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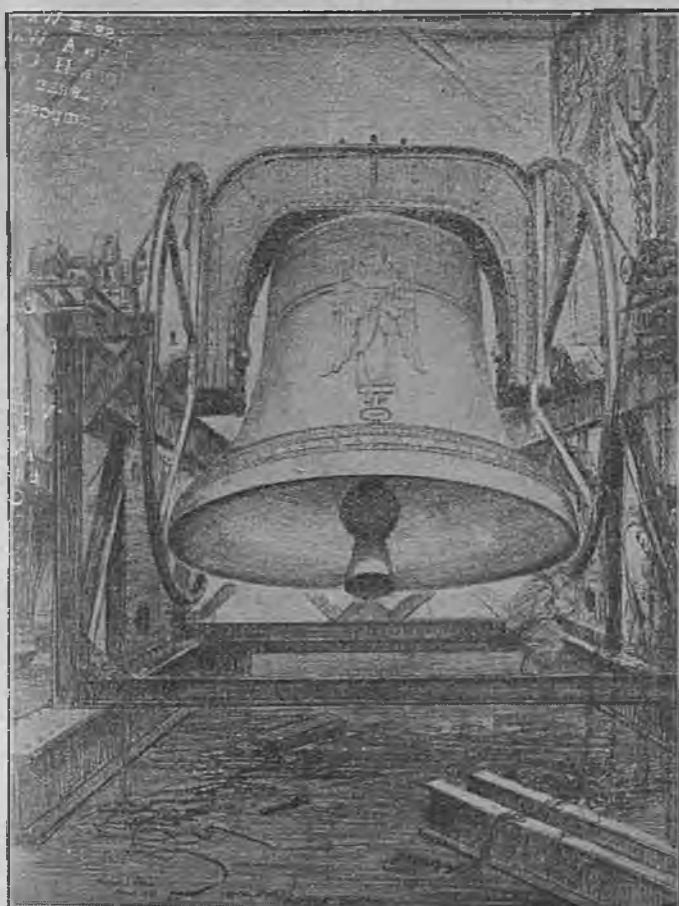
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### ANTIQUARIANS OR ENGINEERS?

From the after-dinner speeches at the College Youths' gathering on Saturday two points, of real importance to the Exercise at large, emerged. One was made by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who urged both that the Church should treat ringers and that the ringers should consider the Church more seriously; the other was pressed home by the ex-president of the Central Council when he emphasised that bell restoration work was a task for the bell engineer and not for the architect, as the Council for the Care of Churches would have church authorities to believe. Both speakers, from different angles, directed attention to the importance of bells being kept in the best possible order, and to the fact that the people who understand the mechanical principles involved and the requirements necessary for their use were the people who should be consulted both in the provision of new bells or the restoration of old ones—a thing which we have long and persistently endeavoured to bring home to all whom we could reach through this journal.

For far too great a time ringers, their art and their work have been, for the most part, at the mercy of ill-informed writers in the public press. Some, with a little knowledge, have wilfully distorted the facts, others out of sheer ignorance have just lampooned the ringers and all things connected with them. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn put the feelings of the Exercise into a nutshell when he said, 'We are no longer a people to be talked about in a funny way, and we resent it.' What we most strongly object to, however, is the action of writers who do ringers a deliberate injustice, and who entirely misrepresent both their aims and their competence, when the writers themselves approach the subject from a biased standpoint. The people who have been the greatest offenders in this matter, and who, unfortunately, have the ear of the majority of those responsible for church property, are simply antiquarians, who would have the rest of the world believe that the only thing that matters about bells and their fittings is their age and that ringers who wish to see this valuable church property kept in efficient condition, for the purposes for which it was installed, are by their very nature and desires pure vandals.

Both the public press and the church authorities are, at the moment, influenced by a propaganda which is entirely inimical to the interests of ringing. We have it on the authority of one of the foremost bell founders that the present influences that are at work are not only causing considerable difficulties where restorations are concerned, but, if allowed to go on unchecked, must inevitably, in time, prevent the carrying out of work

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essential for the effectual restoration of many rings of bells. The propaganda is being carefully disseminated throughout the Diocesan Advisory Committees; very few of which include, or consult an expert in bells and ringing who can represent the practical side of the question to them. The committees themselves have no technical knowledge, and the views which they hold or the influences which are brought to bear — often through diocesan architects — are almost entirely those of the antiquarian school. We hope sincerely that the references made at the College Youths' gathering will lead to definite action being taken at the next Central Council meeting to set up some countervailing influence among church authorities and advisory committees.

### TWELVE BELL RECORD PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Eleven Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 17,687 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*HARRY PHELPS ... .. Treble	TOM PRICE ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAIRS ... .. 8
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	ALFRED HANNIS ... .. 9
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4	GEORGE D. HARRIS ... .. 10
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5	JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Cinques.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At Christ Church,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6055 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD A. HERN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR TUGWOOD ... .. 6
JAMES L. GRAY ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 8
*DAVID VINCENT ... .. 4	ERNEST GOSDEN ... .. 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5	ROBERT SKROCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect on the burial of Mr. Clark E. Waugh, who has been a ringer for 49 years.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*MISS HELEN BILL ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
*MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... .. 2	*FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 3	*GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 8
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 4	*CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 9
BERTIE J. HOUCHIN ... .. 5	*JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal of Bob Royal.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. GROVE ... .. Treble	*S. F. HEAD ... .. 5
A. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	H. J. SHUCK ... .. 6
A. WYRE ... .. 3	J. H. BLOOMER ... .. 7
H. WYRE ... .. 4	*J. A. WYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLOOMER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Williams. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN COOK ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ERIC NICE ... .. 6
†GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. COOPER ... .. Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD ... .. 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 2	MAJOR CROOK ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 7
HAROLD WALMSLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Dickinson on his election as councillor for Hulton ward, county borough of Bolton. All the ringers belong to the local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOPP ... .. 5
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2	JACK SADDINGTON ... .. 6
DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 3	WM. SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4	HORACE F. E. STUBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

The first peal in the method, which is a combination of Guildford and Dublin Surprise, arranged by J. S. Goldsmith. Rung at the first attempt.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, October 28th, at the Parish Church, 720 Chester Surprise Minor: R. Sperring 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, J. Swindley 4, J. W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. First 720 of Chester Surprise by all the band.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART, No. 58.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in six equal parts.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ... .. Treble	EDWIN H. FOSTER ... .. 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 6
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 3	WILLIAM TONSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR LLEWELLYN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

WALTER HAMMOND ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. REASON ... .. 5
*BERNARD W. PETTITT ... .. 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 6
MISS ELSIE PETTITT ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First Surprise peal inside. First Surprise peal in the county and by the association in which father and daughter have taken part together. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the association, who kindly entertained the band to refreshments at the conclusion of the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Geo. H. Cross.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. Treble	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... .. 7
CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in method by all except 2nd and tenor ringers. First in method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Hobson, of Hull, and a '21st' compliment to Mr. F. Lord. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. W. Hobson for making all arrangements.

# HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

Ex-Driver JOHN HAYES, R.F.A. ... ..	... Treble
Ex-Pte. HARRY LEWIS, 5th Cheshire Regt. ... ..	... 2
Ex-Sapper MARTIN HARRIS, R.E. ... ..	... 3
Ex-Sapper WILLIAM CLARKE, R.E. ... ..	... 4
Ex-A.R.Q.M.S. WILLIAM SCOTCE, Cheshire Regt. ... ..	... 5
Ex-B.S.M. ARTHUR G. WATKIN, R.F.A. ... ..	... 6
Ex-Pte. PERCY SWINDLEY, M.G.C. ... ..	... 7
Ex-P.O. SAM JONES, Hood, R.N.D. ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by Ex. Lance-Corporal GABRIEL LINDOFF, R.E.

Conducted by Ex. P.O. SAM JONES, Hood, R.N.D.

Rung for the 12th anniversary of the Armistice. All are members of the Cathedral and Handbridge bands.

# CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES ... ..	... Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS ... ..	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... ..	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	3	CYRIL TANSELL ... ..	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..	4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining his majority. A daughter was born to the Vicar, Rev. J. R. Bamber and Mrs. Bamber, at the Vicarage, which is near the church, during the peal.

# LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JAMES HOWES ... ..	... Treble	†ERNEST BAILEY ... ..	5
JOHN C. DICKEN ... ..	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... ..	6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... ..	3	JAMES SPALDING ... ..	7
EDWIN R. GOATE ... ..	4	CHARLES E. LOVETT ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent with an 'inside' bell.

# BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ..	... Treble	JOHN BROWN ... ..	5
JOHN HADFIELD ... ..	2	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... ..	6
NORMAN KENYON ... ..	3	NORMAN BROWN ... ..	7
FRED HINDLE ... ..	4	JOHN SANDERSON ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung as a 21st birthday peal for Mr. J. Hadfield.

# GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*ALBERT BARTHELOMEW ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS LINCOLN ... ..	5
WILLIAM KREBLE ... ..	2	PERCY GREEN ... ..	6
*MISS DOLLY K. FRENCH ... ..	3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... ..	7
HERBERT DEVENISH ... ..	4	GEORGE GREEN ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells since recasting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association. The thanks of the band are hereby given to Mr. and Mrs. French (parents of the 3rd ringer), who entertained them to a very much appreciated tea at the conclusion of the peal.

# LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... ..	... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ..	5
GEORGE POPNELL ... ..	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	6
JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

# LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	5
WALTER PERKINS ... ..	2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... ..	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..	7
HARRY CHAMBERS ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First Surprise peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Irthlingborough, Northants.

# PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES BOWERS ... ..	... Treble	HAROLD DEAN ... ..	5
WILLIAM GAYES ... ..	2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... ..	6
ERNEST BENNETT ... ..	3	JOHN WORTH ... ..	7
JACK TIPPER ... ..	4	JACK WAUMSLEY ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.

First peal as conductor.

# CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR NEWELL ... ..	... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... ..	5
HARRY F. HOLIDAY ... ..	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... ..	6
ROBERT SPERRING ... ..	3	JAMES MORGAN ... ..	7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... ..	4	GEORGE R. JONES ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

# ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM STONE ... ..	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... ..	2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... ..	6
WILLIAM HOLIFIELD ... ..	3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..	7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... ..	4	LEONARD CLIFTON ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

# STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	5
*ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... ..	2	THOMAS E. SONE ... ..	6
ROBERT J. DAWE ... ..	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... ..	7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... ..	4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
ALBERT TAYLOR ... .. Treble HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... .. 5  
HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 2 HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. 6  
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 3 ALFRED FALLON ... .. 7  
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 4 JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ed. Hopewell, a much respected member of the above church. Also to Miss Sarah Greenfield, daughter of the fourth ringer.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

\*C. FREDERICK PUDNEY ... Treble FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5  
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2 †CECIL SAYWARD ... .. 6  
†JOHN TURNER ... .. 3 ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7  
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4 \*ERNEST BOWEILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

\*JOHN PARSONS ... .. Treble PERCY PAGE ... .. 5  
ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 2 HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... 6  
HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 3 EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. 7  
WILLIAM FRIGHT ... .. 4 WILLIAM BIDDELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss G. Page.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Treble HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. 5  
SAMUEL HARRISON ... .. 2 \*HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... .. 6  
GEORGE CLARKE ... .. 3 ARNOLD HILL ... .. 7  
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 4 PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble †THEODORE GRANT ... .. 5  
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 2 WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... .. 6  
\*NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3 GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 7  
†RICHARD J. COUSINS ... .. †JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* 1500th peal. † First peal of Surprise. † 400th peal and 100th as conductor for the association. The band wish to associate with this peal the name of Mr. H. W. Brown, who, through illness, was compelled to stand out.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Tuesday evening, October 21st, 720 London Surprise Minor in 29 mins.: F. Canter 1, E. Jefferies 2, F. Simmonds 3, H. Phelps 4, H. Barratt 5, F. Ponting (conductor) 6. First by all except 5th ringer. All belong to local band.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

P. ALMOND ... .. Treble E. DURRANT ... .. 4  
J. BOWELL ... .. 2 G. A. ANDREWS ... .. 5  
W. J. NEVARD ... .. 3 C. A. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS ... .. Treble SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4  
\*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2 FRED HAWKES ... .. 5  
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3 CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

\* 300th peal. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Lord Bishop of Worcester, whose ashes were interred in the Cathedral on this day.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

\*JOSHUA PARTRIDGE ... Treble SIDNEY FOSKETT ... .. 4  
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2 PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5  
PERCY C. BONNETT ... .. 3 AMOS SMART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

\* First peal of Minor. Mr. P. C. Bonnett was elected a non-resident life member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK ... .. Treble CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4  
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2 ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 5  
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 3 GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. BAILESS ... Treble FRANK BAILESS ... .. 4  
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2 M. EDWARD WATSON ... .. 5  
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3 TOM ATKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM ATKINS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Saturday, November 8th, at the Parish Church, 2,520 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 29 mins. as a birthday compliment to P. Nuttall: F. Morris 1, E. Webster 2, W. Newman (longest length) 3, J. Yates 4, G. Pincott 5, P. Nuttall 6, J. Nuttall (conductor) 7, J. Leather 8.

## HINXWORTH, HERTS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, and 720 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CLIFFORD F. PAGE ... .. Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4
STANLEY S. WALLIS ... .. 2	THOMAS BARTRAM ... .. 5
FRANK C. TYSON ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

## GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... .. Treble	ALFRED PERRY ... .. 4
WALTER SMITH ... .. 2	FRANK HARRINGTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

## NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 4
H. JIM RALPH ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM C. SHUTE.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Edward J. Rowe, of Stourton, Wilts, on the occasion of his wedding to Miss Annie A. Broome, which took place on November 6th, 1930.

## MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

* WILLIAM H. HILLIER ... .. Treble	* BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... .. 4
* WILLIAM E. FARMER ... .. 2	EDWARD LESLIE BOX ... .. 5
ROBERT W. HYNER ... .. 3	* ARTHUR YOCKNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, LINCOLN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JACK DIXON ... .. Treble	HARRY CARTER ... .. 4
* HERBERT PEARSON ... .. 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 5
MOSES BILLINGS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At 59, GEORGE ELIOT ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5078 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	* WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 7-8
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

## SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR.

The first peal in this method was rung by the Cathedral Society at Guildford on Wednesday of last week. It is a combination of Guildford Surprise and Dublin Surprise, the former being rung below the treble and the latter above it. The method will go to any peal of Guildford Surprise, and it received its name from the fact that Guildford is in Surrey.

## THE METHOD.

## 5,024 BY G. LINDOFF.

12345678	23456	M.	W.	H.
12345678	36452	1		2
21435687	62453	1		2
12345678	56234	2	2	2
21435687	65432	2		2
42316587	34562	1 B		2
24135678	42563	1		2
42315768	23564	1		2
	32465	2		2
24351786	64235		2	2
42537168	62345		1	2
45231786	63425		1	2
54327168	35426	1		2
	24536		2	2
45372618	25316		1	2
43576281	23456		1	2
34567218				
43652781				

34562871  
43658217  
34685271  
36482517

63428157  
36241875  
32648157  
23461875

32410857  
23146587  
32415678  
23145687

21346578  
12435687  
21345678  
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## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART,

## PEAL No. 58.

231456	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13
416532 (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
354216 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
246853 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
512346 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
326415 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A 461523	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
512364	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
635412 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
452136 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
123654	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2A 231465	Omit the bracketed Single in each repeat.								
642531 (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
156342	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
362451 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
543162 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
215643	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B 362415	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
425163 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
614325 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
345216 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
123645 S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

2B 231456 Omit the bracketed Single in each repeat.

This peal is from the plan originally discovered by the author and described by him in the 'Bells News' of August 17th, 1907.

Rung at Measham, Leicestershire, November 5th, 1930, and conducted by M. Swinfield.

**THE FIRST RING OF BELLS IN JERSEY.****A TENOR OF NEARLY THREE TONS.**

The island of Jersey has now got its first ring of bells. Recently there was consecrated at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas a new bell, cast in a French foundry, weighing 2 tons 18 cwt., which forms the tenor of a peal of five. The ceremony took place on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the establishment in Jersey of the Society of Jesus, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and the Society of Helpers of the Holy Souls. A congregation numbering 1,400 attended the consecration, which was performed by Bishop Cenez, Vicar Apostolic of Basutoland, who acted for the Rt. Rev. Dr. Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, who was unable to cross to the Island. The bell bears a long inscription in Latin, the translation of which is as follows:—

"I Anne Marie Andree Ignatius, consecrated by the Illustrious, Well-loved and Very Reverend Lordship William Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, having for Godfathers the Illustrious and Very Reverend Lordship Augustin Dentenwell, Archbishop of Ptolemy, Superior-General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and the Reverend Father Grenier, Provincial of the Order; for Godmothers Mothers Lucie Marie and Clemente, Superior-Generals of the Order of the Holy Family of the Convent of St. André at Tournai.

"Commemorating the 50th year of the arrival in Jersey of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, and the Mothers of the Society of "Helpers of the Holy Souls."

"I call and will call the people for the purpose of giving praise to Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate."

"In praise of the great and good God and in honour of Mary Immaculate, the Oblate Fathers, the Jesuit Fathers and the Helpers of the Holy Souls, in recognition and remembrance of their Jubilee, have dedicated this bell to "the greatest glory of God."

The church has a tower of continental design.

**LADY CONDUCTORS OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. O. F. Winney, in happy mood, has my endorsement. So say all of us.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN JAGGAR.

Dear Sir,—I am delighted to see Mr. Winney give credit where credit is due. Will he not now propose the ladies he mentions as members of the College Youths?—Yours, etc.,

A. S. C. Y.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**TETTENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, November 9th, for the sung Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): A. Butler 1, T. E. Taylor 2, K. C. Taylor 3, J. W. Taylor 4, R. Pickering (conductor) 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Bennett 1, R. Pickering 2, A. Butler 3, B. Dalton (conductor) 4, H. J. Lockley 5, J. W. Taylor 6, K. C. Taylor 7, T. W. Bate 8.

**HATHEROP, GLOS.**—On Sunday afternoon, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. F. Cheales (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, B. Guy 3, J. Peyman 4, J. Smith 5, E. Cooper 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, November 9th, for evening service at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,311 Sledman Cinques: W. Pye 1, H. Belcher 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, \*W. J. Ellis 4, \*E. C. Turner 5, \*E. J. Butler 6, G. R. Pye 7, W. Williams 8, A. W. Coles 9, H. W. Clark 10, J. Bennett 11, R. Sanders 12. \* Longest touch on twelve bells.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday afternoon, at the Church of St. Botolph, for divine service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, F. J. Crapnell 2, F. Clarke 3, E. Simpson 4, C. Clarke (conductor) 5, S. E. Pipe (first 720) 6. Also 360 in the same method with Arthur Grey and C. W. Pipe taking part.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 51 mins.: G. W. Townsend 1, R. G. Townsend 2, E. J. Berry 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, R. W. Hyner 5, J. Hope (Fairford) 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, J. H. Shepherd 10.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—For the morning service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 12th, a 720 Kent Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, Wm. Bavin 3, C. Robinson 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Sunday, October 12th, at St. Giles' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Carter (South Stoke) 1, L. T. Osborne 2, W. Osborne 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, A. Jeffery 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Phillips 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by the ringer of 3rd and 6th.

**HOLBORN.**—On Sunday evening, October 5th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, Henry C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Choct 4, E. J. Brown 5, R. W. Green 6, E. C. Russell 7, C. H. Viter 8.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR  
PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

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

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

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

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

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who is Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was on Monday elected for a further period of six years as an alderman of the City of Birmingham, having already enjoyed that honour for the past 19 years. Ringers will join in congratulating the popular alderman, who will have their good wishes for continued health to discharge the duties devolving upon him.

Mr. William Story, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has just retired from his association with business on Quayside after 56 years' work. Last Friday he was honoured at a complimentary dinner, presided over by Sir Arthur W. Sutherland, supported by Sir Walter Runciman, Sir George Renwick and other business magnates. High testimony was paid to the services rendered in trading circles by Mr. Story, who was connected with the Bedlington Coal Co., Ltd., and he was presented with a snuff box, an album containing the names of 132 subscribers, and a cheque for 70 guineas.

The Vicar of Crowle, Worcestershire, and Mrs. Bamber have two children, a son and daughter. Both were born at the Vicarage while peals were being rung at Crowle Church, the son during a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 17th, 1928, and the daughter last Saturday while a peal of Bob Major was in progress.

On Sunday, November 9th, Mr. W. R. Hunt completed 53 years as a ringer at Rochester Cathedral, having first rung there on November 9th, 1877.

The bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, are to be reopened with a thanksgiving service on Saturday at 3.30 p.m., after which they will be open for the use of visiting ringers. Details will be found in our notice columns.

It is rumoured that, in view of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association that all members taking part in a peal shall pay 5d. each towards the cost of insertion in the association's peal book, such payments to be collected by the conductor, the Newcastle Cathedral Guild have decided to ring all future peals 'non-conducted'! Aberdeen beaten to a frazzle!

## POTTERNE'S OLD BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild meeting at Potterne, it is stated the inscription on the 2nd, or pre-Reformation bell, is 'unintelligible.' This is not the case, as it was deciphered by the late Rev. H. C. Evans, who was curate at Potterne in the late seventies of last century. He pointed out to the writer that it was usual at the time the bell was cast to omit certain letters from the inscription, probably every other one, and by inserting the missing letters the inscription, instead of being a jumble, can be easily read. The inscription was copied, reproduced in full in the original characters, and inserted at the bottom of the stained glass window at the west end, where anyone may see it who visits this beautiful church. The inscription is the first verse of the 42nd Psalm: 'Like as the hart,' etc. The date on the treble bell should be 1820, not as printed. —Yours faithfully,

AN OLD RINGER OF POTTERNE.

## GREAT ACHIEVEMENT AT PAINSWICK.

### TWELVE BELL RECORD BROKEN.

Members of the Painswick Youths on Saturday accomplished a great performance when they were successful in ringing in eleven hours and 36 minutes the longest peal on twelve bells, a 17,687 of Grandsire Cinques, which was composed and conducted by that enthusiastic master of the Society, Mr. Albert Wright, now approaching the veteran stage in years of service, but still imbued with that spirit of eternal youth which characterises ringers in the pursuit of their art. This great achievement is the outcome of persistent effort to bring back to the famous old Gloucestershire tower the record which was held there from 1920 until August of last year when the Ashton-under-Lyne peal displaced the Painswick 13,001.

Three attempts were made prior to Saturday's successful effort, in two of which the bells were brought round at a long length, but short of the record. There was great enthusiasm among the inhabitants at Painswick on Saturday at the success of the band, who, in addition to Mr. Wright, included five others who took part in the 13,001 ten years ago. They were Messrs. T. Baldwin, W. Ireland, W. Staite, A. Hannis and J. Ballinger. The most remarkable thing of all about the peal was the fact that the tenor (26½ cwt.) was rung by Mr. James George, who will be 77 years of age on the 27th of this month. Two of the previous attempts had had to be curtailed for the sake of the tenor ringer, but the extraordinary stamina and fitness of Mr. George enabled him to see the job through in a really wonderful fashion. It is no idle flattery to say that Mr. George has done something which comparatively few men of any age could accomplish; to do it when practically 77 years old is a feat absolutely unparalleled, and ringers will lift their hats to this veteran youth upon his achievement.

The bells went off into changes at 8.10 a.m., and settled down to a pace of about 25 changes to the minute, which was maintained consistently throughout the peal. The welcome call, 'This is all,' came at 7.46 p.m., and a mighty cheer went up from a big crowd in the churchyard and the vicinity as the bells came round. The Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Goode) was the first to enter the tower and congratulate the band collectively and individually upon their fine performance. A former Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Veney, also joined in the congratulations, and then came a press of ringers who had gathered to hear the end of the peal, among them Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester. Others who came to congratulate the band were Lord and Lady Dickinson, of Painswick, and Sir Francis Hyatt.

Afterwards the band, who had, of course, been without any kind of food or drink throughout the day, partook of refreshments at the Golden Hart, where a gathering of ringers took place, and renewed congratulations were extended and acknowledged by Mr. Wright.

The official details of the performance will be found in our peal column, and the best thanks of the ringers are expressed to the two steeplekeepers, Mr. F. Cole and Mr. H. Birt, for all they did to secure that the bells went well throughout so long a trial. The performance is also a great testimonial to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the efficient work they put in on the bells when they relunged them in 1909, for, despite a great amount of ringing on them since, they continue to 'go' admirably.

Many big performances have been accomplished at Painswick, and next week we hope to be able to give some particulars of them.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS IN HISTORY.

### 'A SILLY FICTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it not time that the silly fiction was dropped that the A.S.C.Y. is the leading ringing society? In the time of Benjamin Annable the College Youths were the leading ringers in London, and, I suppose, except for the Norwich Scholars, the leading ringers in England. But Annable died in 1756, and since then they have been living on his merits. In no one thing—neither in method ringing, nor composition, nor organisation, nor belfry reform—have they led the Exercise. In all these things they have lagged woefully behind the best of the country bands. Nor, according to history, are they the oldest ringing society. The Society of College Youths was, indeed, founded in 1637, but after a long and honourable career it fell on evil times, and in 1788 a meeting was held and the whole thing was wound up and finished. The then Master of the Cumberland Society paid the outstanding debts on condition that the society's property was handed over to him. The present Ancient Society of College Youths is descended from one of the Junior Societies of College Youths which from time to time broke away from the parent body.

I was about to sign my name to the above, when I bethought me that I have one or two friends among the College Youths—big, hefty chaps—and prudence suggests that on the whole I had better remain

UNKNOWN.

## FITTLEWORTH BELLS.

### WHERE CANON SIMPSON EXPERIMENTED.

The bells of Fittleworth Church, Sussex, were reopened on Saturday, November 1st, after restoration. Fittleworth is of special interest to ringers, as it was here that Canon Simpson was Rector at the time he was investigating the harmonic principle of bell tuning, now associated with his name, and the bells bear the marks of his handiwork upon them.

Some time ago it was found necessary to have the frame restored, and, thanks to an anonymous donor, the completion of this work has been rendered possible. The wood frame is now resting on iron girders which are anchored to the walls of the tower—not only making the bells more staple, but also giving added strength to the structure.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have completed it to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The local band opened the ringing at 3 p.m. Mr. Matthews, of Fittleworth, and Mr. P. H. Doick, of Pulborough, arranged the attendance of visiting ringers, and the following towers were repre-



FITTLEWORTH CHURCH, SUSSEX.

sented: Billingshurst, Hoene, Kirdford and Pulborough, with Mr. Cyril T. Johnston representing the Croydon Foundry, and Mr. A. W. Grove, secretary of the Western Division, representing the Sussex County Association, to which Fittleworth is affiliated.

The Rector (the Rev. Lucey) kindly entertained all the visiting and local ringers, churchwardens and organist to tea at the Village Hall. The Rector thanked the visiting ringers, and hoped they would often come now that the bells were going again.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the local band, expressed their appreciation, and hoped they would in the near future treat them to a peal.

Mr. A. Greenfield, Pulborough, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality, and this, needless to say, was unanimously carried.

A service of thanksgiving was held at 5.30, conducted by the Rector, after which the bells were kept going in various methods until eight o'clock.

## EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL AT HANDBRIDGE.

This peal was arranged as the result of a chance remark at a poorly attended branch meeting at Tilston, Cheshire. The remark was that the members adrift were 'leadswingers,' a popular slang term used by the troops. When counting up the local ringers it was found that Handbridge and the Cathedral could muster a Treble Bob band of ex-Service men—otherwise professional 'lead-swingers.' With the help of Mr. G. Lindoff (formerly of the Royal Engineers) it was made possible to ring the ex-Service men's peal for the 12th anniversary of the Armistice. The striking of the peal was excellent throughout, and was a credit to 'the lads of the old brigade.'

# THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## CELEBRATION OF THE 293RD ANNIVERSARY.

Once again a gathering of considerably over 200 ringers assembled in London to celebrate the anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, when on Saturday the 293rd anniversary of the founding of the society was commemorated. Ringers were present from many parts of the country, attracted by the opportunity of meeting old friends and showing their respect to the venerable organisation, of which so many of them are proud to be members. There was ringing at various city churches during the afternoon, including St. Lawrence Jewry, where the bells have recently been restored after a silence of about 30 years, St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark. At five o'clock the ringers concentrated on St. Michael's, Peterborough, College Hill, which stands on the site of the church, destroyed in the Great Fire, from which they originally took their name. Here the annual service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Bullock Webster, who again extended a hearty welcome to the society.

### ETERNAL MIND BEHIND METHODS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who filled the gap at the last minute, preached from the words, 'So that I might finish my course with joy' (Acts xx. 24). Three words in the text, he said, were of outstanding interest and importance to Christian people, and particularly to Christian bellringers. The first was the word 'course.' With that word they were at once initiated into the mysteries of divine working; God worked in course. It was something that man really had no hand in. There was the course of the sun, the course of the waxing and the waning of the moon, the course of the seasons, the course of our mighty rivers, all working in the divine order. Man kept that order in his arrangement of things in this life, and they as church bellringers knew the primary importance of the word 'course.' It seemed to set them at once on a different footing altogether to those who had not yet been able to get beyond ringing call changes. Call changes were something man-made. They must not think that he despised those who rang call changes; he admired those who rang them well—he rang them himself for a good many years—but the difference between ringing call changes and a plain course of Grand-sire Doubles was just the difference between something that was entirely man's work and that which was God's. He thought they would agree with him that, when they were initiated into the science and art of change ringing, and when they really sat down to study it, they must be impressed with the symmetry of a course of a method and the way it worked out from the beginning to the end. They talked about people who invented methods, but they knew they did not invent methods—they discovered them. They were already there, and God had given some men the gift and power to discover them; they were there, coming from the mind of the Eternal for them to discover. In a course they had a tremendous foundation to help them in the ringing of a peal. The peal or touch was only an extended course, and it was only by making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the course that they were able to complete the peal. Next, said the preacher, there was the word 'finish.' To 'finish' struck the note of completeness; it did not mean just scrambling through; it meant maintaining a high standard to the end. The trouble with so many of them in the world to-day was that they were only too anxious to get to the end, and they did not really make a good finish. There was something wondrously, unsurpassingly grand in the one Greek word which our Lord uttered on the cross, and which meant in English, 'It is finished.' It was perhaps the grandest word ever spoken. It was not something just coming to an end; it was something which had been grandly carried through to a perfect finish. Then they came to the third word, 'joy.' To finish in joy meant to finish in truth; it struck the difference between just ending and finishing, and he supposed there was no joy like that which came from much endeavour, begun again and again, and at last coming to a real finish. He thought, perhaps, in their practising it would be very much better if, instead of smashing through, they stopped again and even again and started afresh, because it put the right test upon human temperament. It was a great thing to be able to say, 'That is not good enough, we will stop and start again.' These, said the preacher, were the thoughts which he got himself from the text, and he ventured to hand them on to his hearers as bellringers. He wanted them, as men who were trying to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in this life, to realise that the course which St. Paul was speaking of was the course of this life, and the course of this life was the plain course; it was the course in which they had to do their best in order to carry through to a finish the course which God had planned for them hereafter; it was a course in which they made many mistakes, and in which they had often to seek forgiveness. It was a great thing to be able to say, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' If they could say this, there was laid up for them the crown of life, which they might call the perfect peal, which awaited them in the life of the world to come.

In the place of the concluding voluntary, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells.

### A REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY.

The dinner was served at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, a company of 230 sitting down to a satisfying repast. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. Charles J. Choofet), who was supported at the head of the table by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Mr. Edwin H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. Mathieson, Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. Stafford H. Green, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Dr. L. Joyce (Reading), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. Skinner (Dean's verger of St. Paul's), Rev. C. C. Crawley, Mr. F. W. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths). The officers of the society present were Mr. J. Bullock (past Master) in the vice-chair, Messrs. C. W. Pipe and C. W. Roberts (stewards), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees). The only lady present was Mrs. Wilkins, of Bristol. The company also included Messrs. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Cumberland Youths), F. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), C. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), and there were visitors from as far away as Sheffield, Leicester, Bristol, Bath, Glamorgan, Loughborough, Bridport, Oxford, Cambridge, as well as from all the counties round London. Among the old members of the society were Mr. E. Wallage, who has completed sixty years as a 'Youth,' and Mr. J. Rowbotham, T. Benny, W. D. Smith, and, most remarkable of all, four ringers from one tower, St. Mary's, Walthamstow—Messrs. W. B. Manning, George Grimwade (aged 84), R. Maynard, sen., and J. H. Wilkins, who have completed fifty years of membership. They were given a specially hearty reception when they 'took wine' with the Master in the course of the meal.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the Master proposed 'The Church.' He said it behoved them as ringers and members of the Church to do their best to maintain Sunday service ringing (hear, hear). Sometimes it entailed a little sacrifice to attend regularly, but they should do it if they could. Sunday service ringing, he said, should be as good as possible, which meant that they must pay attention to the striking. The primary use of bells, as they all knew, was to call people to divine worship, and what the outside public noticed most was the striking of the bells. They did not know or care what was rung, and it was better to ring call changes or plain methods well than to ring Surprise methods badly (hear, hear). He would say, 'Do not turn divine service ringing into a practice, and remember that you are ringing for the honour and glory of God' (hear, hear). The Church, like the State and other institutions, was passing through troublous times, with dissensions within and controversies without; they could only pray that she might have a happy issue out of her difficulties (hear, hear). They had with them that night eminent preachers and members of the Church: some were ringers, and some were not, but they all took an interest in their bells and their ringers, and they were indebted to them for the use of the bells for practice and for an occasional peal (hear, hear).

### CHURCH SHOULD TREAT RINGERS MORE SERIOUSLY.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, whose name was coupled with the toast, said the Master had given them some very good advice and expressed some very sound sentiments. In drinking that toast, he said, they were not drinking particularly to the clergy, but to the whole Church, of which they, as ringers, were a part. It did, however, occur to him that it might be well to have a toast to the clergy, for they seemed to be getting into a very poor way (laughter). They had had to come to a humble person like himself to fill a pulpit in the City of London. It was the third time in the last month that he had had to step into a breach, because it had been impossible for someone else to preach to ringers, or someone had been frightened at the last moment, or some other reason. He hoped that clergy were not getting frightened of the ringers, and that the ringers were doing nothing to make them so (laughter). They might well drink to the toast of the clergy, therefore, and hope that at that time next year they would have better health, and that one of the London clergy would be able to preach at their service. Proceeding, the speaker asked them all to remember that when they were talking of the Church they were talking about something divine, a divine institution for all the sons of men, but they thought that night more particularly of the relation of that institution to themselves as church bellringers, and of themselves to that institution, and the point he wanted to make was that both the Church should treat the ringers and the ringers should consider the Church more seriously. Some of them no doubt read what was written about church bellringers in the Empire number of 'The Times' in May, and there were some of

them, anyhow, who felt that they were not treated in quite that dignified way that they ought to have been (hear, hear). They were no longer a people to be talked about in a funny way, and they resented it (applause). They were Church officers, and they felt that they wanted to offer themselves in the best way they could to do their work in the Church. They wanted their actual ringing to be the best they could give, and, if they could ring Surprise well, then he felt it an honour to be able to do so instead of ringing a plain method, although he fully agreed with the Master in what he said about the first stage. Further, they felt that the bells, which were the property of the Church, should be kept up in the very best manner possible, and that was what he meant by the Church and the ringers treating the whole question seriously (applause).

#### THE PERFECT TOWER.

Canon Coleridge, as for many years past, proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said Mr. Jeukyn had called their attention to what was written in 'The Times' Empire number about bells and ringers. Since then there had issued from the Church Assembly a report on the preservation of ancient churches. There was an enormous amount in that report which was simply magnificent. It dealt with all sorts of subjects, and when it referred to organs it gave most excellent advice. It recognised at once that the modern mechanism of organs was infinitely to be preferred to ancient mechanism, and then it went on to refer to bells. If only it had said that modern mechanism in the belfry was to be preferred to the old mechanism, the writers of the report would have done a very good work (hear, hear). Instead of that they laid it down that nothing whatever must be done except under the advice of a competent architect. Was there such a man existing in relation to bells? He doubted it. Their old friend, Mr. Phillott, was one, but he was gone. The hanging of bells was an engineering job, and it would not do, as the report recommended, to splice up an old wood frame when it decayed, and to put in nothing new except where it was absolutely necessary to keep the shape of the frame as it was before. A great many church authorities made a great mistake in going straight to an architect when they wanted their bells restored. Canon Coleridge went on to say that some little time ago an architect applied to him for some information as to what was necessary in a bell tower which he was called upon to erect. He went to considerable trouble to inform him, and sent him about twelve pages of typewritten foolscap as to how he ought to build his tower. Among other things he told him to make a stairway wide enough for the fattest man he ever knew to get up in comfort, and high enough the tallest man he ever thought of to get up without bumping his head if he stood upright (laughter). He told him about the lighting and the ventilation, and he told him to put the sound openings right in the top of the tower, and many other things. Some little time after, he received a letter from the architect telling him that he (Canon Coleridge) had made one mistake, and that he proposed to put narrow windows where the bells were for the sake of light. He (the Canon) had replied that it was quite unnecessary if he had provided, as he had been told he should do, electric light in the bell chamber. He did not know what the architect had done, as he had not seen the tower since it was completed, but he believed, if the whole of the suggestions he made had been embodied in the design, it would have been the best tower in England from the ringers' point of view (hear, hear). Such a tower, however, had never yet been seen, and he doubted if it ever would (laughter). Canon Coleridge added later that he was told that, after all, the slits had been put in the walls of the bell chamber, and so his perfect tower had yet to be built (laughter).

#### THE COCKERILL AND HIS HEALTHY BROOD.

Proceeding, Canon Coleridge said: 'I have talked to you about this report. There is another report that comes to us every week in the pages of "The Ringing World" (hear, hear). Every true ringer ought to read that publication. If he does he sees many things in it which he rejoices at; he reads of the doings of others, and hopes some day to be able to do the same; he reads of those delightful tours in which peals to the number of ten or twelve a week are rung—a wonderful example of pertinacity, especially when rung, as they often are, in difficult methods. I thought,' proceeded Canon Coleridge, 'that I would have a little turn myself this year, after two years on the shelf. I was very kindly allowed to join a party in the West of England. From a peal-ringing point of view it was not successful—I do not think it could be attributed to the cider (laughter)—we were unlucky, but we had a very enjoyable time. These tours do a tremendous lot of good in exciting interest wherever we go. Then there has been that short tour to Devonshire, in the course of which the first peal was rung at Buckfast Abbey, an uncommonly difficult job—one of the most difficult that has ever been done, I think, because you have to ring in a little gallery, and you look down over the parapet to the ground about fifty feet below, something like Merton College, Oxford. I am quite sure we shall congratulate any band who succeeds in ringing a peal there' (hear, hear). Continuing, Canon Coleridge quoted, from a recent issue of 'Punch,' a parody on 'The Bells of St. Clement's,' relating to the extermination of pigeons in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's Cathedral. The authorities, he said, could do what they liked with the pigeons, but, he added, 'there is one they will not exterminate, and that is' (Continued at foot of next column.)

#### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

##### VISIT TO 'GEORGE ELIOT'S' BIRTHPLACE.

Chilvers Coton, where the last quarterly meeting was held, is closely associated with Mary Ann Evans, the famous novelist, who wrote under the nom de plume of 'George Eliot.' She was born and lived the first twenty-one years of her life in the parish, and in many of her books are descriptions of places in the locality. Chilvers Coton Church was called 'Shepperton' in 'Scenes from Clerical Life,' and the church is aptly described by her, although certain internal alterations have been undertaken since her time. She describes the 'little flight of steps, with their wooden rail, running up the outer wall and leading to the school children's gallery.' This is one of the 'dear old quaintnesses.' 'The substantial stone tower looks at you through its intelligent eye, the clock.'

The bells in the tower of her time were three—two dated 1616 and the other 1639. In 1907 these were recast and formed numbers 4, 5 and 6 of a new ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., with the tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

1. Glory to God in the highest.
2. On earth peace, goodwill toward men.
3. Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints. (Scholars Bell.)
- 4.—Colorem Chrste patiat tibi Rex sonus iste, 1616. Recast 1907. (Let this sound be pleasing to Thee, O Christ, King of Heaven)
- 5.—I. H. S. Nazarenus Rex Judæorum fili Dei misere mei, 1639. Recast 1907. (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, be merciful to me.)
- 6.—God save the King, 1616. Recast 1907.
- 7.—Ring out the false, ring in the true.
- 8.—Ring out the darkness of the land.

Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The date on the old bell frame, 'Anno 1601 T.C.T.C.', has been cut out and mounted.

This splendid peal of eight bells was set going at 3.10 p.m., and various methods were rung until 4.30, when a halt was called. A service was then held in the church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), who gave an inspiring address. The Guild's form was used, and the hymns, 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds,' and 'Ye servants of the Lord,' were sung, Mr. Norman Dodds officiating at the organ.

The tea which followed was served in the Coventry Road School. The Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to those present.

Apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. L. White, Vicar of Nuneaton), Rev. J. H. Dingley (Vicar of Bulkington), and Mr. F. W. Perrons (one of the Central Council representatives). It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rugby, and the November meeting at Shilton. The December meeting was dispensed with owing to its proximity to Christmas.

Two new members were elected, and the election of two others who were made non-resident members prior to a peal was ratified.

Mr. H. Argyle proposed that Mr. A. Wilkerson, a former secretary, who is leaving the district for Weston-super-Mare, be made an hon. life member for his services to the Guild.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies who had provided the tea. The Vicar suitably responded.

After some handbell ringing, a return was made to the belfry, where ringing was resumed. Thirty-five members and friends attended the meeting, and the following towers were represented: Allesley, Arley, Bulkington, Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Erdington, Higham, Husbands Bosworth, King's Norton, Leamington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke, Warwick and Uttoxeter, and the local band. The methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Forward Major, Duffield Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Shortly before nine o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, and so ended what all considered a most enjoyable meeting. D. E. L.

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our old Cockerill' (loud laughter and applause). They would not exterminate him, and they would not exterminate the healthy brood which he had nurtured and brought up (applause). He had acted the part of father as well as mother to that society as they had known it now for many years. Thoughtful men in the society were looking to the future with anxiety to know who would succeed their old friend, Mr. Cockerill, but he felt inclined to tell them not to trouble; there were plenty of beans in the old chap yet (laughter and loud applause). He trusted he would go on for many years, and that the members of the society, whether in that city or scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land would uphold the dignity of the old society of which that day they were keeping the 293rd anniversary. He was glad to see present a member with 60 years' membership to his credit, and several with over fifty years, and he trusted the society would grow and flourish and abound until time should be no more (loud applause).

The health of Mr. Cockerill was drunk with musical honours amid great enthusiasm. Afterwards, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells.

(To be continued.)

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****THE PRESIDENCY.**

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was recently held at Fressingfield, and was attended by about twenty members from the towers of Ipswich, Ufford, Debenham, Wilby, Laxfield and Bungay, the local band also turning out at full strength. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, the methods rung including Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples. Tea was provided at the Fox and Goose Hotel through the generosity of the Rector (Rev. Canon Goldsmith), who presided at the business meeting which followed.

A vote of condolence with Mr. E. F. Poppy upon the death of his wife was passed, the secretary being instructed to convey to him the expression of the members' sympathy.

It was deemed necessary to find a new secretary for the Fressingfield District, and Mr. Thos. Moyes, of Wilby, was elected to fill that position.

The presidency of the Guild having been rendered vacant by the departure of Archdeacon Farmiloe, to take up duties abroad, it was resolved to ask Canon Goldsmith to act in that capacity, pending the appointment of a new Archdeacon for the Sudbury Archdeaconry, and after some persuasion the Canon consented to this arrangement.

He invited the Guild to hold a special meeting at Fressingfield some time next summer, intimating that he should like it to take the form of a garden party interspersed with ringing, games of bowls and tea on the lawn.

Needless to say, everyone agreed with the idea, and thanked the Canon in anticipation.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Eye in November.

A quarterly meeting was held at Eye on Saturday, November 8th. Ringing began shortly after three o'clock, and continued until 4.45, when the members adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for tea, about twenty sitting down, including the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Vincent), who, however, had to leave early to take a service. Mr. Rumsey was voted to the chair for the business meeting, which followed.

Arising out of the minutes, the General Secretary stated that a new Archdeacon of Sudbury had been appointed, and while it appeared to be the general wish that Canon Goldsmith should continue as president of the Guild, it was only fitting that the Bishop of the diocese should be consulted on the matter.

It was resolved that the general secretary approach the Bishop in this connection.

Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Stutton and Holbrook during December, to be followed by one at Halesworth as soon as convenient in the new year. Due notice of this will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The members afterwards repaired to the tower for further ringing, the methods ranging from Bob Major to London Surprise, thus enabling almost all to practise or attempt something to help them a little further forward in the art.

**ECHO OF THE SOHAM CANCELLED MEETING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Herts Association, held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 25th, I was asked to explain, to satisfy a friend—and I hope still to remain friends—the actual reason of cancellation of the Ely meeting at Soham. Here is an actual extract from the letter I received from the Vicar of Soham: 'I am glad to give permission for the use of the bells provided that one of the officials of your company is present during the ringing, and the society will undertake to make good any damage that may be done by the use of the bells. I must ask you to assure me on this point before making final arrangements.' As explained in a previous letter, and in my interview with the general secretary and some of the committee, I trust this may make a happy ending to somewhat of a misunderstanding.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

**CHURCHWARDEN FOR 65 YEARS.**

At Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, November 8th, a fully-muffled 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the bells of the Parish Church at the funeral of the late W. H. P. Hadland, for the last 65 years churchwarden of the parish: H. Auslin 1, F. Neale 2, M. Turner 3, H. Gregory 4, F. Sharp (conductor) 5, M. H. Tuffrey 6. First 720 by ringers of the treble and tenor. Mr. Hadland is reputed to have held office as churchwarden longer than any on record.

**HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.**—On Tuesday, November 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Chad, 720 Chester Surprise Minor: W. Thomas 1, J. W. Clarke 2, R. Sperring 3, J. Swindley 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. First 720 of Chester Surprise in North Wales. Also 720 Chester Surprise Minor: H. W. Wilde 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, J. Swindley 4, R. Sperring 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, November 1st, and, despite inclement weather, was well attended, members being present from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Eltham, St. John's, Deptford, St. John's, Erith, Christ Church, Erith, Gravesend, Greenwich, Woolwich, and the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and the bells were in constant use during the afternoon and evening, in all the standard methods, with some rounds for the beginners.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. Marsh (curate), who also gave a very interesting address. He extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Preston), who was unavoidably absent, being at that very moment at Southwark Cathedral for his induction into a canonry.

After the service, the members visited the Institute Hall, to partake of high tea, generously provided by the Vicar. The curate and the churchwarden (Mr. J. A. Robertson) occupied the head of the table, some sixty ringers enjoying the good things provided. Afterwards, the Rev. A. Marsh having to leave to attend to other duties, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for officiating at the service, for his address, and for his presence at the table.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. A. Robertson presiding, the secretary read a report of the past year's work, and this was adopted.

Four ringers were elected members of the association, and the election of two members previous to peals was confirmed.

Mr. A. G. Hill (hon. secretary), and Messrs. E. Barnett, jun., and W. Smith, the retiring representatives on the association committee, were re-elected, no other nominations being made.

Mr. L. Emery extended an invitation to the members to hold their next meeting at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on Saturday, January 24th. This invitation, which was made on behalf of the Vicar of Bromley, was gratefully accepted. Mr. Emery also stated that the reopening of Bromley bells after retuning, etc., would be on Saturday, November 15th, and the bells would be available for ringing in the afternoon, and after the service till 7 p.m., provided that the founders had completed their work by that date. This was nearly, but not quite, certain to be the case, and all ringers would be welcome.

Mr. F. W. Thornton referred to the institution, that day, of the Rev. A. L. Preston, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham, as a Canon Residentiary of Southwark Cathedral, and of the Rev. E. Pickering, Rector of Woolwich, as an honorary Canon. Both these gentlemen, he said, were good friends of ringers and ringing, both as to their own hands and to the association, and he (Mr. Thornton) suggested that three cheers should be given to signify the members' congratulations on this deserved and signal honour.—The company rose and cheered as only ringers can.

The chairman was proposed as an hon. member of the association, and was unanimously elected with applause. He replied with words such as ringers delight in, but seldom hear from sources outside those immediately connected with the Exercise.

A discussion followed concerning the proposed appointment of a Ringing Master for the District. It was agreed that such an officer was necessary, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., was appointed to the officer for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his generous hospitality; to the organist for his services; to the vergers and steeplekeeper for their excellent preparations; and to the ladies who had helped at tea.—This was carried with applause, and a similar vote of thanks to the chairman brought a successful meeting to a close. The tower then again became the centre of attraction for those able to stay a while longer.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****GRIMSBY DISTRICT.**

At a Grimsby District meeting held at Scunthorpe the following towers were represented: Elsham, Burton-on-Stather, Bigby, Brigg, Ulceby, Grimsby, St. Andrew's, Barton-on-Humber, and the local members, also friends from Lincoln. The beautiful peal of eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. Charles Steele (Vicar), who gave an interesting address. 'Tea was awaiting the members at Potts' Cafe, to which 17 members did justice. The president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) took the chair at the business meeting, when a proposal was made that at each district meeting a method should be chosen to be practised at the following meeting. It was pointed out that this would give members the opportunity to look it up in the meantime. After some discussion the matter was left over till the annual district meeting.

Mr. M. Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, to the organist and to the caterers, and to those who made the arrangements.—This was carried, and a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. Bray, to the president for presiding, concluded a very pleasant meeting.

## LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

## LECTURE ON BELLS BY MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 28th, in St. Martin's Church House, a bi-monthly meeting of the Leicestershire Archæological Society was held, followed by an interesting lantern lecture entitled 'Church bells and the founder's art, famous bells of the world, etc.' The chair was taken by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, and the lecture was delivered by Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman stated that his father, Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., was for many years a member of the society, and he himself had followed in his footsteps, although for business and other reasons he had not been present at many meetings. He had the greatest pleasure in introducing the lecturer, Mr. Ernest Morris, as a personal acquaintance, and one well known first and foremost as a ringer of exceptional ability, who had rung all sorts and conditions of bells, and many long and intricate peals. He was the general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and displayed a most remarkable enthusiasm in all things campanological. As an historian, he had written at an early age the history of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, and also had in MSS. a complete history for the revision of North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' which he trusted would some day be published. His crowning effort, however, was a volume now in the hands of the publishers, entitled, 'The history and art of change ringing.' This would be a monumental work of nearly 700 pages, profusely illustrated, and covering every side and phase of this intricate art.

Mr. Morris, in his brief opening remarks, stated that this lecture—owing to time limit—could not include an historic survey, but would be a practical demonstration of the subject. He then proceeded to show by lantern slides the various processes of bell founding, sand-blasting, tuning, frame erecting, hanging, etc., and followed with examples of ancient and modern founders' marks, decorations and inscriptions. 'Ringing the changes' at St. Paul's, London, bell 'mauling' at Seville, Spain, bell 'treading' at Notre Dame, Paris, bell 'thumping' in China, and tolling from trees in Africa were shown, as well as the great bell of Moscow and the several famous carillon towers at home and in Belgium.

The lecture was well received, and a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. G. F. Farnham, M.A., F.S.A., vice-president of the society, seconded by Major W. J. Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., who stated that all were gratified to know Mr. Morris had revised North's great work.

Mr. Morris, in reply, stated that he was sorry not to have been able to give them any historic data, but that could form a special paper on the subject if and when the committee would care to accept it from him.—This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. S. Russell (iron founder, of Leicester) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Denison Taylor for presiding, and in a brief speech gave an interesting outline of the history of metals. This was seconded by the Rev. Canon S. T. Winckley, M.A., F.S.A. (Master of Wyggeston Hospital), who, in passing, remarked that he knew Mr. Morris as a personal friend, whom they were proud to have on the Bishop's Advisory Committee (for granting of faculties) as hon. adviser on any matters arising re bells. He was pleased and proud to meet Mr. Taylor, and remarked that it was good to have a chairman who 'know his subject'!

## 'BELLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—If 'Church Service Ringer' will write under his own name I will go fully into the circumstances which resulted in the quarter-peal of Stedman Triples being rung at Tickhill on October 26th. It was a gross misrepresentation of the facts of the case, and was, I rather think, written with the deliberate intention of trying to cause mischief.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

## BELLS FULLY MANNED.

Dear Sir,—I, for one, would be very pleased if 'Church Service Ringer' could let us know which three towers were left short-handed on the occasion of the 'mixed band's' recent quarter-peal at Tickhill. I should like to point out that there was only one from Doncaster, leaving eleven there to man the bells; two from Arksey, where very often there are ten or twelve in the tower for the service ringing, and the service in question was, I believe, no exception to the rule, as, from what I understand, all the eight bells were rung. I don't know how they are fixed at Warsop, but I should think there would be enough ringers left for the four bells there, and that leaves only Conisborough, who, I daresay, were short. The conductor could not be accused of leaving any tower in the lurch, as he is at present unattached.

Also, I should like to know what honours are gained by those who stay at home instead of making it a point to be in the belfry at every Sunday service they can possibly get to. Is 'Sunday Service Ringer' a regular attender?—Yours faithfully,

E. COOPER.

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EXETER.—On Sunday, November 9th (Armistice Sunday), at the Church of St. Thomas, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,288 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Will 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, W. A. Wills (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Hosgood 4, C. Routley 5, H. J. Corry 6, A. Goad 7, R. Truman 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): \*G. Wainwright 1, E. Roberts 2, T. Meredith 3, F. Richardson 4, R. G. Lewis 5, F. Oliver 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, \*G. Tomlinson 8. \* First quarter-peal. Rung with bells half-muffled. Ringers of 1 and 3 hail from Marchington.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples in 46 mins.: L. Pelling (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, F. S. Hart (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, B. Saunders 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, C. J. Hart 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Ward 1, G. Neville 2, G. F. Margetson 3, F. Haslam 4, J. Blower 5, S. Bingham 6, G. Smith 7, W. H. Judd (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major on the bells by a local company.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 9th, at St. Peter's Church for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Cross 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, G. Wines 4, H. Page 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 9th, for the annual service of the British Legion, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. W. Pemberton 1, F. S. Sanders 2, W. J. Meers 3, C. Cottrell 4, J. Preston 5, W. Davies 6, G. F. Swann (conductor) 7, J. E. Pywell 8.

DEVIZES.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins. was rung on November 9th after the laying of a wreath on the war memorial by the ex-Service men: V. E. Swift (first quarter in the method) 1, S. Hillier 2, G. J. Winter (first quarter in the method) 3, W. A. Swift 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, E. G. Swift 7, F. Corke (composer and conductor) 8. Ringers of 5, 6, 7 and 8 hail from Uxbridge, Middlesex. For evening service at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, E. G. Swift 2, V. E. Swift 3, W. A. Swift 4, E. Hancox 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Michael, with the bells half-muffled for the memorial service on Armistice Sunday afternoon, November 9th, 1,080 Bob Royal: E. R. Goate 1, Miss D. Constance 2, Miss K. Lewis 3, S. Copling 4, E. Bailey 5, R. Gaul 6, R. J. Goate 7, C. Bailey 8, J. Spalding 9, C. F. Sayer 10.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, November 9th, for the memorial service at All Saints' Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Minor in 26½ mins.: J. Burns 1, J. Smithson 2, J. Casson 3, W. Rowe 4, W. Thornthwaite 5, W. T. Holmes (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the fallen. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1 and 5.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Armistice Sunday morning, 720 Bob Minor (two 360's called differently), with the bells half-muffled: A. Symonds 1, A. Root 2, C. Snowden 3, Ed. Pritchett 4, W. Coppin 5, J. Root (conductor) 7, with the 6 and tenor covering. All are local men.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 9th, on the occasion of the annual Armistice service at 3.15, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. Fisher 1, J. Mason 2, S. Pye 3, J. C. Newman 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8, 4.5.6. only in 5.6.

CROYDON.—On Armistice Sunday, November 9th, at St. Peter's, South Croydon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: D. Wright (conductor) 1, F. Leeks 2, W. Bulpitt 3, W. Joiner 4, H. Wooding 5, E. Denham 6, J. Trimmer 7, J. Adcock 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, on November 9th, at the Parish Church for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. C. Dorke 1, N. A. Holden 2, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 3, T. Culver 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, O. Robinson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, also to the memory of Pilot Officer F. R. Goad, who was killed at Manton, Kent, on November 4th. At one time he was a ringer at the above church.

CHIDDINGFOLD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by Harvey Reeves: A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 1, G. Luff 2, C. W. Trussler 3, T. Attwell 4, M. Smithers 5, T. Champion 6, H. Mullard 7, W. Bartlett 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, November 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Bateman 1, L. Albrow (first 'inside') 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, H. C. Albrow 6.

**NOTICES.**

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

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

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

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

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

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., also Feering bells between 7 and 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch.—A practice will be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, and St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ringing at St. John's 3 to 5. Tea at Voysey's, 107, Poole Road, Westbourne. Ringing at Poole from 6.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Marlborough Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

**BROMLEY.**—SS. Peter and Paul.—The bells will be re-opened on Saturday, Nov. 15th, with a thanksgiving service at 3.30 p.m., which all visitors are earnestly requested to attend. Ringing, after, till 6 o'clock, with a break till 6.45 p.m., and then onwards till 8 p.m. — I. Emery.

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

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

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3.45. A good meeting is requested.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

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

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

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red buses leave Coventry (Greyfriars Green) Nuneaton route every half hour from 2.15, and leave Nuneaton (Bond Gate) Coventry route every half hour from 2.20.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Horton (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Nov. 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 18th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 2.45 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral tower open after tea. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

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

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at King's Langley (8 bells) on November 22nd, when a service, tea and meeting will be held. All ringers welcomed.—J. Cuplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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

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

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Leicester on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1931. Particulars later. —Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

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