, M. Bend 2, C. H. Jallands 3, J. R. Jackson 4, S. Proctor (conductor) 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward 7, R. Jackson 8.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,272 changes) in 52 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, T. G. Deal 2, R. Bullen 3, E. A. Holl 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5, and first quarter-peal of Treble Bob known to have been rung on the bells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

A meeting was held at East Coker, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: East Coker, Yeovil, Martock and West Pennard.

A short service in the Parish Church was conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock). He also presided at the tea and meeting which followed in the Scouts' Hall. There were also present: The Rev. Maurice R. Bailey, Vicar of East Coker, and the Master of the association, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard.

One new member was elected, and South Petherton was chosen for the next meeting.

On the motion of the president, a hearty welcome was accorded the Master, who in reply thanked the members, and said that during his term of office it would be his endeavour to know and to be known to as many members of the association as possible.

The president also thanked the Vicar for his welcome and the excellent arrangements. Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman were the methods rung.

BISHOP RYDERS' RINGERS.

Eight ringers from Bishop Ryders' Church, Birmingham, under the leadership of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. George) visited Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, September 18th. On arrival the ringers adjourned at once to the tower, where the young band did some good ringing. Afterwards, the party made way to 'Dei Gratia,' the home of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Redfern. Here a good spread had been prepared, and after some well-struck Stedman on handbells, the visitors sat down on the lawn and attended to their physical wants in great spirits.

The band were honoured at tea with the company of Councillor R. R. Gelling and Mrs. Gelling, the donors of Bishop Ryders' bells, Rev. Canon G. E. Badger and Mrs. Badger, of Bishop Ryders', Rev. R. J. J. B. Colthurst, the Vicar of Hampton-in-Arden, and Mrs. Colthurst.

After tea, the ringers attended evensong, and the bells were then again rung until time to depart home. Thanks are tendered to all who helped to make the outing a great success, particularly the host and hostess for their abundant tea, to whom the party are very grateful. Thanks are also offered to the Rev. R. C. J. B. Colthurst for the use of the bells, and to the two local ringers for having everything in readiness. Splendid weather favoured this annual outing, and everyone returned home after a very happy day.

J. G.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know?—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in King Street Schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Short service at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. All outstanding subscriptions for year ending Sept. 30th should be paid at this meeting.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Bury Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsgate.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Canford and Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing: Canford 3 to 5. Tea at Gush's Restaurant, Wimborne, 5.15. Ringing at the Minster from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips, 36, Dean Park Road.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Sutton Courtney on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting at school room 4.30.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. It will greatly help the tea arrangements if those intending to be present will send a card to Mr. H. H. Smith, 44, High Street, Husborne Crawley. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch (ringing only) will be held at the Church of St. Michael, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 5th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room. Owing to difficulty in catering it is quite essential that those intending to be present at tea (1s. 10d. per head) advise Mr. W. Clifford, jun., 25, Enfield Street, Beeston, not later than Oct. 7th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant, Broad Street, at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 5th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Oct. 9th. The bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate (1s. per head). A service will be held in church. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, and a tablet recording peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major will be unveiled. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Oct. 6th?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 5th? All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ycalmpton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members. All requiring tea please notify secretary before the 7th.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Keovil on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Oct. 9th, when all ringers will be heartily welcomed. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please let me know how many for tea by the Tuesday (the 5th).—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Sunday School. Members directly affected by the strike to be free to tea. All members requiring tea must notify before Oct. 6th to Mr. Geo. Broadhead, Earnshaw Terrace, Darton, near Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of C. E. Keyser, Esq., at Parish Hall 5 p.m.—A. T. Claydon, Hon. Sec., Englefield, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fontmell Magna (6 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Will any ringers who wish to attend please let me know by October 5th.—Reginald E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week practice meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 7 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, will be at the Church House immediately after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. each. Please notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, Northcliffe Rd., Conisborough, by Thursday, Oct. 14th. Will members please note that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, as the end of the financial year is Sept. 30th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party and social will be held at Oldham Parish on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social in Evangelist School, Lord Street, Oldham. Tickets (gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d.) obtainable from local secretaries. Will

local secretaries please return all unsold tickets to Mr. V. Sykes, 8, Houghton Street, Longsight, Oldham, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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