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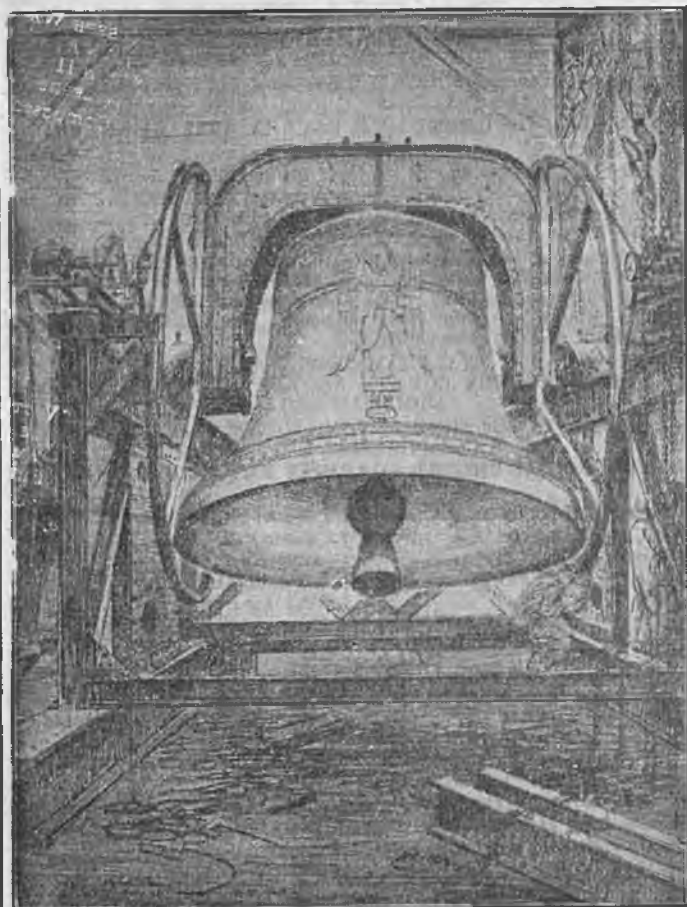
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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Ancient Society of College Youths without William T. Cockerill would be like 'Hamlet' without the Prince of Denmark. Ever since the year 1892 Mr. Cockerill has very largely guided the destinies of the society. He has been a wise counsellor to the faltering; he has restrained the impetuous; he has conducted its affairs with a dignity and courteousness that have made him beloved of everyone; he is, in the minds of all who know him, the Ancient Society of College Youths personified. Yet Mr. Cockerill is the most retiring of all its members; he has never sought the limelight, but those who have come in contact with the College Youths have never failed to realise that the mainspring of the society, the real force behind it for more than a generation, has been William T. Cockerill. Year after year Mr. Cockerill has played an important part in the planning and carrying out of the society's dinner, although he appeared little in the public eye. His speech in response to the toast of the evening has always been a model of point and brevity; his presence has been more felt than seen. It was therefore a shock, which came almost like a douche of cold water upon the company on Saturday, when it was learned that Mr. Cockerill was ill; that for the first time for forty years he would not be in his accustomed place at the anniversary gathering. If ever there was a unanimous wish for a man's early and complete recovery from sickness that wish was expressed in the hearts of everyone present in that representative assembly of ringers.

But for the absence of Mr. Cockerill, Saturday's gathering would have been one of the happiest on record. It was not so large as some which have preceded it, but a company of two hundred from the four corners of the kingdom was sufficiently representative to rank it in importance with any that have gone before, and in good fellowship it has never been excelled. The speeches, too, were interesting. As was only to be anticipated, the recent series of articles in 'The Ringing World' on the history of the society at a critical period of its existence furnished a topic on which some of the speakers felt bound to dwell. This subject, however, dealt with the past; it was left to the hon. secretary of the Central Council to speak pointedly of the future. He appealed boldly for a development of the social side of ringing in London; for the spread of the goodwill and harmony which pervaded the proceedings on that one day over the other 364 days of the year. He left it to the Ancient Society of College Youths, as the oldest of London's ringing organisations, to take the initiative, and many will agree with him that London and ringing would

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benefit if all the societies operating in the Metropolis could be brought together in a closer fellowship—in that fellowship which only social intercourse and goodwill can foster. There are too many 'camps' among ringers in London from which the occupants look out upon one another in a spirit of rivalry and suspicion. It would be all to the good if the barriers could be melted, and in no way could this be better effected than by a warming up of the social atmosphere.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 10
JOHN NEAL ... .. 5	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 11
A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has 21 courses in the 'Inverted Titmums' position and 17 courses in the 'Handstroke Home' position. Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to James E. Groves, who was Deputy Ringing Master for 10 years and latterly a vice-president of the St. Martin's Guild.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JAMES WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	JOHN PERRY ... .. 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 2	THOMAS RODEN ... .. 7
HERBERT T. PIPER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 4	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 9
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 5	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. James E. Groves (at one time captain of St. Peter's company and later Ringing Master of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society), Mr. 'Teddy' Lawley and Major-Gen. A. W. Thorneycroft, C.B.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... .. 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 9
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Mr. J. Bennett's 600th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 6
†GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS ... 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
JOSEPH MORRIS ... .. 3	*EDWIN CATELL ... .. 8
HARRY L. SMITH ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ex. S.-Sergt. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

\* First of Grandsire Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' G. S. Morris has now rung all 12 bells in this tower to peals. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Sunday to the respected memory of those who fell in the Great War, especially remembering Corpl. W. Quinton-Lander, whose name is inscribed on the tenor bell.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 15 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. GOSTON ... .. 5
WM. H. BARBER ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... .. 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

Rung in honour of the consecration on this day of the Right Rev. Noel B. Hudson, M.A., M.C., as Bishop of Labua and Sarawak, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and as a mark of appreciation and the high esteem and regard in which he is held by Northern ringers.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	ANDREW ROUND ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	HENRY GOODMAN ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
HARRY HILL ... .. 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING

First peal of Major as conductor.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	*SYDNEY PRIDDLE ... .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 2	PERCY MERSON ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 7
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 4	JACK ROY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

\* First peal away from tenor. Rung to the glory of All Saints.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 5
GEORGE LAMBERT ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	*JOSEPH WREN ... .. 7
*ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 4	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* Elected members of the association previous to starting the peal. This was E. J. Ladd's 25th peal and the conductor's 125th peal as conductor in 50 different towers in Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 6
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 4	PERCY YOUNG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Rung in honour of the induction, on the previous evening, of the Rev. G. G. Hickman to the living of Twerton. Also as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown and to commemorate the completion of 50 years' service in this tower by G. Temple. The 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Ex-Sgt. WILLIAM C. DOWDING (Birmingham City Police) ... .. Treble	
Sub-Div. Insptr. WILLIAM BOTTRILL (Metropolitan Police) ... .. 2	
Det.-Sgt. HAROLD J. POOLE (Leicester City Police) ... .. 3	
Det.-Sgt. CHARLES TURNER (Leicester City Police) ... .. 4	
Clerk-Sgt. CECIL A. SMITH (Borough of High Wycombe Police) ... .. 5	
P.-Con. FREDERICK WILSON (Leicester City Police) ... .. 6	
P.-Con. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH (Metropolitan Police) ... .. 7	
Sgt. HAROLD J. JENNEY (Leicester City Police) ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by Detective-Sergeant HAROLD J. POOLE.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples for the National Police Guild and the first in the method for the ringer of the 6th. First peal in any method for Det.-Sergt. Charles Turner, who is to be congratulated on his success.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERRYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	NORMAN C. LEWIS ... .. 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... .. 2	*JOHN W. ENGLAND ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 7
JOHN P. FARLTON ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Lewis.

BROWNEIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIGBY ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 2	HENRY HARDACRE ... .. 6
CHARLES HARDACRE ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 4	*ROBERT HARDACRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (No. 11). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal and first attempt. W. Sharple's and B. A. Knights' 50th peal together.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN R. MAIN ... .. Treble	HARRY PETTIT ... .. 5
THOMAS ABBOTT ... .. 2	*ALBERT W. BODDINGTON ... .. 6
GEORGE M. ETT ... .. 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 7
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4	*CHARLES RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

\* First peal in the method. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK PALMER ... .. 5
HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 6
JAMES T. WARD ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 4	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of sympathy on the sad death of Miss Denis Shelton, a sister of one of the ringers at this church.



PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	GORDON WOOTTON ... .. 5		
HARRY MULLARD ... .. 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 6		
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 7		
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	JOHN MEYLEY ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21½ cwt.			
HENRY J. TOCKER ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5		
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 6		
KEITH HART ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 7		
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.			
WILLIAM H. FOSSRILL ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5		
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	*LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6		
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7		
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor		

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.  
\* First peal of London. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell at their home.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Brooks'. Tenor 14 cwt.			
*GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5		
FRED R. BORRETT ... .. 2	*RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 6		
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 7		
*CECIL BARRETT ... .. 4	*HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Stedman.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.			
WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5		
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	*W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 6		
WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7		
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor		

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Woolwich, and on the eve of the patronal festival.

BENWELLY, MON.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
THOMAS LOVE ... .. Treble	PERCY JONES ... .. 5		
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 2	CYRIL DAVIES ... .. 6		
HAROLD CASSELL ... .. 3	ALBAN E. SCATTER ... .. 7		
GEORGE COOKE ... .. 4	GLYN WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by A. E. SCATTER.

PENSHURST.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.			
DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JAMES PARKER ... .. 5		
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 6		
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 7		
HERBERT J. FORD ... .. 4	GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Rung in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary. Also on the 35th anniversary of Mr. G. Edwards' wedding.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

Holt's ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.			
*MRS. E. H. KING ... .. Treble	EDWARD H. KING ... .. 5		
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	†WALTER J. NEWNHAM ... .. 6		
GEORGE MAXIN ... .. 3	WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 7		
*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	*ERNEST PICKETT ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Law, who is shortly leaving for Australia.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.			
*MISS MARY BENTON ... .. Treble	WALTER BINGHAM ... .. 5		
MISS JESSIE DAVENPORT ... .. 2	JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 6		
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7		
†NORMAN W. WESTLAKE ... .. 4	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.  
\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung on All Hallows' Eve and as a welcome by the ringers to the Rev. A. R. Saxelby-Kemp, Hon. C.F., recently inducted to the cure of souls at Dore by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield. Also as a compliment to Mr. H. E. Baggs on his laying down his duties as Vicar's warden after nine years' devoted service to the church. With the exception of the conductor, the peal was rung by the local company.

KINVER.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.			
*PERCY HANDLEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH F. SIMPSON ... .. 5		
*VICTOR HABBLE ... .. 2	JOHN BASS ... .. 6		
†THOMAS FIELD ... .. 3	FRED HANDLEY ... .. 7		
WILLIAM COOPER ... .. 4	*FRANK JONES ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First attempt as conductor. All are members of the local band except 4th (St. Thomas', Stourbridge) and 6th (Wollaston). Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Randall Matthews, of Stourton Court, for many years associated with this church; also L. C. Wallace, a sidesman, who was interred on October 29th; and also as a tribute to the late Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham.

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**TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.**

FRANK FIELDEN ... .. Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... .. 7
WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS

First peal in the method on the bells. H. Davenport's 100th peal for the association. The treble ringer has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, November 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.**

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

**LIVERPOOL.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Tuesday, November 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.**

*EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. Treble	†JOHN BROWN ... .. 5
†ERNEST JONES ... .. 2	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 6
†LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

**MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**

*On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

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

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 4. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

**BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... .. Treble	JOHN DARCH ... .. 5
WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
REV. F. A. OSWELL ... .. 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung half-muffled for the 13th anniversary of the Armistice.

**LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.*

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

E. J. AMBROSE ... .. Treble	S. EVANS ... .. 5
T. CADGE ... .. 2	A. SIMONDS ... .. 6
W. JARVIS ... .. 3	L. PRYKE ... .. 7
B. ADAMS ... .. 4	A. MAXIM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. RERVES. Conducted by E. J. AMBROSE.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,*

**A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.**

*JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
*MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RHODES ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	*JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Miss Dilys Rowley, granddaughter of the ringer of the 5th.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

*JIM TEBAY ... .. Treble	JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ... .. 4
ERNEST OVERSLY ... .. 2	DAVID G. BATHSON ... .. 5
RICHARD T. BATHSON ... .. 3	†EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

\* 25th peal. † 75th peal. First peal on the bells.

**WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

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

With ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RICHARD HOLMES ... .. Treble	†THOMAS HANNAN ... .. 4
†JOHN WOODS ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
JIM TEBAY ... .. 3	†RICHARD RAINFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The band after the peal were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Hodgkin.

**HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.  
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

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

Seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*F. MOORE ... .. Treble	*J. E. BROWN ... .. 4
*S. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	†A. EILBRICK ... .. 5
*E. SCAMBLER ... .. 3	†W. NORMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Moore, also as a farewell to E. Scambler, who is leaving Hensingham. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd commenced change ringing only six months ago.

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

*On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY JOHNSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... .. 2	*FRANK DEWEY ... .. 5
GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th and tenor. Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

## SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, White Rose, College Youths' Pleasure,  
College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN MAJOR ... .. Treble	R. JOHN MATTOCK ... .. 4
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	DAN SMITH ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED RILEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON ... .. 4
THOMAS E. MALLENDER ... .. 2	HUBERT BAILEY ... .. 5
BERNARD BAILEY ... .. 3	FRED W. KNOWLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

HIGH LITTLETON.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

PERCY C. HAYES ... .. Treble	MRS. GLADYS I. HAYES ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. FEAR ... .. 2	MISS EDITH M. WYATT ... .. 5
GILBERT M. HASSELL ... .. 3	BERT FLOWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. M. HASSELL.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Stephen,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ABEL EWER ... .. Treble	†GEORGE PRATT ... .. 4
†HARRY BEDFORD ... .. 2	JOHN MALYAN ... .. 5
ROBERT BEDFORD ... .. 3	*REGINALD EWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. All are service ringers at this church, and the conductor taught the rest of the band to ring.

HOYLANDSWAINE.

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

*VINCENT COPLEY ... .. Treble	WM. A. WOOLER ... .. 4
W. DYSON ... .. 2	H. BROADHEAD ... .. 5
R. CROSSLAND ... .. 3	E. BROOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. BROOKES.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged for the ringer of the treble. The ringers of treble and 4th hail from Wortley.

LEIGH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*W. CARD ... .. Treble	†A. STUBBINGS ... .. 4
*MISS L. PASSINGHAM ... .. 2	B. PANKHURST ... .. 5
C. INGRAM ... .. 3	*S. DENTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. PANKHURST.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since a new treble was added. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Denton.

## STETCHWORTH, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MAYES ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. BRIGGS ... .. 3
ALFRED H. OSBOURN ... .. 2	T. FREDERICK LANCASTER ... .. 4
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by S. J. TWITCHETT.

First peal by all and first attempt, and believed to be the first peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... .. Treble	JOHN MOULE ... .. 4
*ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAWSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CECIL WALTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES BLAKEY ... .. 4
*ROBERT HAWORTH ... .. 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... .. 5
JACK BEATTIE ... .. 3	FRED READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. READ.

\* First peal. Rung fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Brown, who was at one time a ringer at Churchkirk and the above tower.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Rockwell Green.

## A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 4
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	PERCY MERSON ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First spliced peal by all, and first by the association. The 720's were rung without bobs.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	PETER LAFIN ... .. 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by all except the conductor. Also first on handbells in the county and for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Jackson.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

READING, BERKS.—On Wednesday, November 4th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Osborne 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, A. W. Osborne 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, J. Swain 6, A. Jeffery (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The autumn meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Hallow on Saturday.

Ringling commenced shortly after half-past two. Service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Stallard, was attended by about 45 members of the branch; also present were visitors from Bromsgrove, Cradley, Kidderminster and Mathon.

Afterwards an excellent tea, provided by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Village Hall.

At the meeting which followed the present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Nine new members were also elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripple.

Mr. R. G. Knowles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity, and this was carried with applause. To this the Vicar suitably replied, and the ringers again visited the tower and the bells were kept going until shortly before 9 o'clock. The methods rung included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

**'ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENCE.'**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I ask those to whom questions are addressed through your columns to remember that those questions may be of interest not alone to those by whom they are propounded? Often we may read of just those problems which have exercised our own minds, but on which for some reason or other we have hesitated to ask publicly the opinion of others; then we look forward with pleasure to having our difficulties explained, and are disappointed when no reply is given, possibly for some purely personal reason which is entirely beyond our knowledge or concern.

Such a question is that put forward several weeks ago by Mr. George Baker regarding Carter's Principle. By the introduction of 'Carter' and its relation to 'Stedman,' the matter is somewhat complicated, and is put in a guise in which it is unfamiliar to many; but as applied to 'Stedman' the question is of more intimate concern. The writer recently heard it discussed seriously in a belfry, following which a well-struck plain course of Reverse Stedman Triples was rung; but after the ringing some still contended that it had been rung wrongly.

In this year of special interest in Stedman and his method, would not the Methods Committee please tell us why they start 'Stedman' as Stedman started it, but Reverse Stedman in such a way as to make a radical alteration entirely beyond that which is incidental to reversing the method?—Yours faithfully,

'THE MAD HATTER.'

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S BIG MEETING.**

The annual meeting of Rochester District was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 31st, by kind permission of the Dean. Even the capacious ringing chamber of the Cathedral was taxed by the number attending, upwards of 70 putting in an appearance from the following towers: Gravesend, Frindsbury, Chatham, Rainham, Milton-next-Gravesend, Queenborough, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Upchurch, Lynsted and Gillingham, together with several visitors from neighbouring organisations. After ringing from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., evensong was attended in the Cathedral, and later the company assembled for tea, which had been prepared at the Temperance Cafe only for the 50 people who had taken the trouble to acquaint the secretary. Obviously an additional 50 per cent. added to the number to be catered for rather upset the arrangements, but with the district secretary backing up the waiting staff, and incidentally getting no tea for his pains, the company were eventually placed in a happy frame of mind.

The secretary read a card he had received from the Dean saying how sorry he was in being unable to meet the ringers once again, but hoped they had a successful meeting. A representative from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston was also in attendance, and explained that Mr. C. Johnston had been forced to abandon his intended visit at the last moment.

The Vicar of Frindsbury, the Rev. H. F. Shepherd, had been asked by the Dean to preside in his stead, and was supported by the Rector of Chatham, the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rochester, and the general secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

The balance sheet and report were read and accepted, particular attention being drawn by the secretary to the small percentage of district members taking part in peals accredited to the district during the past year; on the other hand, the district was to be commended on the financial statement, especially in regard to their generous response which had been made to appeals for the benevolent fund.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in 'no change,' Mr. S. Shellock being retained as district secretary, and Messrs. W. E. Spice, sen., and F. Belsey remaining as district representatives on the Central Committee.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the Dean for permission to use the bells and to the Vicar of Frindsbury for presiding at the meeting.

The bells were again used during the evening, the standard of ringing being good, and at 9 p.m. they were rung down in peal, thus bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, received an unopposed nomination for the Mastership of the College Youths for the ensuing year. The election takes place next Tuesday. Mr. Hawkins was Master in 1927.

The oldest member of the College Youths present at the dinner on Saturday was Mr. Edward Wallage, who joined the society over 61 years ago. When the Master 'took wine' with those present who had been members for 50 years and upwards, Canon Coleridge, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. Challis E. Winney rose to greet the chairman.

Those who attended this 294th anniversary dinner and were present at the 250th anniversary gathering were Messrs. Winney, Walter Prime, Tom Faulkner and J. Christopher Mitchell. At one time Mr. Mitchell's name was constantly in the ringing 'news.' He practised regularly with the College Youths and was a very fine handbell ringer, scoring a number of peals with 'a pair.' The claims of his important position as secretary of the London General Omnibus Company have kept him out of active ringing for many years.

The Secretaries' Association mustered a good band at the College Youths' gathering on Saturday, and if they could not have knocked off the courses in the tower as well as they did at the festive board, they could at any rate have put up a 'decent show' had they been challenged—before the dinner.

Mr. George Pullinger, formerly hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, rang his 100th peal on Saturday. Ninety-nine of them have been rung with only one arm—a great triumph over handicap. Mr. Pullinger lost the other arm in the war. By a coincidence his peal on Saturday was rung in the same tower and on the same bell as his first peal in March, 1913—the only one he ever rang with two arms.

Mr. Ben Knights wishes to apologise for the 'shock' he gave to composers recently (by the omission of details), and hopes that they may soon recover.

Ringers who are interested in motor-cars should write for a copy of an instructive little booklet, 'First Aid for the Car,' which can be obtained post free from Sternal, Ltd., Publicity Department, Royal London House, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Hadlow on October 24th was George Kenward, not Kenwood as published. In the peal of Double Norwich at Clevedon, the report of which was published last week, Miss White rang the 2nd and Mrs. Wilkins the 4th.

The Rev. H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and a member of the Central Council, has been made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

## ROWS OR CHANGES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It seems to amuse Mr. Coles to misquote what I have written, so I will not spoil his fun by again pointing out his mistakes. What one wonders is why Mr. Coles, of all men, should try to draw us away from the point by introducing such words as 'expel' and 'remove.' The point is, whether rows when they are repeated are changes or not.

When people have rung a false 5,000, are they entitled to say that they have rung 5,000 changes, as long as they do not call it a peal? It is correct to say that they have rung 5,000 rows; but to say that they have rung 5,000 changes is a false statement. I do not want to have anything to do with such people, any more than I want to have anything to do with people who make other false statements. Nor do I suppose Mr. Coles, or any other change ringer, wants to have anything to do with them, whatever he may argue about 'expelling' or 'removing' them.

There is one matter which calls for correction. The heading of Mr. Coles' letter contains the words, 'The Suffolk Guild Resolution.' There is no such resolution. The Suffolk Guild, as a whole, has not even had an opportunity of considering the matter. All that has happened is that two comparatively small meetings, in two different parts of the diocese, have recommended the annual meeting next Easter to consider the matter. It would seem, therefore, the part of a wise man to wait and see whether any such proposals appear in the agenda, or in the acts of that annual meeting, before one condemns them as impracticable or improper.

What we have now to decide is whether a false peal contains 5,000 changes or not. Is there really any room for doubt in the matter? Is it necessary for Mr. Coles to champion those who are ignorant of that which a change ringer should learn first of all?

HERBERT DRAKE.

## FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF STEDMAN.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. E. Whitlock, the peal of Stedman Doubles at Foston Cray consisted of the 15 six-scores he mentions varied by starting at different places in the sixes. It is possible to call each 120 in six variations and by this means giving a total of 90 different six-scores with 15 different callings. In the peal in question 14 six-scores were called starting with a slow six, 14 starting with a full quick six, and 14 with the ordinary Stedman go off.—Yours faithfully,  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.  
Crayford.



## THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMMEMORATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

The celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman at Cambridge on Saturday, December 5th, will be one of the most noteworthy events in the annals of the Exercise. The service at St. Benedict's Church, where Stedman was a ringer, will take the form of a thanksgiving, as well as of dedication, and it is hoped that all who come to join in the proceedings will have the opportunity of ringing on the very bells which Stedman himself rang.

The programme which is being arranged will provide a day full of interest for those who visit Cambridge. A ring of 12, two rings of eight and two of six will be available, in addition to those at St. Bene't's, so that there will be no lack of ringing facilities, but, in addition, Cambridge, with its many glorious college buildings, offers attractions to the visitors which only the sister university city of Oxford can rival. Facilities are being provided to enable visiting ringers to make a tour of the most important and interesting places in the town.

The catering arrangements are kindly being undertaken by the authorities of Corpus Christi College, which adjoins St. Bene't's, but it is absolutely imperative that the numbers who require meals shall be known well in advance; indeed, in order that all the day's arrangements may run smoothly, it is essential that the committee shall know how many visitors to expect and what their wishes are. For this purpose an application form has been prepared, and will be sent on receipt of a postcard addressed to

The Stedman Centenary Secretary,  
'The Ringing World' Office,  
Woking, Surrey.

Send for this form at once, as it must be returned not later than Tuesday, November 24th. In the case of a party travelling together, only one form need be applied for.

The importance of making application in good time will be appreciated when it is pointed out that admission to the church up to ten minutes before the service will be by ticket only; that preference in the ringing at St. Bene't's will be given to ticket holders, and that only those who have purchased luncheon and tea tickets beforehand will be guaranteed meals at Corpus Christi College. We repeat, therefore, that the application form should be obtained AT ONCE.

Those who are not making the journey by road should inquire at their own railway station as to cheap tickets for the day to Cambridge.

Contributions promised to the Stedman Commemoration Fund, for the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, if not already sent, should be forwarded without delay to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—It is hoped to run a bus from Kettering district to Cambridge on Saturday, December 5th, for the Stedman Tercentenary, starting at 9 or 9.30 a.m. Seats must be applied for not later than Wednesday, November 19th, with a deposit of 5s. per seat. Lunch and tea tickets will be obtained by the organiser of the bus, and the total cost should not exceed 10s. 6d.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

## A DEVON PIONEER.

### MEMORIAL TO THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

In the spacious belfry of Exeter Cathedral on Saturday a memorial was unveiled to one to whom the Devon Guild will for ever remain indebted. For 60 years the Rev. Maitland Kelly laboured in the cause of change ringing in a county where progress was admittedly more difficult than in most places. But his perseverance never wavered; his patience never tired, and he lived to see the Devon Guild—the first of the modern associations run on county and diocesan lines—flourish and grow into a strong and healthy organisation.

The memorial is in the form of an oak tablet, which is inscribed: 'Erected by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in memory of Maitland Kelly, M.A., Priest, who was President of the Guild for 28 years and Honorary Secretary for six years. He entered into rest 15th June, 1929. His pioneer work for the Guild will ever remain to stimulate the progress of change ringing in the Diocese.'

The tablet is surmounted by the emblem of the Guild picked out in colour.

There was a large gathering of representatives of the Guild from all parts of the county, and others present included Mr. Arthur Kelly, the Rev. E. M. Kelly (Oakford), Mrs. Cardwell and the Misses Kelly (2), sons and daughters of the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary of the Guild) mentioned that a committee was appointed by the Guild in 1930 to consider means of perpetuating the memory of Mr. Kelly. Six schemes came under review, and it was eventually decided to have a memorial tablet at Exeter Cathedral and to help improvements at Kelly Church which Mr. Kelly wished to have carried out.

The Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild) gave an outline of the ministerial career of Mr. Kelly, and remarked that he proved himself to be a faithful, active and earnest priest. As a ringer he participated in 1865 in three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at Kelly, these being the greatest number of changes that had ever been rung up to that time by men of Devon. In 1874 the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was inaugurated, and Mr. Kelly was elected a member of the committee. In 1899 he became hon. secretary, and in 1896, when the then president (Col. Troyte, father of Col. Troyte, M.P. for the Tiverton Division) passed to his rest, Mr. Kelly became president, and continued in that position until 1924, when the Guild attained its jubilee and he retired. His characteristics were modesty and unselfishness, enthusiasm and earnestness, sound judgment, and pluck and perseverance. He never failed in his confidence about the Guild's future, and was always cheerful and hopeful.

Mr. Powell then unveiled the tablet and asked Canon McLaren to accept custody on behalf of the Dean and Chapter.

Canon McLaren assured all that the Dean and Chapter would give the tablet their care and protection. Mr. Kelly was a man in whom the qualities mentioned by Mr. Powell really did shine, and he had a delightful courtesy characteristic of what was called the old school, and which was not often found nowadays.

The bells were afterwards rung in various methods. Thanks were tendered to the hon. secretary for the pains he had taken in connection with the memorial and to the president for his general services. Visits were paid by visiting bands to other towers in the city.

### DEATH OF FORMER DEVON GUILD SECRETARY.

By a coincidence, on the afternoon that the Devon Guild unveiled a memorial to a former secretary and president, there was laid to rest at Silverton, Devon, the mortal remains of the Rev. George Edward Francis Molinieux, former Vicar of Colyton, who for 14 years—from 1899 to 1913—had also faithfully discharged the duties of hon. secretary of the Guild, and from 1913 to 1920 was hon. treasurer. Mr. Molinieux passed away on Wednesday of last week at the age of 76 years after a long illness. He was a member of the Devon Guild for nearly 50 years and did great work in encouraging and helping beginners in change ringing at a time when the fortunes of the Devon Guild were at a low ebb. He had rung only two or three peals, but his more enduring work was in the labour which he spent in helping to lay the foundation of scientific ringing in Devon. The deceased clergyman leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. One son and three daughters are abroad.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Silverton, and was attended by a large number who came to pay a last tribute of respect. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, who sent a wreath, were represented by the Rev. E. S. Powell, Rector of Cyst St. George (Guild president), the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Braunford Speke (a former officer-bearer in the Guild), Mr. T. Laver (Guild secretary), Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter District), Messrs. W. Richardson and E. Shepherd (Exeter), the Rev. F. Carter, Vicar of Withleigh (Devon North-Eastern branch), and Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery (hon. secretary, East Devon branch). Members of Silverton branch of the Guild acted as bearers, as follows: Messrs. A. and P. Selley, R. Hutchings, M. Denford, H. Pook and R. Harris.

Immediately after the interment a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled by E. Shepherd 1, A. W. Searle 2, the Rev. E. S. Powell 3, Mrs. Powell 4, Mr. W. Richardson 5, the Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 6. Subsequently the muffles were removed and the bells were rung open by local and other ringers.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY.

### LAST SATURDAY'S GATHERING IN LONDON.

One of the greatest social events of the ringing year is the anniversary dinner in London of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It attracts ringers from all over the country, who join with their brethren of the Metropolis in an event which always proves a pleasant and interesting reunion. Last Saturday was no exception to the rule, and some 200 members and visitors took part in the celebration of the 294th anniversary of the society, which was founded on November 5th, 1637. Many spent the afternoon in ringing at various City churches and then assembled at St. Michael's, College Hill, which the society looks upon as its 'mother' church. Here they joined in the special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bullock Webster), the preacher being the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), who took for his text, Psalm c., 1-2: 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.' In referring to the history of the College Youths, the preacher said that the society had always assumed the dignity of an old city company, although it was not one of the liveried bodies. He had always had a great admiration for the ringers of London, and he was indebted to them for their services on many occasions. He did not wish to be in any way disrespectful to them when he referred to ringing as a joyful noise. There were, however, some unsympathetic people who were ready to complain when church bells were rung, but he found that a friendly talk with those who objected generally gave satisfaction and peace to the troubled mind. The motto of the society, continued the speaker, was 'Let us live together in unity.' He had always been struck with the extraordinary spirit of friendship which prevailed in the ranks of ringers, and he hoped this spirit would continue to grow. As they pursued their work let them never be unmindful of the purpose of church bells. He asked God to bless the work of the Ancient Society of College Youths and prosper the service which they rendered in the towers.

#### THE DINNER.

Dinner was served at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, the company of close upon 200 being presided over by the Master (Mr. Percy E. Clark), who was supported by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. W. P. Besley, M.V.O. (Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry), the Rev. Dr. Biggs, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. E. T. Wright, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clynton (Rector of St. Magnus'), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Mr. J. Christopher Mitchell (secretary of the L.G.O.C.), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. F. W. Sergisson (hon. secretary, St. Clement's Youths), etc. The vice-chairman was Mr. C. J. Choct, and the company included many well-known London ringers. Among the visitors were Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol), Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), P. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association), T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild), F. Leaker (representing Bristol United Guilds), W. Andrews (Winchester), T. King and F. Rich (Bath), W. A. Cave, C. Gordon, W. Knight and H. Burt (Bristol), S. Palmer and A. P. Knights (Sheffield), F. Smallwood (Wisbech), C. Moo (Ipswich), E. Adams (Warwick), A. T. Greenwood and T. Taylor (Portsmouth), H. Jennings (Isle of Wight), D. Cooper and R. Dove (Croydon), G. Hoad and C. Clavdon (Reigate), A. H. Pulling and W. R. Melville (Guildford), R. Hayes (Haslemere), H. Argent, F. H. Mitchell, C. Mitchell, G. Goodship (Gravesend), E. C. Goldsmith, J. Corbett (Bagshot), R. Post (Oxford), F. Romaine, L. Harris and S. Macey (Salisbury), E. Poppy (Exeter), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), E. Foster and A. D. Cullum (Reading), G. Dent (Harlow), A. G. Rivers (Cambridge), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), F. S. Wilson (Winchester), W. Osborn (Gallhampton), T. Satter (Yeovil), T. Fowler (Cookham), G. Miles (Brentwood), etc. The officers of the society who attended were Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and A. B. Peck (stewards), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), C. F. Wimey and Walter Prime (trustees), but, to the deep regret of everyone, the popular and genial hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) was prevented by illness from attending.

#### MR. COCKERILL'S ILLNESS.

After the loyal toast had been honoured the Master made a feeling reference to the hon. secretary's enforced absence. He had visited Mr. Cockerill that afternoon, he said, and found him very cheerful. It was the first occasion during his illness that he had been out of his bedroom, but he (the Master) was afraid it would be some time before they had the pleasure of his company again. He was sure it would be the wish of all of them that their acting secretary (Mr. Peck)

should send Mr. Cockerill an expression of their deep regret at his illness and their best wishes for his speedy recovery (applause).

The Master then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and stressed the importance of the Church in the lives of all of us. The Church, he said, was responsible for all the highest ideals which made life worth living (hear, hear); without it life, indeed, would be chaos. The country that destroyed its Church fell morally and socially, as history had proved repeatedly. They had only to look at what was going on in Russia to realise what catastrophe could befall a country when its Church was destroyed. There need be no fear, he thought, of anything like the conditions in Russia applying to this country, but it must be confessed that their Church was confronted with many difficulties, and it was here, perhaps, that they, as ringers, could prove their worth. In what way could they show themselves worthy of the service they had undertaken? It was said there were between 30,000 and 40,000 ringers in this country. So large a number should be able to exert a great influence for good, provided they made quite sure that the part they undertook in the service of their Church was carried out as it really ought to be (applause).

The Rev. W. P. Besley replied to the toast, and spoke of the great service which had been rendered to his church (St. Lawrence Jewry) by Mr. Hughes, whose firm restored the bells, and who had since instructed the band of ringers, which had been formed from members of the choir and congregation. Their bells were now said to be one of the best rings of eight in the kingdom, and they had an enthusiastic band of ringers. He welcomed the information that there were between thirty and forty thousand ringers in England, and if the ringers and the Church worked together—and there was no reason why they should not—they should be one of the greatest influences for good in the country (applause).

#### THE CONTINUITY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Canon Coleridge was again entrusted with the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' a task which he has discharged now for many years. He began with an expression of deep regret at the absence of Mr. Cockerill, and said that, apart from anything that might be officially done, he would at the first possible moment write to Mr. Cockerill to convey to him the regret which every one of them present felt that he was unable to be present and their good wishes for his recovery. Continuing, Canon Coleridge said: Standing here to-night, I hardly know how to describe myself, whether as an ancient or a modern (laughter). Those of us who read 'The Ringing World' have been very much taken up recently, week by week, in reading an account of some of the earliest days of the College Youths. The question has been debated whether we in any sense represent the original society. If I am to obey the preacher of this afternoon I must say we are one and the same with the society which was established in 1637. If I am to be led by Mr. Armiger Trollope, I might come to a different conclusion. I look at things in my own way and I hold that continuity is expressed by the lives of the members (hear, hear). Suppose for one moment that every Bishop of the Church of England was beheaded except one (laughter)—I am not speaking invidiously in any way, I have several friends among them, and should be very sorry to see any of them beheaded—suppose every priest of the Church of England, save one, was hanged (laughter); suppose all the laity of the Church of England except one were taken out in ships and sunk in the sea; suppose every church was razed to the ground and every Bible and prayer book destroyed and no record left of them at all, would the old Church become extinct? Not a bit of it. There would still be the apostolic succession, a Bishop to ordain, a priest to administer the sacrament and a layman to receive it. Now, between the beginning of the new society and the expiry of the old one 32 years elapsed, and I like to think myself that if there were only two or three of the old, original body existing after the end of that 32 years, continuity was not lost (applause). That is in any way looking at it. I may be totally wrong, but I am sure everybody is very grateful for the tremendous research Mr. Trollope has undertaken in putting before us what he honestly believes to be true.

#### TWO TABLETS.

Speaking of truth, continued Canon Coleridge, I would like to call your attention to a little fact which I suppose hardly any of you here are aware of, that is of a ceremony taking place this afternoon in Devonshire. Nearly two years ago the former president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers died. The Rev. Maitland Kelly was one of the very old members of this society, a man beloved by everybody, whose heart and soul was in the dissemination of the knowledge of ringing. In his honour the ringers of Devon, for the most part, have put up to-day a tablet in Exeter Cathedral to commemorate their worthy president (applause). I feel certain that tablet will speak the truth (hear, hear). When I think of that tablet, I cannot help thinking of another one (laughter), which does not convey the truth (hear, hear). Far from it (applause). I am exceedingly sorry to feel that people have been asked to subscribe to what they believe to be a true record of a true peal. I cannot understand any man getting a Vicar to dedicate it. Probably he is absolutely ignorant of what a true peal

really is—I don't know—but there it remains. Whether more will be heard about it in another place I don't know; probably something will be said.

#### THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

Another thing which has become of great moment in the annals of ringing is the tricentenary of Stedman's birth (applause). I could say a great deal about that, but I will refrain from it in the presence of two distinguished Cambridge men, Mr. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, and my good friend, Mr. Jenkyn, the Council's librarian, who is treasurer of the commemoration fund. They both come from Cambridge and are far more competent to speak on the subject than I am, but it so happens that I shall have an opportunity of saying something about that great man a month hence at Cambridge at the dedication of that great memorial to him. That memorial shows us what can be done by the perseverance and assiduity of one individual (hear, hear). He seized the opportunity. The tricentenary was at hand; a great man whose name will live amongst ringers for ever ought to be commemorated; how better commemorate him than by restoring the tower and bells at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, where he rang, where he invented his principle? (applause). One individual, whose name I need not mention, a great friend of mine, started the ball rolling, and I believe I am right in saying that over £480 has already been subscribed (applause). I trust it will be made up to £500 to set up that great memorial to Fabian Stedman. No greater thing has been done, I think, in the whole history of ringing in honour of any man who has ever lived amongst us (applause).

In conclusion, Canon Coleridge said without Mr. Cockerill that gathering did not seem like the same family party at all. He had been the 'father' of London ringers, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for many a long year, and he trusted he would be among them for many years to come (applause). They were all getting older, but they were thankful to know that younger men were coming on, and it fell to his lot that night to couple with the toast, instead of the name of Mr. Cockerill, that of Mr. Albert A. Hughes (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm with many an expressed wish for Mr. Cockerill's speedy recovery.

#### NOT A PEAL RINGING SOCIETY.

A course of Stedman Cinques having been rung by Messrs. H. Hodge, C. F. Winney, A. H. Pulling, F. W. Smallwood, J. Thomas and H. Langdon, Mr. A. A. Hughes replied to the toast. He said he could leave those present to imagine his feelings at having to fulfil the task which Mr. Cockerill had discharged for so many years. During the past 12 months the society had rung 17 peals. From the peal ringing point of view that was a very small number, but they did not worry about that. He did not look upon the number of peals as in any way important, because, after all, the society was not a peal ringing society. They were established to promote the art of change ringing, and in furthering that object they had held 75 meetings during the year in the city of London, and there had been an average attendance of 16 members per meeting (applause). He was sorry to report a rather long list of losses by death, including Canon W. W. C. Baker, who was an old and well-loved member of the society; Mr. Nicholls, of Stepney; Mr. Tom Gofton, of Newcastle; Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth; Mr. Pole Routh, of Reading; and Mr. Percy Lafin and Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham.

As a mark of respect, the company stood in silence for a few moments.

Continuing, Mr. Hughes said he was glad to report that during the year they had made 36 new members (applause), and he felt that as long as they could keep up the standard of the practices held in the past 12 months, and for many years before, the society would still go on strongly. They had a great number of young members coming along and they must give them encouragement (hear, hear). The older ones could not carry on for ever, and they had to look to the young members to follow on those who had been leading the way. He was happy to say he had ten or twelve young ringers at St. Lawrence Jewry, whose enthusiasm was extraordinary (hear, hear). They held two practices a week, and it was a good sign that they were all anxious to become members of that society as soon as they were qualified (applause).

#### DICK WHITTINGTON.

Mr. E. A. Young submitted 'The Visitors,' whom he cordially welcomed to that 'birthday celebration.' Turning to the subject of the history of the College Youths, Mr. Young said that he was responsible, with three or four colleagues, for the history of the society which appeared in the handbook, but Mr. Trollope had challenged him about the connection with Dick Whittington. It was very nice to think they might have some connection with Dick Whittington, who was a great city magnate and four times Lord Mayor, who founded a college and many charities, and was buried in the church on College Hill, where they had assembled that afternoon. He thought they were to be forgiven for roping Whittington in and giving, among the dry facts, collected from all sorts of sources, a little that was only legend, for it had been proved that old legends and folk lore often had a basis of fact, much to the astonishment of the critics. He lived in hope that one day they might find that their dear old society really had got some link right back, not only with the college from which they took their name, but with Dick Whittington himself. He had been

through many of the documents in the British Museum and the Guildhall Library, and through those wondrous manuscripts by Osborne, who was once a member of their society and afterwards a Cumberland. Unfortunately, in Osborne's time there was a good deal of dissension, and this rather warped his judgment here and there. That, at least, was their opinion, and for that reason they did not put much of Osborne in their records. For himself, he was certain the society went right back by direct links to 1637. Sometimes in a family the elder brother died and the younger brother succeeded to the title, and he was not certain that after 1755 the line was the direct line—the evidence was rather obscure. It might be that their line was the true line, but whether collateral or direct, they came down without break to the present day (applause).

The toast was responded to by the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, who said the College Youths stood in a very honourable position both in this age and the past, and in its wonderful record of good fellowship and splendid service to the Church.

The vice-chairman proposed 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and expressed the pleasure which the College Youths had in seeing so many of them represented at that gathering. He gave them a hearty welcome, not only that night, but on all occasions; on their practice nights and whenever they met. They relied on the provincial societies to promote ringing in all parts of the country and to bring in as many recruits as possible to the art. They welcomed them with open arms in London, and wished them continued prosperity and success.

#### THE 'SOCIAL' SIDE IN LONDON.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher responded for the London Societies, and on their behalf expressed deep regret at the absence of Mr. Cockerill, and wished him a speedy and complete recovery. He said that was the first time he had attended a dinner of the College Youths, and it was the first time for 19 years that he had been in London on the dinner day. He was really unable to understand the good feeling and good fellowship that existed. He did not know it was possible. He did not do much ringing in London, but it seemed to him that the good feeling shown on that one day could quite easily be fostered and used and spread over the remaining 364 days to a greater extent than it was. The social side of ringing in London was sadly neglected, and he thought in this year of all years they might begin and try to build up the social side. Three hundred years had gone by since Stedman was born. They could look on that 300 years as the 'going-off course'; let them have the next 300 years as very good course ends. They had been told by visitors that in London they got good bells and good ringers, but they got no social side ('Shame'). It was a shame; let them see what they could do to remedy it. There was plenty of time in front of them, and by the time the Central Council met in London in 1933 he hoped that something would have been done. As secretary of the Central Council, he would appreciate it if they could have some sort of social organisation to fit in a welcome for their country guests. It was a very good work which the College Youths, as the oldest society, could start and invite the co-operation of the other London societies. It was only a hint which he threw out, for, of course, the other societies would not venture to dictate to such a society as theirs. Let them carry on with the good fellowship shown that night and extend it through the years. London and ringing would be much the better for it (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith replied for the Provincial Societies, remarking that the number of members of these organisations who came year by year to that gathering was a striking tribute to the interest which they retained in the College Youths, their admiration for its past and their good wishes for the society's future. He referred to some of the ancient societies which existed in the provinces even before the foundation of the College Youths, and suggested that ringing even to-day might benefit by the application of some of the rules which governed these old companies. One which he quoted was among the ordinances of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, which was granted a royal charter in 1620. This provided that any member who missed striking his bell at the second sway in the rising of the peal should, for his offence, pay one penny. Mr. Goldsmith said he believed this might have a salutary effect in helping to improve ringing by making bad ringers more careful or getting rid of them altogether from fear of bankruptcy. Rising and falling in peal was an art which was sadly neglected in many parts of the country, and he urged provincial societies to encourage its practice a good deal more extensively than at present. The modern provincial societies, he continued, could look back to the accomplishment of a great work for ringing. They had spread the art more widely and fostered the spirit of brotherhood among ringers to a much greater extent than their founders could have anticipated; they cemented the Exercise into one common whole, with common objects and common aspirations; they were essential to the life of the Exercise and to the very existence of the art (applause).

Interspersed among the speeches were some delightful songs by Mr. T. Warren and Mr. A. T. Brooker, while Mrs. A. A. Hughes' handbell solos were again a feature of the evening's entertainment. She played with all her customary skill and grace Dvorak's 'Humoreske' and 'A little gift of roses' (Openshaw), with 'Ash Grove' as an encore. Mr. H. N. Pistow was the accompanist. The very enjoyable proceedings terminated at 10.30 with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Many of the visitors were welcomed in the London towers on Sunday for service ringing.



## BRISTOL'S RINGING HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to the three chief newspapers in the district, i.e., 'Gloucester Citizen,' 'Bristol Times and Mirror' and the 'Evening World,' concerning the Painswick peal.

You will, I am sure, not be surprised if I tell you that I shall not take my history of ringing in Bristol as it appears in the columns of 'The Ringing World' from time to time. I have already exploded the myth of New Triples and Caters being rung at St. Stephen's. Now I read that in 1907 the Treble Bob methods, 'mostly the Delights,' were extensively practised at St. Michael's, and is believed to be the only instance in Bristol where Delight methods have been rung.

It is the first time I have heard or read anything about it, and I can assure you that I was very much alive 24 years ago. I have the list of members of St. Michael's at that time before me, and I cannot, in my mind's eye, see them practising the Delights very extensively. What I can see is some of the former members ringing on Monday evenings at one tower, Tuesdays at another, with an occasional peal attempted on the Thursday and Saturday thrown in.

I am afraid the statement has about as much foundation in fact as the one I read in 'The Ringing World' nearly two years ago, when someone spoke of the excellent work done by James Hinton, 'ESPECIALLY IN THE DIOLETT METHODS.' Now, I yield to no one in my admiration and gratitude to Jim Hinton for all he did for ringing in Bristol all the 20 years I knew him. But it will not be for his help in the higher methods. It will be for his unfailing encouragement to all and sundry under all sorts of conditions. A man who was never disheartened companionably in the face of disappointments. As a conductor, he was as good as the best with Grandsire on all numbers, and fairly good with Stedman, of which he called two peals of Caters. But with the higher methods, although I regret to say so, he was outclassed. After many attempts he called the first peal of Superlative in Bristol, but when the band moved on to Cambridge he ceased to attend the tower except at very rare intervals, although frequently asked to do so.

The only peals he rang outside the standard methods were one peal each of Superlative and Cambridge Major, and one of Cambridge Royal. He also rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich.

He rendered a great service to his association when he induced many who had for years refused to recognise it to join, and, as a result, the first peal of Stedman Cinques for the association was rung by the combined band on New Year's Eve, 1899. Despite his limitations, I still regard him as greatest factor in the advance, in the campanological sense, of Bristol during the years 1895-1900, which can be summed up in the words from 'Grandsire to Superlative Surprise.'

Historians should be sure of their facts, and be able to quote chapter and verse for their statements, otherwise they are apt to be, if not frankly disbelieved, at any rate doubted.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

## THE PAINSWICK PEAL.

Mr. Cave's letter to the Gloucester and Bristol newspapers on the subject of the Painswick peal was as follows:—

Next week-end brings with it the first anniversary of what is at once one of the greatest performances and one of the greatest failures in the whole annals of change ringing, for on Saturday, November 8th, 1930, a band of ringers met at Painswick, Gloucestershire, and rang upon the 12 bells of St. Mary's Church a peal of what was thought to be 17,687 true changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours and 36 minutes. Had the peal been true, it would have taken its place as the longest peal on 11 bells (e.g., only 11 bells were used to ring the changes, the other being used as a cover, acting as a sort of big drum to the band), and thereby beaten the 13,001 rung on the same bells in February, 1920. Congratulations were extended to the ringers from all over the country, and then came the tragedy. The figures of the peal were published. Every peal has to be composed before being rung and every composition should be proved before being rung. Unfortunately, in this case it was not done satisfactorily, for some of the changes were rung twice, thus invalidating the whole performance.

At the time of the discovery great sympathy was extended to the ringers, but since then a wave of resentment has spread over the country against the action of the band in having the peal recorded on the walls of the church as though it were a true peal. Had the tablet merely recorded the fact that the bells were rung for a certain length of time, no objection could or would have been raised, but as it stands it is untrue in substance and in fact. There are certain laws to be obeyed in ringing as there are in all other pursuits where records are made and broken. For instance, a person would not be allowed to widen the jaws of the pockets of a billiards table and then claim a record for the biggest break if he should happen to break the existing one; nor if he broke the 100 yards running record and the track were measured and found to be short would he be allowed to substantiate his claim to the record. So it is in ringing: one row or change having been rung, it must not be rung again, whether it is intended to ring 5,000 or 20,000.

This is not the first occasion on which a false peal has been rung in the country, but it is the first occasion on which the ringers have not had the good sense to bow to the inevitable. The right thing to do is

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## REOPENING OF WEST HARTLEPOOL BELLS.

A special meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of St. Oswald's bells after being restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

A service was first held in the church at 3.30 p.m., the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Lilburn) officiating, assisted by Canon Froggart, of Stockton, Canon Poole, of Christ Church, and the Rev. A. J. Cass, of Horden.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association were well represented, and ringers were present from Saltburn, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Stockton, St. John's and Holy Trinity, Darlington, Sunderland, Newcastle, Houghton-le-Spring, Gosforth, Jesmond and the local ringers.

There was a large congregation present and all enjoyed the fine service, appropriate hymns being sung by the choir and congregation and an interesting sermon on bells preached by Canon Froggart.

The bells were rung up in peal as the congregation was leaving the church, and short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung until about 5 p.m., after which the ringers wended their way to the Parochial Hall, where a substantial tea awaited them.

A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president) being in the chair. Mr. Patterson moved a vote of condolence to Miss Stephenson, a local ringer, whose mother had passed away the previous day, the ringers standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and choir for inviting them to the reopening, and said it was a great pleasure to be present. He recalled happy little incidents of years ago when the Rev. Lilburn was at Sunderland.—The Vicar replied in a humorous vein, and, after giving a brief history of the local bells, said that he could never understand why ringers were always wanting to be at the bells, as, when he went with the local ringers on their annual outings to the various beautiful places that the North Country is noted for, the ringers went straight to the 'musty, stuffy, cobwebby belfry' and stayed there. He called it a busman's holiday.

Mr. J. C. Pollard, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for arranging such a splendid tea, and Miss Gladys Robson suitably replied.

Mr. Tom Lancaster and Miss Laura Lancaster were elected life members of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The next meeting will be held at Sunderland some time in January on a day to be fixed by the vice-president and secretary.

After the meeting the ringers went back to the tower, where various methods were rung. All agreed that the 'go' of the bells is excellent and that the meeting had been a great success.

## STEDMAN TRICENTENARY COMMEMORATION

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ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, October 18th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service and in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Llandaff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Williams 1, J. Weathersby 2, A. J. Pitman 3, W. J. Norton 4, E. Stith 5, F. E. Stone 6, C. Hughes 7, C. Jones 8, C. Mathers 9, G. Chappell 10; 504 conducted by E. Stith, quarter-peal by A. J. Pitman.

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obvious, i.e., withdraw it and ring it again, after the faulty part has been cut out. The tablet recording the performance should be supplemented by a line stating that the composition of the peal was false.

As an instance of the sort of feeling the action has provoked, the following extract from the speech of a Suffolk clergyman will show:—'I go further, and, as a churchman, I hold that there ought not to be untrue statements put up in the house of God. I have taken part in services in Painswick Church in the past, and had hoped to do so again if I lived. But I do not wish to go into that church now as long as there is that untrue statement on its walls. I will avoid it as I will avoid Gloucestershire.'

It seems to the writer to be a matter for the Chancellor of the Gloucester Diocese. He, apparently, granted the faculty for the erection of the tablet, and took it for granted that what appeared on it would be true. Had he been properly advised of all the circumstances surrounding it, he would probably have made further inquiries before granting it, in the course of which it is conceivable that such evidence would have been adduced as would have justified him in refusing it.



**A CENTURY-OLD PEAL RECORDED.****OLD RULES FOR RINGING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chiddingstone on November 7th and reported in this issue was accomplished after an unsuccessful attempt, which lasted 2 hours 50 minutes, on October 19th, on the occasion of the dedication of a peal board, erected to commemorate a peal rung on the bells in the year 1824, and the record of which was recently discovered by Mr. Philip Hodgkin, the Headcorn veteran, who attended the first meeting of and helped to form the Kent County Association over 50 years ago. He found the record in 'The Kentish Gazette' of October 28th, 1824, at the Beane Institute, Canterbury. It was worded as follows: 'On Thursday evening last was rung at Chiddingstone Holt's Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, in 3 hours and 13 minutes, by the following youths of that place: C. Carpenter treble, William Everest 2, Richard Leigh 3, William Moore 4, John Leigh 5, Thomas Parrott 6, Thomas Hollauby 7, Rd. Marchant tenor. Conducted by William Everest.' Six of the above names have been verified as those of parishioners by the old registers.

Previous to the unsuccessful peal attempt mentioned above, the Rev. R. C. Salmon read a few appropriate prayers and dedicated the new peal board, for which a vote of thanks was accorded to him and also for his survey of the registers.

Previous to this little ceremony there hung in the ringing chamber two peal boards, recording two peals of Grandsire Triples rung in 1848 and 1849 respectively. The writer personally knew the two conductors of these peals, but has no recollection of any of the others who took part. The names of the two conductors were Charles Carpenter and James Payne, and, as a boy, the writer chimed for services with the former, who at that time was sexton and clerk, and rang once with the latter, who, as well as being a ringer, was organist at the same church for 52 years, and has been known to say he could leave the organ easily for the bellry. The old sexton, on being once asked how trade was, made the following quaint reply, 'Everybody lives too long, nobody gets married and consequently no christenings.' It seems as if there were bad times for some in those days. It is quite evident that neither of these conductors knew of this newly-discovered peal, or something would have been heard about it from them, as they would sometimes talk of the peals they had conducted. The headstone in the churchyard of Mr. James Payne shows that he was six months old when the 1824 peal was rung, and Mr. Charles Carpenter was a year or two older, so that the treble man in this peal must have been C. Carpenter, sen.

The present band, which started change ringing in 1894, owes its origin to Mr. James Payne, who furnished them with the rules for Grandsire Triples and tried to explain them, which must have been a difficult task for him, as he was nearing 80 years of age. It would be very interesting to know if the 1824 peal was rung by the same method as the two later ones and many more by the present band, who still hang on to the old method and have no shift courses, which are impossible if one sticks to the method, no course bell needed, or ropesight. As this may be news to many in the Exercise, here are the rules as handed down by Mr. James Payne:—

Rule 1: If you meet treble in treble's place, make 3rd's place, either at a bob or a dodge.

2: If you meet treble in 2nd's place, dodge in the middle, going out with your 2nd and 1st, 2nd, two out behind, then the treble, hunt four more and lead. If a bob be called, make 3rd's place and go in the hunt.

3: If you meet treble in 3rd's place, dodge with your two last twice over, then your first, treble, hunt three more and lead. If a bob be called, bob with the old hunt and 1st old hunt and 2nd old hunt two out behind, then the treble, hunt, four more and lead.

4: If you meet treble in 4th's place, dodge with your 1st and 2nd twice over, then the treble, hunt, two more and lead. If a bob be called, bob with your two last three times over, then your first, treble, hunt, three more and lead.

5: If you meet treble in 5th's place, dodge in the middle, coming home with your 3rd and 4th, 3rd and treble hunt one more and lead. If a bob be called, bob with your 1st and 2nd three times over, then the treble, hunt, two more and lead.

6: If you meet treble in 6th's place, you are in the hunt. If a bob be called, bob in the middle, coming home with your 3rd and 4th, 3rd and 5th, 3rd and treble, hunt, one more and lead.

I have read Mr. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' and, while so doing, wondered if he might deal with various ways of producing the changes. It is just possible that this conglomeration has not come his way. Some, perhaps, may think it is quite an art to commit to 'memory,' and if they started a young band on this plan they would find out that learning the rules was the stumbling-block. Of course, none of this is needed for cricket or football, with due respect to both, hence the struggle of many bands to be fully equipped. The writer would like to hear if this method of ringing Grandsire is known elsewhere.

There is not the least doubt that the conductor of the 1824 peal was a great-great-uncle to the present conductor, who rang the same bell and conducted the same peal, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, churchwardens and Church Council for their kindness in defraying the expense of and causing the tablet to be relung.

G. EDWARDS.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Burbage on Saturday, November 14th. Commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good muster is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 6d. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Burton. Fares 6d. return.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards (all ringers welcome).—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. 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 Bassingham (6), Saturday, November 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District (Hitchin).—On Saturday, November 14th, a meeting will be held at Hitchin. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Main L.N.E.R. service and buses from all parts every half-hour. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Grange. Please make an effort to attend and make the meeting a success.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

**STANWICK, NORTHANTS.**—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington (6), near Nuneaton, on November 21st. Buses every half-hour from Nuneaton and Coventry. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton.

**OXHEY.**—November 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Trains and coaches from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Last quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector. Please notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Road, Fulbourne, by November 17th. Election of officers for 1932, so a large attendance is desirable.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 18th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at 5. Will members kindly advise me if they are coming?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—Next meeting at St. Ambrose, Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Members note the altered date, the original date clashing with the Weston dinner and dance. All ringers welcome.—H. Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Wye on Saturday, November 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Any suggestions re celebration of the Association's Jubilee will be welcomed.—D. S. Commins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. to all those notifying me not later than Thursday, November 19th.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, November 21st. Church of St. Helen (8 bells, tenor 17 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at once. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, November 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, November 18th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise me by Thursday, 19th inst., without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, November 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, November 18th? Members please note alteration of place of meeting.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, November 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting at which nominations for district officers for 1932 must be made. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 16th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, November 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Willis, for those who notify me early.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A hearty welcome to all ringing visitors.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, November 21st. Bells open 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested, so please oblige.—D. Brown, Branch Sec., 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on November 21st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and

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**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**AXBRIDGE DEANERY DINNER**, under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—The second annual dinner, concert and dance will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 28th, at 6 p.m. sharp. The Cosmo Players dance band will be in attendance from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Last year's attendance totalled no less than 192. Fully licensed up till 12 p.m. Accommodation for bed and breakfast can be obtained on application to the secretary for 5s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets should be made to the secretary, or Mr. E. Parker, Ingledene, Moorland Road, Weston-super-Mare, not later than November 20th. Now roll up, and spend the evening of your lives for 3s. 6d. inclusive! The bells of the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, and the old church at Uphill will be available from 2 p.m. Visit Weston with the air like wine.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be discussed. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, November 24th, without fail? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each. Kindly notify Mr. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley, a by-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 28th. Service, with address, after which the Vicar invites all ringers attending to tea at the Vicarage. It is particularly requested that members notify me of their intention to be present by Thursday, November 26th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, if possible. Please send card to Mr. W. T. Wilson for same.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 25th? A good muster will be encouraging.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by December 2nd.

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