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CONDUCTORS SHOULD BE CRITICS

There are few ringing societies which can go back for two hundred years in their history, and the Oxford Society's Bicentenary on Saturday was an event of rare interest to the Exercise. As we mentioned a week or two ago in this column, change ringing was practised in Oxford before the first recorded performances and we are indebted to one who was not himself a ringer, but a caustic critic, for the first authentic information of the Oxford men's doings. The pity is that the diarist died so soon after his first records of ringing. But for him, however, details of some of those early performances would have been unknown to us and 1933 would probably not have been regarded as the Society's bicentenary year.

The proceedings on Saturday were a fitting mark of the event, the principal item on the programme being the dinner in the evening, at which a number of leading members of the Exercise were present. It is a pleasure to observe that the subsequent speeches were of much greater interest than those usually heard at ringers' gatherings. This perhaps, was due to the occasion itself—it was something out of the ordinary and so the speakers found something out of the ordinary to say—and we commend them even to those of our readers who have a habit of skipping the reports of post prandial oratory.

To one speech in particular we would direct the attention of all ringers. The President of the Central Council had something to say which for long has badly wanted saying, and he said it with that directness which is characteristic of his utterances when speaking as the head of the Exercise. Mr. Lewis said, in effect, that it was high time in the belfry that the conductor for the time being should be free to criticise the ringing and tell the ringers how it should be improved, without incurring the displeasure of the individuals concerned. A good deal of bad ringing is tolerated in these days for fear of causing offence to the culprit or culprits. Because a man may resent being told of his fault, the conductor remains silent and the ringing and the public suffer. Mr. Lewis' contention is that any criticism of a ringer by the conductor during ringing should be accepted in good spirit and should not be allowed to cause ill-will on the part of the person spoken to. In this, we believe, all reasonably minded ringers will agree with him. It should be every conductor's duty to criticise. There are a few really critical conductors to be found, men who do not hesitate to speak their mind if occasion arises, whether they offend or please. What is wanted is not only more men of this type, but more ringers who will accept the criticism in the proper spirit and, realising that it is in the interest of

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better striking, will feel no resentment over it. It would be an important step to raising the level of ringing generally. Even the mildest criticism is taken objection to by some ringers. It is always difficult for a young conductor to criticise the defects of an older ringer; even young ringers sometimes resent being told by their seniors. When considered in the light of a desire for better ringing, such ill-feeling, which only arises through a mistaken sense of offended dignity, is really silly, and Mr. Lewis' advice is very sound. Ringers old and young should learn not to take offence at criticism by their conductors—yet how often does a conductor have to act warily for fear of offending and losing one of his band?

PEAL REPORTS.

A HINT TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would again call the attention of correspondents to the desirability, when sending in peal reports, of adhering to the style in which they are printed in 'The Ringing World.' Many reports reach us in which the information is 'pitchforked' together or defective in some material particular. We would ask those who send peal reports for publication, if they are not fully familiar with the style adopted in our columns, to check the details with those which are given week by week in 'The Ringing World.' It will prevent many errors and the necessity for making corrections which might often be avoided and in addition save a good deal of trouble to the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLET Treble	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM MADGWICK 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6	ERNEST FITCH Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 11). Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS
Miss Tillett is the youngest ringer to accomplish a peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Smith. Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	GEORGE MAYERS 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. KING 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 10
CHARLES F. SAYER 5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 11
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

* First peal of Treble Twelve.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... ..	...Treble	LEWIS SNELL	7
C. BERT CHESTER	2	HERBERT LOWMAN	8
JOHN WALDEN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	FREDERICK W. STOKES	10
ARTHUR BONN	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON	11
HAROLD MARCON	6	GEORGE FLINTHAM	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Canon George Jaudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln, and president of the Guild, who was interred earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-BOB TWENTY-PART, No. 2. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	WALTER WALLACE	6
JOHN H. SWINFELD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JOHN CURTIS	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE FOUR-PART, No. 12.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
MAURICE SWINFELD	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, in which Mr. J. O. Dicken took part as his first peal. This composition is now rung for the first time and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in four equal parts. This completes peals of Stedman Triples in equal parts from one to twenty inclusive by the 'Wednesday' afternoon band, which is the first band to do so.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
JOSEPH MARKS	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, on the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER RUFFLES ... ..	...Treble	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	2	JOHN J. CREASEY	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM LAST	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF WINDSOR SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	53
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
GEORGE GILBERT	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
EDWARD S. T. FARR	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Vicar of Old Windsor (the Rev. A. E. McCaig) with Miss F. A. Cornick.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... ..	...Treble	JOHN BORLES	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
STUART SANDFORD	3	FRED M. MITCHELL	7
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES ROBINSON ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES W. COOK	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	ROBERT HOWARD	6
MANSFIELD GINN	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Being 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 736 Superlative.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal in four Surprise methods on the bells and by the ringers of 2, 5 and 6.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES ARNOLD MOSS ... ..	...Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
*JOHN F. WOOD	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ROBERT HOLDEN	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN E. MARKLAND	4	WILLIAM R. MOSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to William Pennington, who was interred here on the 16th inst. Mr. Potter has now conducted a peal in every tower in the Bolton Branch.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.			
CHALLIS F. WINNEY, London,	Born	Mar. 17th, 1858	...Treble
WILLIAM T. PATES, Cheltenham,	"	Feb. 28th, 1853	... 2
ERNEST BISHOP, Swindon,	"	Feb. 2nd, 1863	... 3
HARRY W. SMITH, Reading,	"	July 4th, 1861	... 4
ROBT. H. BRUNDLE, Ipswich,	"	Sept. 18th, 1851	... 5
FRANCIS E. DAWK, Woking,	"	Mar. 16th, 1862	... 6
JAMES GEORGE, Birmingham,	"	Nov. 27th, 1853	... 7
WALTER PRIME, London,	"	Dec. 27th, 1854	...Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary on the previous day of Ernest Bishop's first peal, at Great Marlow. The united ages of the above ringers total approximately 612 years, or an average of 76½ years each. They are the oldest band to accomplish a peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*GEOFFREY M. FREESTONE Treble	REGINALD DORE ...	...	5
WALTER GREENAWAY ... 2	GEORGE GRAY ...	...	6
R. THOMAS NEWMAN... 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	...	7
†CYRIL A. HOUSE ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	...Tenor	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM
* First peal. † First peal and first attempt for Major. Contains full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without 2nd ever in 5-6 or 3rd in 6th's place.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.			
CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ...	...	5
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...	6
GEORGE KENWARD ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	...	7
*THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ...	...Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal of Kent Major. Rung to commemorate the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hodgkin. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor's daughter, Audrey. The composition, No. 386, is rung for the first time.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.			
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	*WILLIAM COPPIN ...	...	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ...	...	6
FRANK CLAYDON ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	...	7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 4	†CHARLES H. SMITH ...	...Tenor	

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The monthly peal for the division; also rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss D. M. Coppin, youngest daughter of the ringer of the 5th, and Mr. S. Brazier, which took place earlier in the day at Holy Trinity Church, Halstead.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.			
EDWARD JENNINS ... Treble	*FRED DUNKERLEY ...	...	5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	...	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	...	7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	...Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS
* First 'touch' in the method. Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, also as a birthday compliment to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Bradford, and to the conductor.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.			
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	...	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	...	7
JAMES TOPP ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	...Tenor	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.			
WILLIAM SEELEY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	...	5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	...	6
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ...	...	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ...	...Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method and was rung without previous practice. F. W. Brinklow's 200th peal.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.			
JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble	ALFRED J. HOOPER ...	...	5
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ...	...	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ...	...	7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ...	...Tenor	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.			
EDWARD J. BEER ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESEMAM ...	...	5
GEORGE J. BEICHER ... 2	MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...	6
STUART SANDFORD ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ...	...	7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.			
ROBERT J. DAWK ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ...	...	5
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 2	ERNEST J. LADD ...	...	6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	...	7
PHILLIP THOMPSON ... 4	ALEC RICHARDSON ...	...Tenor	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Hobden.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
*WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*JAMES A. MILNER ...	...	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ...	...	7
*ALBERT V. REES ... 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	...Tenor	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH

* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE ... Treble	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	HORACE DOWELL ... 6
EZRA HOMER ... 3	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 7
ALBERT TAYLOR ... 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the branch. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 30). Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

First peal of London on the bells. The band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN ... 4
*TOM WORRALL ... 2	WILLIAM JONES ... 5
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 3	HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal and only 16 years of age.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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FREDERICK TARGETT ... 3	JOSÉPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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On Thursday, October 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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JOHN C. ADAMS ... 3	†ALFRED BUCKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First attempt for a peal of Doubles. † First peal. 50th peal by the conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	*DAVID WARR ... 4
LLOYD CHAPMAN ... 2	*FREDERICK LAWES ... 5
CHARLES HIGH ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt. Treble and tenor ringers from Norwich, the remainder are local.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EADBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E natural.

*HARRY FINCH ... Treble	*GEORGE ELLIS ... 4
*JOSEPH HALL ... 2	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... 5
JAMES HEMMING ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

SYDLING, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

*R. GEORGE THOMAS ... Treble	*MISS E. MAY RIDOUT ... 3
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2	*KENNETH J. BOWDITCH ... 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. Ring to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rector (the Rev. J. Wynn Werinick) and Mrs. Wynn Werinick.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST POOLE ... Treble	THOMAS BAILEY ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	†ARTHUR STOPFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM OVERBERRY ... 3	FREDERICK BLOWING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WALTER D. JOLLEY ... 1 treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
†MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	J. ARMIGER TOLLOPE ... 5
‡WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal in seven methods. ‡ 300th peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At ARCHFIELD, 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 1-2	FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

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BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 7-8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3-4	STUART STANFORD ... 9-10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6	HARRY HOVERD ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. George H. Cross.

First peal of Maximus 'in hand' by all the band and first peal on twelve by the ringer of 9-10. Thought to be the first peal of Maximus rung on handbells in the county.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ILLNESS PREVENTS RINGING AT LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, October 14th. A case of serious illness immediately adjoining the church prevented the use of the bells. The proceedings consisted, therefore, of the service, tea, business meeting and some handbell ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short), who gave a very interesting address on the origin and evolution of musical instruments in general and of bells in particular.

Tea was served in St. Luke's Hall, 30 members participating, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar. One member of West Wickham band was elected into the association.

The secretary read a report of the year's working, which was adopted. The meeting expressed a wish that these reports should be entered (as separate entries) in the minute book.

The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. This led to the unopposed re-election of the retiring holders, viz., Messrs. A. G. Hill, E. Barnett, W. Smith and T. Groombridge, sen., hon. district secretary, representatives on General Committee (two) and Ringing Master respectively. The reappointment was made with thanks for previous service.

The next meeting is to be held, by invitation, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, in January.

The Vicar took the item, 'Any other business,' as the appropriate time to express his regret that the bells had been idle, owing to unavoidable circumstances, and thanked the ringers for their touch on handbells immediately after tea.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his permission to hold the meeting at St. Luke's, for conducting the service and giving his address, and for presiding at the business meeting; to the curate and churchwardens for their support, and to the organist for his services.—This was carried with applause.

At this time a message was delivered from the invalid mentioned above that, in consideration of the special occasion, she had no wish to prevent ringing, but asked that the bells be rung only to short touches. On the suggestion of Mr. W. J. Jeffries, it was decided to forego ringing under the circumstances, and to thank the lady for her kindly intentions.

This concluded the proceedings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S DINNER

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BOLTON.

Judging by the gathering which attended the second annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at Bolton on Saturday, the event is one which has evidently come to stay among the social gatherings of the Exercise. Last year Canon Romney, of Liverpool, suggested that a meeting of ringers with a pilgrimage to the Cathedral in that city would be interesting. So it proved, and the warm support which the project received led to the organisation of last Saturday's gathering at Bolton.

Bolton cannot offer a pilgrimage to a cathedral, but it can offer bells. In the town itself there are seven rings of eight and one of six, all in first-class going order. All these were placed at the disposal of visitors, and good use was made of them. Following this there was a short service in St. George's Church before the company proceeded to the Co-operative Hall, where over 160 sat down to a right good dinner. The president of the association (Canon Elsee) occupied the chair, and among the company were the Lord Bishop of Manchester, His Worship the Mayor of Bolton (Alderman Lomax) and the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor (Alderman G. Sykes) and Mrs. Sykes, Canon Child (St. Helen's), the Rev. Marie (Tadmorden), the Rev. H. A. Norton (Holy Trinity, Bolton), the Rev. R. C. Worsley (St. Mary's, Deane), the Rev. P. Marr Davies (St. Peter's, Halliwell), Mr. Ernest B. Worsley (deputy treasurer of the borough) and Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of Yorkshire fame. Letters apologising for their absence were received from the Archdeacon of Liverpool, Archdeacon Sale and the Archdeacon of Warrington, also from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who was attending the Oxford Society's bicentenary celebration.

The President welcomed the distinguished guests, and said it was a special pleasure to see the Bishop of Manchester amongst them, especially when he had already attended two meetings that day in London. To him all must feel very grateful. They were also delighted to have with them the Mayor and Mayoress and the late secretary of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Johnson, of Leeds).

THE BISHOP AND THE BELLS.

'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association' was proposed by the Bishop. He said he had been a Rector in two parishes where there was a peal of bells. At the first there was a very keen set of ringers, and in the winter time they practised every Tuesday and Thursday. He lived right under the church tower and was always out on Tuesdays and Thursdays (laughter). At the end of a summer he was offered the living of another parish—he took it (laughter). The Rectory there was also near a tower, and they only practised once a week, but he was always out on that particular night. At the end of another summer he was offered his present post—he took it (laughter), and now resided over two miles away from the tower and still retained his post. The ringers, he went on to say, were an acting incumbent, because if there were no ringers, the incumbent would have to ring the bells himself. It was a part of his duty to ring them or find a substitute, and he (the Bishop) found that the ringing associations had provided some really good substitutes. He was also pleased to know that the present-day ringer was a devoted worshipper. He did not want to introduce a sermon into his toast, but he felt this was an opportunity to bring before the company the need for co-operation in their church work and devotion to Christ. He said he knew their leader, Canon Elsee, well. In him they had a true friend, and one who had their interest at heart. If he visited a church where the Canon was also visiting, and there were bells in the tower, he usually sought him there. It was the same in his church work. Canon Elsee as Rural Dean was a real help to him in his work. The secretary was also a real part of the backbone of the association's prosperity, and he coupled his name with that of the president in his toast.

In reply, Canon Elsee said the association had now been formed over 50 years, and there had been many improvements in the towers during that time. Several towers which contained only six bells now had rings of eight, others had been recast and were now beautiful bells, while most of them were put in first-class ringing order. With regard to ringing, in the earlier days Lancashire had for its popular methods Graudsire and Bob Major, whilst Yorkshire enjoyed its Treble Bob. Now, however, most methods were rung, but he thought sometimes that the same attention was not paid to the striking as it was to the learning of the methods. Good striking, he said, ought to be the special aim of all ringers.

The vice-president (Mr. Thomas B. Worsley) also replied, and gave a brief statistical report of the work done by the association.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

The toast of 'Our Guests' was in the hands of Mr. George R. Newton, who said he found it a rather difficult job to toast such a party of distinguished guests. He knew the Bishop was always interested in the affairs of the association. Then the company was graced by his Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress. It was a pleasure to find the civic heads taking an interest in the association's affairs. They also had with them the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Sykes) and his wife. Alderman Sykes was at one time a ringer, and

last year during his term of office a peal was rung in his honour with some striking features. Alderman Sykes' Christian name was George. The peal was rung on St. George's Day at St. George's Church, and he, another George, had the honour of conducting the peal. There was yet another visitor he would like to mention, Mr. Ernest B. Worsley, the deputy treasurer of the borough, another one-time member of the association. Mr. Newton added that he was sure all would join him in the toast to the welcome of the visitors.

The Mayor, in reply, said that was the first occasion he had been in the company of ringers, and he was having a really pleasant time in their midst. Although he did not attend a place of worship where there were any bells, he always liked to sit at home and listen to the bells on the wireless on Sunday evenings. He thanked them for their toast and welcomed them to the borough of Bolton.

Alderman Sykes said that he was very pleased to be amongst ringers again, although he had only been learning for five years. On behalf of his wife and himself, he thanked them for the invitation.

'The Press' was proposed by Mr. Percy J. Johnson, who gave a very interesting history of the publications issued at different times for the benefit of the ringing fraternity, and said the reason they had lapsed into obscurity was the lack of support. He pleaded for better support for 'The Ringing World.' Without it, he said, interest in the art would wane considerably. The Editor was a personal friend of his and was doing all he could to benefit the ringing community. He suggested that if members who could not afford to buy a copy for themselves subscribed, say, a penny each per week in their towers, several copies of the paper would be at their disposal. This would help to create more interest and also improve the circulation.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood responded to the toast, and supported the appeal. He said that, as a man who was connected with the Press, he knew its value. Without the Press interest in ringing matters would simply fade away. In conclusion he said, 'Do help to help yourselves.'

The Rev. R. C. Worsley moved that the best thanks of all be offered to the president for his work. A bright and breezy speech was followed by three cheers for Canon Elsee.

Musical items were provided between the toasts. On handbells Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, 'tapped' a course of Bob Major; Manchester City Police Ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Triples; a mixed band a course of Grandsire Caters, and Holy Trinity Church handbell ringers gave selections on their four octave set. The Rev. R. C. Worsley and Mr. Hubert Clay sang songs.

At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Peter Crook and his helpers for having made the event such a success, and the artistes were thanked for their musical items.

CORNWALL'S THIRTY-FIRST OCTAVE.

TWO NEW BELLS AT ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE.

The little Church of St. Anthony at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, protected from the southern gales of the English Channel by Dennis Head, and standing at the very water's edge of the Gillan Creek, which forms the mouth of the Durra, now possesses a beautiful ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt—bringing the number of octaves in Cornwall to 31. In 1924 a ring of six was cast and hung, and a frame for eight provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and now a perfect splice has been made by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. One of the bells is to commemorate the long and faithful ministry of the Rev. E. Ormerod, who has lately retired from the livings of Monaccan and St. Anthony (held in plurality), and given by the parishioners, and the other has been provided by a gentleman who has a summer residence at St. Anthony.

The dedication took place on Saturday, October 14th, and, although of a private nature, a good number of ringers were present, and included the local band, the Gulval band, Messrs. E. W. Marsh, W. Hiscott and W. Lavers, of Plymouth, and a certain 'Shepherd,' who, fresh from his roving around the hills of the Lake District, arrived by train, bicycle and ferry in search of new fields (bells) and pastures (Cornish cream!) in the Cornish Riviera as winter approaches.

On Saturday, October 21st, a party from Truro visited St. Anthony to try the new bells, and were joined by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Master of Truro Guild) and Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth). The party were most kindly entertained to tea at Pengwedhen by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Jerram, about 1½ miles from St. Anthony's Church, and in the evening a visit was paid to Manaccan Church for evensong and further ringing on the handy ring of six. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles and Bob Minor.

LINCOLN GUILD'S PRESIDENT.

DEATH OF CANON JEUDWINE.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost its president by the death of Canon George Wynne Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, who died on Wednesday week, aged 84 years. He was a patriarchal figure.

Canon Jeudwine took an interest in the affairs of the Guild, nearly always being present at the annual meetings. Last February he dedicated at Surfleet the memorial to the late Rev. H. Law James. Canon Jeudwine was ordained in 1872 and became Sub-Dean in 1925, after holding Archdeaconsries at Stow and Lincoln. With Dean Fry he led the movement for the restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, and when the Dean died he continued with the task.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the effort to raise funds to clear off the deficit on the Bell Restoration Fund at Selly Oak (Birmingham) Parish Church, a short history of Selly Oak has been published by the Church Council, price 2s. Copies can be had from Mr. F. W. Leonard, the treasurer of the fund, 1, Lodge Hill Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, or from Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

There are a number of ringers about the country who have had some connection with Selly Oak in the past, and who will, we feel sure, be interested and glad of the opportunity of thus helping the fund.

An interesting peal board recording three peals of Minor was unveiled at Folkingham, Lincs, on Saturday. Of the peals one was the first in which a mother and daughter took part, another was rung half-muffled for the master of the Lincoln Guild, and the third the first Surprise peal on the bells.

Letters on the subject of 'Ringing in Rutland' are unavoidably held over until next week.

DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.

A GRAVESIDE INCIDENT.

On Wednesday, October 11th, there passed away suddenly at the age of 65 years one of Bolton's prominent ringers, Mr. William Pennington. For the past few months he had not done any regular ringing owing to ill-health, but attended a local branch meeting on the Saturday previous to his death.

In his younger days Mr. Pennington was a big, powerful man and turned many an awkward bell through a peal. He rang at St. Peter's, Halliwell, until the bells were unringable; then he went to Bolton Parish Church (which necessitated a walk of three miles each way) until Halliwell bells were restored in 1928, when he returned and took command, getting a hand together. The bells had been silent for over 20 years. He most reluctantly gave up service ringing.

He was interred at St. Peter's on October 16th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, and assisted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association. A large number of ringers attended. The bells were rung muffled to the 'whole pull and stand,' and handbells were rung over the grave. When the handbells were being rung the clapper of the treble dropped out and fell into the grave, an incident which gave rise to many comments among the superstitious.

Mr. Pennington had rung over 100 peals for the Lancashire Association and had been a member since 1897.

MORE RINGING IN PRISON.

LECTURE AT MANCHESTER.

On Tuesday, October 17th, Manchester Prison was visited by ringers. Mr. F. Frankland Rigby, of Westhoughton, gave a very interesting lecture on change ringing to His Majesty's guests. He began with two bells and went through to twelve, and, with the assistance of Messrs. Robert Walmsley, Peter Crook, his son Peter and daughter Annie, demonstrated with handbells.

Two bells and three bells were given without method, then Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples to show how a method could be adapted to get the full extent of changes.

There was a large and interested 'audience' of men of almost all ages.

The Chaplain, on behalf of the authorities, thanked the party for their visit. He said his father, now 86 years of age, was an old ringer, and had been a Rector at a church in the South, and this visit brought back many happy memories.

The Governor, who had interested himself in the subject, said in a private conversation afterwards that whilst at another prison he had introduced a small peal of bells, and had them rung for each divine service. It had, he said, a very quieting effect on the prisoners.

DOUBLE NORWICH IN DORSET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note in your issue of the 13th inst. about Double Norwich ringing at Poole, while I fully acknowledge the amount of good and hard work which Mr. Townsend has done as ringing instructor in our branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, I am asked by our ringers to point out that a touch of 400 Double Norwich was rung in Swanage tower for morning service on December 2nd, 1923, by the local band. While they could not be called a young band, every member learnt to handle a rope in our tower.

J. B. M. RIDOUT, Correspondent.

Swanage.

NEW ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. B. James will find that the above method was published as No. 67 in 'The Ringing World' on May 15th, 1931, by
Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

OXFORD SOCIETY'S BICENTENARY.

CELEBRATION IN THE UNIVERSITY CITY. INTERESTING SPEECHES AT SATURDAY'S COMMEMORATION.

The bicentenary of the Oxford Society was fittingly celebrated on Saturday, when during the day a considerable number of ringers joined in the varied proceedings.

In 1733 Thomas Hearne, a local diarist, first recorded the doings of Oxford ringers, and, although he died two years later and thus robbed posterity of further interesting comments on the ringing of that period, there are records extant which show that the society has had a continuous active existence, and during the last 60 years has proved a valuable training ground, in conjunction with the University Society, for educating undergraduates in the art of ringing. Many men who have since occupied eminent positions in the Exercise graduated in the Oxford Society. Some of them were present on Saturday, when nearly all the many peals of bells in the city were rung in turn.

At St. Giles' Church, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards unveiled and dedicated a peal board erected to commemorate the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in Oxford by a local company for 40 years.

The ringers attended the customary evensong at Christ Church Cathedral, special prayers being introduced, and the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' sung at the close.

MAYORAL RECEPTION AND DINNER.

Afterwards the Mayor of Oxford (Alderman Charles Brown), who is an old ringer and president of the society, held a reception at the Town Hall, before the party went on to Stewart's Restaurant to dine. At this gathering the Mayor occupied the chair, and among those present were the Mayoress, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. E. A. Young (Senior Steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. Clayton Pilmore, the Sheriff of Oxford (Councillor W. Clark), the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. P. G. Latham (Sandford-on-Thames), the Rev. C. Ellis Roberts (Procurator of Christ Church), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. T. R. Dennis (representing the Cambridge Youths), Miss Blencowe (Reading), Mr. R. White (Appleton), Mr. J. P. Pelloe (Master of Oxford University Society), Mr. H. Miles, Mr. W. G. E. Collett (Ringing Master, Oxford Society), Mr. V. J. F. Bennett (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Simmonds (steward), etc., the company numbering altogether nearly 70.

Decorating the walls of the room were portraits of some of the former members of the society, and framed records of many of the performances, going back to 1773, and executed with wonderful penmanship. One embraced the record of ten peals rung between 1815 and 1834, which had been in possession of Mr. Pilmore, and which he recently presented to the society. It was the work of Arthur Tyrer, head porter of Pembroke College, whose portrait, in oils, was among the exhibits. The peal books of the society were also a source of much interest.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured at the call of the Mayor.

'FAULTS ON BOTH SIDES.'

Mr. W. Simmonds, in proposing 'The Church,' said in the days when the Oxford Society was founded the atmosphere of the society was mainly secular; its object was to provide a competent band of ringers to ring for the University and the City as and when required. To-day the Oxford Society was grateful for the interest of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church which made it possible for them to give service to the Church by ringing Christ Church bells for Sunday service in term time. It was said that there were three classes of ringers. There were some who rang for the money they received, some who rang for occasional pleasure and others who rang to do service to the Church in the way they were most fitted to render it. If they put the latter as their first objective, he thought they could safely combine all three and feel that they were doing the right thing; that was assuming they answered the call which they gave (hear, hear). That was a sore point between many of the clergy and their ringers. There were faults on both sides. If they as ringers laid themselves open to the charges, they must expect the sermons they so often got. On the other hand, the interest of some of the clergy in the bells and tower and ringers stopped at the bottom step of the belfry stairs—the ringers and the bells were out of sight and out of mind. They should all try and find a remedy for these things (hear, hear). One way, he thought, would be to recruit the ringers from inside the church—from Sunday School boys and boys leaving the choir; from the young men and young women in the congregation, instead of, as at present, searching the highways and drawing on the man in the street and their personal acquaintances. In the sincere hope that the Church and ringers might come in closer contact with each other, he asked them to honour the toast of 'The Church' (applause).

This having been done, Bishop Shaw replied. He said he could call to mind the time when bellringers were in a very different position

with regard to the Church and clergy to what they were now. The old-fashioned type of ringer used to like to have his beer in the belfry while he was carrying on with his ringing (laughter). That had now entirely disappeared—a change almost entirely due to the formation of ringers' guilds and associations, which had set before ringers a high ideal and had made them recognise that they were not just indulging in a hobby or a little exercise, but giving a very definite and useful service to the Church. The dear old Church of England was composed of such a great variety of membership—they had the tenor bell and the treble bell and in between a whole lot of other bells—that they did not always harmonise in ringing a peal, but when they did he ventured to say there were few things which were a greater power for good in this land (applause). The Oxford Society was celebrating that day its bicentenary; the Mayor of Oxford—they were most grateful to him for the way he had received and entertained them—was the 811th Mayor of the City; but the Church in England went back a good deal further even than that, to St. Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury. That was a fairly respectable history (hear, hear). The Church to-day most heartily appreciated the work done by the bellringers. He had always been interested in ringing and ringers himself, and very heartily appreciated the help which was given by ringers to the Church (applause).

CANON COLERIDGE'S RECOLLECTIONS.

'The Oxford Society' was proposed by Canon Coleridge, who said he thought he was the oldest member of the society in the room. He joined it in his undergraduate days, and he believed everyone else who was a member at that time had since passed away with one exception, and that was a very old friend of his of years ago, Mr. W. J. Smith, who was prevented from being present that night by his infirmities. In his undergraduate days, said Canon Coleridge, he rang his first peal at Kirtlington; there were six undergraduates, Mr. Robinson, who was a graduate, and W. J. Smith, who rang the tenor. He was very proud of that peal, and he was very proud, a few months afterwards, to receive a letter, which he still prized, which read: 'Dear Sir,—I have to inform you that at our last meeting you were unanimously elected a member of the Oxford Society. Yours truly, J. Field. Subscription 2s. 6d.' (laughter). He was very pleased to pay up his 2s. 6d. He rang four or five peals in his undergraduate days as a member of the Oxford Society. Joseph Field was an old friend of his, who did a lot to teach him. He was an absolutely unselfish man, a man who, if he composed anything, did not keep it to himself. Next to him was Charles Hounslow, whom everyone revered. The fund of stories he had to tell was innumerable. Canon Coleridge went on to refer to other Oxford worthies of his young days—Robert Annis, Ted Harrison and others. He once asked Charles Hounslow how he called Holt's Original, and he told him he whistled the bobs. He was a most musical man and could whistle anything, even oratorios and operas. He got the bobs in Holt's Original in proper order, put them to a tune and whistled them to himself. He (Canon Coleridge) couldn't do that, for he did not know one note from another (laughter).

Continuing, the speaker said he was elected a member of the Oxford Society on December 4th, 1879—that was 54 years ago. He knew what the work of the Oxford Society had been in the past; it had had a long, long history. Those who read 'The Ringing World' would have read recently the story of the early ringing in Oxford and of the occasion when a party of London ringers walked down to Oxford and rang for a week, more or less—not all the time, for they had refreshment in between (laughter). In those days London, Oxford, Bristol and Norwich, and, he believed, Cambridge were considered to be the centres of ringing. There was no Press in those days—nothing to convey news of what was done, but certainly change ringing flourished in those five towns. They were very grateful indeed to those who had investigated the history of these old societies and were able to tell them a great deal about them. When the Oxford Society's history came to be written there would be a great deal of interest in it. There was a man named Scarsbrook, and Mr. Young had told him that through him it might be possible to form a link which would lead them to discover more about Fabian Stedman. If that were possible, it would be a great feather in the cap of Oxford. There was a time, perhaps, when the ringing done by the members of the society was more concerned with money making, but to-day they did not look upon it in that light. They counted it a privilege and rang for the honour and glory of God. It was God's work—whether it was municipal, university or service ringing it was done for the same ideals, and they ought to try to put their best into it. That, he was certain, the Oxford Society would continue to do. He congratulated them on reaching their bicentenary and upon seeing so many young members coming on to take the place of the older ones. He trusted they would continue to try to do their duty as long as they lived (applause).

A LONG HISTORY.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured and was acknowledged by Mr. V. J. F. Bennett. Although they might not be so well known as others of their contemporaries in the Exercise, he said, they had a long history behind them. There was undoubtedly a good company of ringers in Oxford in the 18th century, and they were visited by

the College Youths, who seemed to have given a stimulus to Oxford ringing and thereby commenced that long historical record of peals and performances which they were celebrating that day. No doubt all present had read the early history of those pioneers in 'The Ringing World,' to which publication they owed their best thanks. Thomas Hearne, the diarist, to whom they owed their knowledge of the early history of the society, was very interested in them, and had he lived longer they would have undoubtedly had an even greater historical record, but he died in 1735, only a few days after his last entry, recording a visit of Oxford ringers to Warwick. After that time they had to content themselves with the information contained in the peal books. The peal of 6,786 Grandsire Caters at New College was followed by a seven thousand at Magdalen. Oxford ringing was carried on under the conductorship of J. Baker, and the ringers included the name of J. Scarsbrook, who rang several peals between 1820 and 1847. There was also a family named Paviour, who for over 70 years did their part in Oxford ringing.

Mr. Bennett, continuing, said he saw Mr. W. J. Smith on the previous night, and he expressed deep regret that he was not able to be present that evening. He sent his kind regards to the Mayor and a special message to Canon Coleridge. Mr. Bennett called attention to the painting of Arthur Tyrer, a former porter of Pembroke College, which had been lent to them for the evening by Mr. Clayton Pilmore. He was a great ringer. Mr. Bennett also recalled the names of J. E. Troyt, H. D. Troyt, G. H. Phillot, C. D. P. Davies and others which appeared in the society's peal book in the '70's. One of the peals in which they took part was at Magdalen in 1875, and there was not another peal rung there until 1919. In the 1890's they had J. W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson among their members, and Oxford was a centre of great activity. There were peals of Double Norwich and Surprise, and many peals were rung at St. Peter's Church in the East, as a result of which, he was sorry to say, the tower was closed. After the war, which treated their society as it did most other societies, they got down to a very small company, but they had been steadily working up since 1919, until to-day they had a company capable of ringing Stedman Cinques for Sunday morning service (hear, hear). They were fortunate in possessing an able conductor in the person of Mr. W. F. Judd, to whom most of the progress they had made lately was due (applause). They were also very fortunate in their relationship with the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, who had so often shown their appreciation of the Sunday morning ringing. They took a real interest in the society's work. Canon Coleridge had referred to paid ringing. They were always willing to accept payment when money was due, but their motive to-day was not what they could get out of it, but what they could give (applause). He believed the future held great things for them. They had good material under good conductorship and they ought to go forward. They had permission to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques on January 1st next, the 200th anniversary of the first peal ever rung in the city (hear, hear). He hoped the members would stick together and do all they could to keep up the traditions of their ancient society (applause).

SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT AS MAYOR.

Mr. W. G. E. Collett, in a facetious speech, proposed the toast of 'The Mayor and Corporation.' He said the Mayor had been a member of their society for many years, and attended their meetings whenever he could. It was he who suggested, on one occasion, that they should invite the Mayor and members of the City Council to one of their meetings in the belfry. He (Mr. Collett) remembered the consternation with which the suggestion was received. It was said, 'They won't come.' 'We should not dare to ask them.' 'Well,' said Councillor Brown, as he then was, 'do you want them? If you want them, I'll make them come' (laughter). And so it was that shortly afterwards the society had the honour of entertaining in the belfry of Christ Church the Mayor of Oxford and several members of the City Council, and soon afterwards the Mayor of Oxford attended one of their annual dinners. After that time the society never looked back, and eventually the City Council, realising that Alderman Brown was a bellringer, and realising also that this was the bicentenary of the society, very properly and wisely elected him Mayor of Oxford (laughter and applause), and the society, very properly and wisely, also, saw to it that he was their president (applause). So, by sheer merit, Alderman Brown had risen to the position of highest honour, not only in the City of Oxford, but in the Oxford Society of Change Ringers (applause). There were very few ringing associations which had the advantage, as they had in Oxford, of the close co-operation of the civic authorities, although there was a notable exception in the case of Birmingham, and they were delighted to have Alderman Pritchett with them that night (applause). He earnestly commended the idea to other societies, because a close contact with the Mayor and Corporation would tend to raise the status of the whole Exercise (applause). The society was there that night at the invitation of the Mayor and Mayoress. They who lived in Oxford knew well what a source of inspiration Mrs. Brown was to her worshipful husband, and in asking them to drink to the toast of the Mayor and Corporation of Oxford he coupled with it the names of Alderman and Mrs. Brown (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

CIVIC HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

The Mayor, in reply, expressed his pride at being Mayor of the City of Oxford, a city of no mean reputation and known the world

over. Speaking for the citizens of Oxford, he said how much they appreciated the cheerful ringing of the bells and in the city that afternoon. He was very pleased to be present and was grateful if in any way through his influence that day's proceedings had been brought about. He emphasised the point made by Mr. Collett with regard to contact with the city fathers, and said if they got the right side of them he was sure they would not be slow to hold out the right hand of fellowship. Oxford, continued the Mayor, could compare with any other city in the kingdom in its amenities and public services. In health it stood high among other towns of like size, and its rates were the second lowest in the kingdom. They were a peaceable, law-abiding people, which meant that they promoted harmony, goodwill and good fellowship. He did not know whether there was any other city which, for its size, had more peals of bells than Oxford. If there was he would like to know it. There was nothing more cheerful than well-rung bells; they gave them music in a way that nothing else could. That was the first occasion, concluded the Mayor, that they had had an assembly in Oxford under those pleasant conditions, and he hoped it would not be the last (applause).

Mr. R. A. Post proposed 'The Visitors,' mentioning that among them were Mr. E. A. Young, Senior Steward of the Collegio Youtlis, some of whose members 200 years ago walked from London to ring in Oxford. As representing that society he thought they could look on Mr. Young as their 'godfather.' They had also with them the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, a gentleman who had probably done more than any other living person to bring the history and art of ringing to the notice of the general public, through his fine work in connection with broadcasting. They might describe Mr. Edwards as the 'publicity agent' of the Exercise (laughter). Another distinguished guest was Mr. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, whom they might call the Prime Minister of ringing (laughter). The visitors, said Mr. Post, had that day naturally seen the Oxford ringers on their best behaviour. They had tried to behave, but when visitors were not there, certain things did sometimes happen (laughter).

MORE CANDID CRITICS NEEDED.

Mr. Lewis, who first responded, said that in his position as president of the Central Council he desired to bring the congratulations of the whole Exercise to the Oxford Society (hear, hear). He felt he could also bring the congratulations of two societies of which he was a member, which were older than the Oxford Society, one was the College Youths and the other the Cambridge Youths (applause), the latter being senior to the Oxford Society by nine years. He had not rung very much with the Cambridge Youths. He was elected a member 31 or 32 years ago, but he did not get off with half-a-crown (laughter).

We have been very much interested, continued Mr. Lewis, in the articles on the history of your society which have appeared in 'The Ringing World.' I think the Oxford Society in its early years had one tremendous advantage, in that it had a really candid critic. I cannot believe that Mr. Hearne, when he wrote those things in his diary, confined his thoughts to writing only. I think he must have told the ringers what he thought about their ringing. You will notice that one day, I think it was March 12th, 1735, he was unable to listen all the time to a peal because he was not very well. Some of us in some parts of the country have sometimes to listen to ringing which makes us feel very unwell (laughter). We only wish we could go home and stay at home out of the sound of the bells, just as Mr. Hearne wished he could go out that day. Unfortunately, in some parts of the country—I am not referring to this part of the country, because I do not know very much about ringing in this neighbourhood—ringing is not as good as it should be. I think it is a very great pity we have not more candid critics to tell us when we ring very badly.

There are so many bands where the conductor seems frightened to tell ringers if they are not striking their bells properly. In my early days in the North of England I once said something rather caustic to a ringer about his striking and he was mortally offended. I do not think he intended to speak to me again, but I told him exactly what I thought about it and that I did not bear him any ill-will; afterwards we became very good friends.

Once before when speaking to ringers I drew some analogies between rowing and ringing, and pointed out that if you look at some of the crews—as you have the opportunity of doing here—and see the wonderful rhythm with which the better rowing men propel their boat, you realise that it is only acquired after years of most careful attention to every little detail concerning rowing. Ringing requires just as much attention to detail, yet ringers are just taught anyhow. They get hold of a rope and pull it, and very little attention is paid to the exact way to hold the rope. Many ringers never will strike their bells because they have not been taught how to hold the rope properly.

On the question of criticism I would again draw an analogy between rowing and ringing. Go on to a towpath and you will hear the coaches on the bank saying all sorts of rude things to the crews (laughter)—possibly some of you may have listened to it. I think it should be possible for the conductor in the tower—he could not use the language of the towpath because that would not be suitable in church (laughter)—to 'tick-off' those who strike badly, without any resentment on their part. It happens on the river. A crew may have as coach a man who is much their inferior as an oarsman, but

while he is coach he is allowed to say exactly what he likes about the men in the boat, and they never answer back or hear the slightest ill-will because he has referred to parts of their figure or the way they move their body in a most uncomplimentary way.

I do not think we need go to that length, but I think it would be a great advantage to us as ringers if we could get that custom established, that once you have selected your conductor, he be your permanent conductor or he be somebody just asked to conduct a particular touch—while it is being rung he should be allowed to say exactly what he thinks about the way every bell is being struck, without any ill-will being felt. It is only in such a way that we shall get back to the old standard of good striking, which, unfortunately, has been largely lost by the craze which some people have got of trying to ring too advanced methods before they are really able to handle their bells (hear, hear).

LINK BETWEEN OXFORD AND LONDON.

Mr. E. A. Young also replied to the toast, and remarked that the College Youths and the Oxford Society seem to have been closely in sympathy one with the other. It was remarkable how those dear old boys 200 years ago trudged from London to Oxford and had their week's ringing. It must have been a great stimulant to the Oxford ringers, and no doubt had left a tradition. It was a source of great pleasure to him to represent the College Youths, to bring their greetings, and, on their behalf, congratulate the Oxford Society on its 200th birthday. Another reason why he was personally interested in the Oxford Society was this: While he was not much of a ringer, he loved ringing and bell music, and the historical, archaeological and musical sides of it. When they rewrote the rules of the Ancient Society of College Youths a few years ago his brother members relied on him to recast the historical section. In the course of his search among the documents he came across one which, strangely enough, came from Oxford. It gave a history of ringing, not only as affecting the College Youths, but mentioned Fabian Stedman, and concluded: 'The foregoing was contributed by Mr. George Scarsbrook and taken from the Oxford Ringers' Register.' He had hoped that there might, by good fortune, be such a register extant to-day, but they could not find it, despite inquiries which had been made in Oxford by Mr. Collett and others. They could only presume the document which they had voiced the knowledge of the time and that what it said of the early days of ringing was probably near enough to be correct; that the extract was properly taken without desire to colour it in any way. They had it to-day, and he thought it bore evidence of being written about 1735 or 1736. He was exceedingly interested to see the name of Scarsbrook ringing in the third quarter of the 18th century. The Scarsbrook who was ringing with the College Youths in the 1790's may have been a son or other relation of the Oxford man, and he could understand one man writing to the other and getting access to the Ringers' Register. They had here, he thought, a link with the misty past which many of them were trying to fathom. One of the first of them was Oshorn, who left such a valuable lot of manuscripts to the British Museum, and the work had been continued in later years by men like Mr. Nichols and Mr. Morris in their books, and by Mr. J. A. Trollope, whose fine articles continued to appear from time to time in 'The Ringing World.' All that was very much to the good, because the more they felt they were the heirs of the past, the better legacy they would leave to the future (applause). The Oxford Society must feel very proud that day, on joining the ranks of those very few ringing societies which had had an existence of two centuries (applause).

THANKS OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

Mr. J. P. Pelloe, in proposing 'The Press,' took the opportunity, as Master this year of the Oxford University Society, of thanking the Oxford Society for all the help they had given to the members of the University Society for the last 60 years. They were in Oxford, most of them, for only three years; most of them knew nothing about ringing when they arrived, and the Oxford Society took them under their wing, taught them the rudiments of ringing, and, having turned them into something like ringers, they went away and, perhaps, never came to Oxford again. The Oxford Society then had to start afresh, with entirely new people, and they had been doing that for 60 years (applause). He hoped they felt repaid by some of the ringers they had produced; some like Alderman Pritchett, Canon Coleridge and Mr. Edwards, who had come back to join them that evening, and others like Mr. Barratt, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wigg, who were also with them. He hoped the Oxford Society, although it did not reap direct benefit in many cases from the people it had trained to ring, did feel that the indirect benefit which accrued to the whole Exercise was worth the trouble they had taken (applause).

Proceeding, Mr. Pelloe proposed 'The Press,' and made some kindly references to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Goldsmith, he said, rendered a service to the Exercise which many of them at times were liable to forget. The work which he did year after year was something for which the Exercise ought to be very grateful (applause).

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and the very enjoyable proceedings terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

A feature of the programme was the recitations of Mr. Clayton Filmore, whose elocutionary efforts were a great feat of memory. Mr. Jack George entertained the company with humorous items, the Rev. C. E. Wigg sang, and Mr. L. Betteridge, who was the accompanist, contributed a pianoforte solo. Members of the Oxford Society also rang Stedman Triples on handbells.

MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD GUILDS FRATERNISE.

SOCIAL EVENING FOLLOWS RINGING AT HILLINGDON.

A slight idea of the vast area represented at the joint meeting of the Middlesex and Oxford Guilds at Hillingdon on Saturday week may be obtained by drawing a line connecting up the following places: Brixton, Twickenham, Staines, Cookham, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Ruislip and Ealing, the major portion of this slice of England being represented. Of course, there were a few people unable to be present; for instance, Dick Turpin had gone to York; the learned judge to Hants, and there was no Lock up. Touches in various methods were rung, including some weird and wonderful rounds, so that everyone should have a pull before tea.

A shortened form of evensong was held, with three clerics sharing the conducting. The sermon was a well-worn subject, from an entirely new viewpoint and made particularly interesting—even if the ringers did get a wiggin'.

Tea was a pleasant affair altogether, some sixty odd persons keeping the 'nippies' busy. The two secretaries were both roaming about looking for something (subs?), one of them being quite concerned about the disappearance of a plate of bread and butter.

After tea Mr. J. A. Trollope announced that there was neither business nor speeches, thus leaving the other speakers very little to say. Then back to the tower, where more Grandire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung, also a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal with eight Berks and Bucks members taking part (the 'first' for three of them).

The concert was the affair of the day though—the quality of the entertainment throughout making one wonder why those artistes are not heard more frequently. Commencing with a course of Grandire Caters on handbells by the St. John's Guild, the company was then led in the community singing by Mr. J. Herbert, who later in the evening was persuaded to let them hear his voice in a couple of good old stagers, so that they could imagine themselves in Glorious Devon, and being chased by the Admiral's Broom. Mr. T. J. Fowler rendered 'Friend o' mine' and 'Stonecracker John' in excellent style, and Mr. W. H. Fletcher gave 'My Old Dutch,' everyone (including Mrs. W. H. F.) joining in the chorus. Perhaps the ladies ought to have been mentioned first, but the excellence of their respective performances needed only to be heard to make one wish for more. Miss Feltham, who was at the organ for the service (what would a meeting at Hillingdon be like without her!), gave a couple of meticulously played items on the piano. The Misses Bradford (there are two) got all sorts and kinds out of the piano, duets, accompaniments to songs and a 'spliced' cello and pianoforte item, the Rev. C. E. Wigg charming the 'cello. Messrs. Coles and Goodfellow sang a duet, 'So, when are you going to 'alt'er at the altar, Walter?' and Mr. T. Collins sang of his wife's troubles in 'I'll never make a gentleman of you, Tom.' A course of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung by a mixed band, and a few tunes were also tried, but one member of this band was missing. The 'homing course' was 'Love's old sweet song,' sung by Miss K. M. Bradford, with Miss Joan at the piano, which brought up rounds (of applause).

The outstanding success of the very enjoyable gathering was entirely due to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, assisted by a few kindred spirits, who must be congratulated by all those present.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT ASKS FOR PEAL SECRETARY.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th, over 40 members attending from the towers of the district and from outside. The bells, available from 3 p.m., were made full use of from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise, everyone being catered for.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address on 'Whatsoever ye do, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.' In the course of his address he referred to the "great congregation" of those who have heard the sound of our work, even in these days of speed, when worship is apparently neglected.

Each one of his listeners went away with a personal message of encouragement.

Following the service came the usual fine tea, provided by the Vicar, and admirably served by the wives of the local ringers.

After a 'slight alteration' in the appearance of the tables, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar.

Mr. W. Matchett, Berkhamsted, was elected an honorary member, and Apsley was chosen for the place of next meeting.

After much discussion and explanation, the necessity for a peal secretary was agreed to, and resolutions were passed for the appearance of this matter on the agenda of the annual meeting.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for all his kindness, the organist for his services, the ladies for their attendance and care, and the local company for preparations.—This completed the business meeting.

A little handbell ringing was done, then more tower bell ringing until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered. Thus ended another good meeting, and the secretary thanks all who helped to make it so.

VETERANS' RECORD.**WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE BY 'OLD MEN.'**

A party of eight veterans put up a remarkable record in London on Saturday. Totalling between them almost 612 years, they rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, and, make no mistake, it was a good peal, too. The 'baby' of the party was Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, who, although not quite 71 years old, arranged the peal to celebrate the first which he rang, just 50 years before. That was at Great Marlow, and it was there that he would have liked to ring the jubilee peal, but the bells were not available, so Mr. Challis Winney fixed up the business at Hart Street, where last December the previous record for an 'old men's' peal was made, when the total ages amounted to 594 years. Four of the same band rang on Saturday, but the introduction of young blood in the persons of William T. Pates, of Cheltenham, nearly 81, and Bob Brundle, of Ipswich, now turned 82, helped to raise the average age of the band by a couple of years. Two others are not far off the four-score mark—Jim George, who will be 80 next month, and Walter Prime, who has probably done more ringing on St. Paul's Cathedral tenor than any other man, who will become an octogenarian next year. The other members of the party were Harry Smith, of Reading, now 72, and Francis Dawe, of Woking, nearer 72 than 71; while the incomparable Challis, who called the peal in his wonderfully precise way, won't see 75 again.

Despite their remarkable ages, don't run away with the idea that there is anything of the 'old man' about any of these Ancient Youtils—they are all members of London's premier society, under whose auspices the peal was rung. There is nothing doddering or feeble about their old age. Why, they were even gamier than many youngsters.

They started for the peal about 3 p.m., and after ringing an hour and 21 minutes the fourth rope broke! Consternation and disappointment spread over their faces. The steeplekeeper appeared on the scene. The rope was mended; there was no objection to their starting again, and the peal was rung. Eight men, all over 70, six of them over 75, and two over 80, rang approximately 7,500 changes in 4 hours and 20 minutes! Hats off to the veterans; may they live to meet again and so excel their own record!

As the ringing room is part of the church, a short prayer was recited by the conductor before the bells went off into changes. An onlooker would certainly have been impressed by the simple solemnity of the scene—the bowed heads of the earnest and aged ringers leaning on their ropes, mindful of the fact that bells are rung for a purpose other than mere worldly pleasure. The scene was repeated at the finish of the peal—and it was not out of place that they should be thankful for the health and strength given to them to achieve such a performance.

The band desire to thank the Rector for permission to attempt the peal, and also Mr. H. Willson, whose birthday it was.

We hope to publish a photograph of this remarkable band in our next issue.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at Christ Church, Armley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. G. Gaunt 1, J. Hey 2, J. Thackray 3, Miss O. Renton 4, H. Greenwood 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, H. Lofthouse (conductor) 7, J. W. Benton 8.

UPWEY, DORSET.—For evening service at the Church of St. Lawrence on October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. Carpenter 1, W. C. Shute (Kington Magna, conductor) 2, S. Foot 3, C. Smart 4, F. Virgin 5, Mr. Thomas (London) 6. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Robinson 1, H. Ludkin (conductor) 2, G. Hesketh 3, J. Robinson 4, C. Lomax 5, W. Robinson 6, J. W. Gardner 7, G. Young 8. This is the first time a quarter-peal has been rung for divine service by a local band at this church.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Alphege Church on Sunday, October 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. J. Unwin 3, W. Spice 4, F. R. Weller 5, F. G. Brett (conductor) 6. Rung for 11 a.m. matins, also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Chambers, T.S., and Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., the latter having reached 'three score and ten years.'

NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon on Saturday, November 4th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Terrington St. John on Sat., Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

BELLS DEDICATED BY PRIMATE.**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LORD HARRIS.**

At the village church of Throley, in Kent, the six bells have been restored and two new treble added as a memorial to the late George Robert Canning, fourth Baron Harris, a great gentleman, a celebrated cricketer and one of the foundation members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, on the committee of which he served for some years. The ceremony was performed on Sunday week by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, other clergy taking part in the service being the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville), the Rev. Hugh McCalman (chaplain to the Duke of Portland) and the Rev. W. A. R. Ball (Vicar of Ramsgate).

The Primate was accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. A. C. Don. The lessons were read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury and Lord Harris.

The family of the late Lord Harris were represented by Lord and Lady Harris (son and daughter-in-law), the Earl and Countess of Guilford, Sir Joseph and Lady Null, Lady De la Rue, Mrs. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Kenyon and Mr. Temple Harris.

Among the congregation were Mr. Adam Maitland, M.P., Earl Sondes and the Hon. Mrs. Milles-Lade, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and vice-president of the Kent County Association) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing the bellfounders) and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent Association) and the principal officers. Altogether some 40 ringers were present.

A FITTING MEMORIAL.

The Archbishop, in his address, said he had come most gladly in order to give testimony to the affectionate esteem which all they in that great company of friends and neighbours had for the late Lord Harris, in whose thoughts and memories he was that morning. They would remember that he had dedicated a window in that church as a memorial to his life-long companion, whose spontaneous kindness of heart was given to men, women and children, and not the least those fellow-creatures they were apt sometimes to forget—the animals. It seemed but a short time ago, and now her husband had passed, like her, beyond their sight. Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in death they had not long been divided, and that church had raised there memorials to those two dear servants of God and friends of His people. They had chosen to make their memorial of Lord Harris the gift of two new bells, and the recasting and rehanging of the others. As they all knew, he had another memorial of Lord Harris—a very striking one—in the precincts of the great Cathedral Church at Canterbury—but it was only right that there should be some special memorial there in the place he loved, and in the church in which he worshipped.

The Archbishop said he thought there was something fitting in the choice of the bells as a memorial to Lord Harris, so he would take as his text the words from the 10th verse of the 14th chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, 'There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.' His Grace went on to speak of the signification of the voice of the bells, and reminded his hearers how fitting it was that the memorial to Lord Harris should have taken the form of bells. He reminded them how characteristically English they were and how Lord Harris was above all things an English gentleman, gentle and kindly, yet always frank and straightforward in word and act. He loved these islands, the old England, in which Kent was his home, its trees, its orchards and its people. He identified himself with all its life, its sports, its agriculture and its religion, for they did not forget how he worshipped there regularly with characteristic English reverence. All the beauty of his nature found its silent expression here in the remembrance of his God, and so those bells would always speak of him.

A REPRESENTATIVE BAND.

The Archbishop, clergy and churchwardens then proceeded to the space under the tower, where Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the bellfounders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), handed the rope to the churchwardens, who asked his Grace to dedicate the bells.

The Primate, having complied, handed the rope to the Vicar, asking him to receive the bells as a sacred trust.

After prayers by the Archbishop, the bells were rung by a representative band of the association.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'For all the saints,' and the Blessing pronounced by the Archbishop.

On a tablet in the space beneath the tower is the following inscription: 'To the glory of God and in memory of George Robert Canning, fourth Baron Harris, the bells of this church were rehung, the tenor and third recast, and two new bells added by the parishioners of Throley, his many friends and relatives, 1933.'

As the local band were not sufficiently advanced in ringing for the dedication service, it is interesting to record that every branch of the association's officers was represented at the opening ringing as follows: T. Groombridge (Central Council representative) 1, F. Brett (district representative) 2, G. H. Cross (hon. auditor) 3, F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary) 4, E. H. Lewis (vice-president) 5, S. J. T. Shellock (district secretary) 6, S. H. Green (committee) 7, W. J. Jeffries (trustee) 8.

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NOTICES.

H. W. WILDE MEMORIAL.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde will be dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Okell at the Chester branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild meeting at Eccleston on Saturday, Oct. 28th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 and service will be held at 4.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The meeting at Poulton Parish Church is postponed to Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (8), on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. Foreman Cox, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6), recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Kindly notify if requiring tea. Midland Red bus from Banbury 1.45 and 3.30.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barusole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The October meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Arrangements as usual. Please notify Mr. W. James, Home Yard, Cobham, for tea (meat tea 1s. 6d.).—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make this meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

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After the service the whole of the visiting ringers, who came from all parts of Kent, were kindly entertained to lunch by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Somervill) at the Vicarage, and, before dispersing, he was heartily thanked by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the hon. secretary, on behalf of the visitors.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to whom the work was entrusted, have carried out the restoration with their customary ability, and a nice ring of eight such as Throley now possesses is a fitting memorial to one of 'Nature's perfect gentlemen.'

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Very Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D.), who will also give the address.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Oct. 28th at St. Mary, Stratford-by-Bow (Bow-in-the-Road). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea nearby at 5.30 p.m. Visitors are assured of a good welcome.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Sat., October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting will be held at Swan Hotel at 5 p.m. Tea 1/- each.—Harold G. Herbert, District Secretary, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 28th, at Dartington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Totnes bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Brodric Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg St., Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A meeting will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, on October 21st (Nomination night), St. Magnus on November 2nd, 16th and 30th., St. Andrew's on the 9th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th (Election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD, ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (free) for those who give notice of their intention to be present.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ryde, All Saints. Peal of 8 bells recently restored and rebung by Messrs. Taylor & Co. will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth at 8 p.m., November 1st, during Patronal Festival Evensong. On the Saturday following, Nov. 4th, a Special Ringing Meeting will be held. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided at The Welby Institute for those only who notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington (6) on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, November 1st.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne (5 bells), on Saturday, November 4th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The jubilee dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will take the chair at 6 o'clock prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d., may be obtained from H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton, but not later than Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Bells: St. Peter's (12), and St. Luke's (8), Wolverhampton, Penn (8) and Tettenhall (8) available from 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6), recently restored, available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector, the Rev. R. L. Sanders, to all notifying him at the Rectory, Ruskington, Sleaford, before Thursday, Nov. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Hinkins.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Melling on Saturday, November 4th. Bells at 2 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BIRSTWITH, YORKS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Knaresborough will dedicate the restored bells (recast and augmented to eight) on Saturday, November 4th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- per head. All ringers welcome. Bells open for ringing after 5 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A joint meeting is to be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) and business meetings in Parish Hall 5 p.m. **ALL WELCOME.** Please notify for tea, if possible, by Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 4th. For tea please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, without fail. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting following.—A. Jones, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin on November 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Short service and dedication of 'Local' peal board. Good train service (main L.N.E.R.) and bus service from all parts. Please make an effort to attend, and a card if you require tea would be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. All who intend being present are kindly requested to advise me not later than first post Wednesday, November 1st.—J. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, November 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, November 4th. Christ Church bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., and St. Peter's (6) may be. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn, for tea, which will be held in Northern Cafe. As Jarrow bells have been neglected of late we hope that all ringers possible will be present to ensure this meeting being a success.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Longstone on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than November 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Dunholme (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Names for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, by first post Wednesday previous.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crewkerne on Saturday, November 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. As this tower has been a stronghold of 'Churchyard Bob' for many years, it is extremely desirable to have good ringing at this meeting, with a view to impressing the new local ringers and residents, and getting the tower affiliated to the association. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, October 31st.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —A meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, at Pott's Cafe, High Street. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. E. Warr, 35, Ravendale Street, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. The last meeting of the year; make it a good one!—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The first meeting and election of officers will be held at Empingham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those who require tea please notify Rev. Canon Law, H.C.R., Empingham Rectory, Oakham, by Wednesday, Nov. 8th? Give the new branch a hearty send off! —R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea (6d.) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool. It will be worth making an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Dunmow, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those sending in their names to H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Wednesday, November 8th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30 to 3.30; Bow, Cheapside 3.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A.

R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condo- ver on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. All requiring tea should notify me by November 9th.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. H. Kippin (Hon. Sec. of the Surrey Association) has removed to Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

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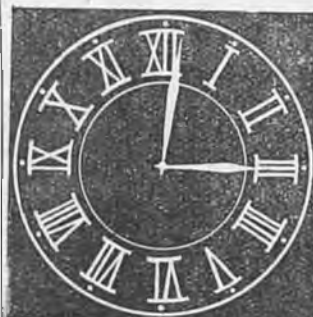
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