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NOTES BY THE WAY.

In his speech at the Hertford County Association jubilee and again at the College Youths' dinner the President of the Central Council stressed the importance of good striking. While, he said, well struck bells are very fine music, badly struck bells are definitely a noise to which outside people can legitimately object. To this every ringer will assent, but the difficulty is that, though we all agree that striking in general needs improving, we are slow to apply the lesson to ourselves. We know that other people's striking can be bettered, but usually we are quite content with our own. For this there are several very natural reasons. Some people do not possess a really sensitive ear or sense of rhythm. To some the interest of method ringing is so great that it dwarfs all other interests; they would much rather ring indifferently struck Surprise than first class Treble Bob, when the poor striking is the price that must be paid for practising a new or difficult method. Some people have never heard really good striking and do not realise what its charm is. And others, who in happier circumstances would have been good strikers, have to do all their ringing with beginners and indifferent bands and gradually get to tolerate a low standard.

Change ringing has progressed enormously during the last thirty or forty years, there are many more change ringers, there are many more methods and much more difficult methods practised than formerly, but it is doubtful, generally speaking, whether the standard of striking is not rather lower than it used to be. The Grandsire and Stedman that used to be rung in London and the Treble Bob that used to be rung in the Eastern Counties and in Yorkshire were struck better than the average Surprise methods of to-day; while the less advanced bands then were content with stoney, which, of course, can be struck fairly well by any reasonably intelligent band. On the other hand, it is true that there are parts of England where there never was a tradition of good striking, and there the standard is generally higher than it was. What people do not realise is the enormous difference between striking which is good and that which is really good. So long as the bells are rung fairly evenly without any actual clashes, that is all that they expect or hope for. But first class striking is very much more than that. It has character. It is not like clockwork, for the good striker does not strike his bell equally over all the other bells. Consciously or unconsciously he will be just a shade wider over a heavy tenor than over a small bell, and in Major he will make the last blow at backstroke distinct.

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Two things to-day rather militate against the best of striking. One is the modern tuned bells, for with them the finer points of striking are not so apparent as with the old peals with their staccato notes. The other is the Surprise methods, for whatever their good qualities may be, they do not give the regular beat of the bells which you get in Treble Bob. No one should ever be satisfied with his own striking. The best is always capable of improvement and the best is rare indeed. And at practices and meetings we should try and set a higher standard. It is a good thing to devote much time to encouraging beginners, but if you always have some novice in a touch you will never have really good ringing. For the sake of example and for the sake of the outside public a fair proportion of ringing should be done entirely by experienced men, and especially should this be so when visits are paid to towers in populous districts where there is normally not much ringing. The public do, as a whole, like to hear the bells, but if you are going to devote a whole Saturday afternoon and evening to giving beginners an opportunity, the result may easily be torture to people near the church. And especially when a new ring of bells is opened or an old one restored nothing but the very best should be good enough.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TEN BELL PEALS

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD DYSON Treble	HARRY C. WALTERS 6
*HORACE FOX 2	JOHN H. LENTON 7
ARTHUR WALKER 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
HERBERT WALKER 4	*FRED NEWTON 9
GEORGE DYSON 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal in the method. Conductor's 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT GREEN Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER 2	*HERBERT IMPEY 7
*MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 8
JOHN P. PELLOE 4	EDWIN HIMS 9
*FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5	*WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

*HAROLD J. SHUCK Treble	†RONALD GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 2	HARRY GOODMAN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	WILLIAM GOODMAN 8
HARRY HUBBALL 4	GILBERT GUEST 9
HENRY GOODMAN 5	*JOSEPH H. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodman, sen.; the former has been a ringer at the above church for 50 years. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 8th are sons, 6th and 7th grandsons, and 9th son-in-law.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, October 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ROBERT WALMSLEY Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
* ARTHUR W. LEIGH 2	JOHN L. WRIGHT 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
HAROLD WALMSLEY 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART, No 89.

(PLAN No. 2).

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

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

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition contains 240 bobs and 142 singles, and is now rung for the first time. It is the 200th different composition called by the conductor.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

* JOHN W. HOBSON Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 5
JAMES W. GODDARD 2	* JOSEPH ATKINSON 6
RICHARD F. DEAL 3	* ARTHUR E. WEST 7
JACK CHAMBERLAIN 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal in method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Cowton and Miss Vera Blood, who was a member of the local band; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th and the wife of the treble ringer.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 24½ cwt.

* GEORGE CORNWALL Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	WILLIAM POSTON 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Boyle, eldest daughter of the Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., Rector of Ross.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Containing 2,304 London, 1,568 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
RONALD BOLLEN 2	HARRY G. FELTON 6
GEORGE IVES 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. WIFFEN.

First in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the St. Michael's Guild.

MILTON-NEXT GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5
HARRY ARGENT 2	JOHN H. CHESMAN 6
JOHN BURLS 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
* RICHARD A. MUNN 4	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHESMAN

* First peal of Major and first peal for 36 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Guy R. Ambrose. Also to commemorate 25 years' service together in the above bellry by Messrs. Guy Ambrose, J. Burls and F. M. Mitchell.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
* ALBERT GORRINGE 2	JAMES W. MELDRUM 6
† THOMAS G. HORRIDGE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
* EDWIN C. BIRKETT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ROBERT BARBER Treble	WILLIAM FLATT 5
SELIM GOODEN 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the hand.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—For Confirmation service. 720 Oxford Bob Minor by the following ringers: J. Darvill (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, G. Tilley 2, J. Cooper 3, V. Darvill 4, W. Mortimer (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, November 8, 1934, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS ... 5
* JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Bob Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Treble	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	THOMAS HOAD ... 7
GEORGE KING ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who attained his 60th birthday on this day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	HARRY TOOKER ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 6
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 3	WALTER R. FARROW ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEXWOOD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Mr. C. T. H. Bradley is from Folkingham, Lincs. The conductor's 50th peal this year.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
R. NARBOROUGH (1st Cambs.) Treble
A. COPPOCK (2nd D.L.I.) ... 2
IDA B. THOMPSON (V.A.D.) ... 3
FRANK BRADLEY (75th R.E.) ... 4
W. THORNLEY, JUN. ... 5
W. THORNLEY, SEN. (5th N. & D.) ... 6
R. A. HICKTON (14th D.L.I.) ... 7
F. A. SALTER (4th M.G.C.) Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.
Owing to indisposition of one of the selected band, the ringer of the 5th took his place at very short notice. All the others had served overseas.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	* GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
* WILLIAM LEWIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	GEORGE LEWIS ... 5
* MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
* JOHN F. MILNER ... 3	* GEO. W. CREASEY ... 7
* MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.
* First of Yorkshire. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

* WILLIAM NEWTON ... Treble	CECIL E. CARR ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	* FRED COTTON ... 6
* ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
* ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. Longest length yet rung in this method, the extent of tenors together.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

* WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... Treble	FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... 5
† WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... 2	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 6
† LODIS J. LOCKYER ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

* CHARLES F. SWAN ... Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 5
WILLIAM FRIGHT ... 2	† ALFRED A. SWAN ... 6
* WILLIAM F. FLISHER ... 3	CHARLES TURNER ... 7
* WILLIAM J. BIDNELL ... 4	WALTER J. PREBBLE ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the wedding of the daughter of the organist, Mr. Gilbert Lamb.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JAMES C. COOKE ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 5
* JAMES T. STEVENS ... 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
* WILLIAM C. DARKE ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN S. MORTON ... 4	GEORGE W. PIPER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War; also to the memory of the Rev. W. G. Wickham, M.A. (Vicar of St. Mary Cray), curate at the above church 1918-1922, who was interred at Erith Cemetery on November 5th.

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COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BURTON... ..	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	WALTER ARNOLD... ..	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 100th peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Eva Beckwith and Mr. E. Beckwith, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith. Also to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

HERBERT MARKWELL	Treble	ERNEST EVEREST... ..	5
* OSCAR F. WILLS	2	ALEC RICHARDSON	6
CYRIL COLLISON	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	ARTHUR MAISE	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal on eight. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD	Treble	* LESLIE W. STEVENS... ..	5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	2	GEORGE E. FOSTER	6
CHARLES ALLSOP... ..	3	EDWIN CATTELL	7
CHARLES DICKEN... ..	4	PERCIVAL PRICE... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

OLNEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE... ..	Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..	2	FRANK BOSWELL	6
BERNARD FISHER... ..	3	HENRY STAPLETON	7
CHARLES MORTIMER	4	PEARL INSKIP	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SMITH	Treble	JOHN E. BLOWER... ..	5
GORDON A. BACON	2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT	6
WILLIAM PERRY	3	GEORGE E. WILSON	7
WILLIAM DUDLEY	4	WILLIAM H. JUDD	Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Rung with the College Youths at St. Clement Danes.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

JAMES M. GODDARD	Treble	GEORGE W. HALL	4
JOHN W. HOBSON	2	JOSEPH ATKINSON	5
WALTER M. GODDARD	3	ARTHUR W. HOODLEES	Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM SHERRBORNE	Treble	* KENNETH FORD	4
RONALD G. BECK... ..	2	E. JOHN TARGETT	5
DAVID MACKAY	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal of Minor.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HOBERT SCRIVENS	Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS	4
HARRY BARNETT	2	PERCY NEWLAND	5
TOM WORRALL	3	HARRY WORRALL... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Joshua Stephens, who was a ringer and towerkeeper of this church for 33 years.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Rodborne Cheney,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

* ERNEST GLASS	Treble	* HAROLD E. BROWN	4
† JACK S. ROBERTS	2	RICHARD E. LUTON	5
* CHARLES WATT	3	WILLIAM G. GREENAWAY	Tenor

Conducted by JACK S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and by a local band.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE TOWNES	Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... ..	4
ALEC M. GENERY	2	CLAUDE SNOWDEN	5
* REGINALD SIMMONDS	3	ALBERT L. DIXEY	Tenor

Conducted by G. TOWNES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Howard, of Braintree.

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ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Miss Mary Garley Treble	Tom Garley 4
Miss Mary Brown 2	Harry Baxter 5
George Lines 3	E. Maurice Atkins Tenor

Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

BENFIELDSE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Le-Lie Askew Treble	John H. Elliott 4
Christopher T. Lamb 2	Edward Hall 5
*Robert Clark 3	Thomas W. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Dodd.

* First peal.

MUDFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

Wilfred P. Lambert Treble	E. T. Paul Field 3
Arthur H. S. Rainey 2	William C. Shute 4
Percy N. G. Rainey Tenor	

Conducted by William C. Shute.

First peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

Fredrick A. Targett Treble	Leonard Dunford 4
E. John Targett 2	Ronald G. Beck 5
David Mackay 3	George Sugg Tenor

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and on the bells. The ringer of the second has now completed the circle in this tower.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Frank Warrington Treble	A. William T. Ginn 4
Berry Wayman 2	Mansfield Ginn 5
Francis G. Gleaves 3	Charles Robinson Tenor

Conducted by F. Warrington.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the Armistice.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*William Whiting Treble	Frank L. Fisher 4
George Pryke 2	James Bennett, Jnr. 5
George Bennett 3	William C. Rumsey Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. Rumsey.

* First peal of Minor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Herbert C. Read Treble	George Mayers 4
Cecil V. Ebberson 2	George Bailey 5
Nolan Golden 3	Cuthbert T. H. Bradley Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First seven method peal on the bells and by the ringer of the treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE INDIAN OCEAN.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

On Board S.S. 'BARRABOOI',

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2	Rev. E. Bankes James 5-6
Rupert Richardson 3-4	*George Martin 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Rupert Richardson. * First peal of Major 'in hand.' Rung just after crossing the Equator. It was the first peal of Bob Major and the first double-handed handbell peal in the Southern Hemisphere.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabooi' peal. Tenor size 12 in F.	
Francis Kirk 1-2	Walter Ayre 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley 3-4	Charles Jeffes 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by Walter Ayre. Rung to mark the jubilee of the association.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wednesday, November 7, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½ in G sharp.

*Charles McGuinness 1-2	Jack Bray 3-4
*Harold Marcon 5-6	

Conducted by J. Bray.

* First peal of Doubles.

YARNTON BELLS REHUNG.

OXFORDSHIRE PEAL NOW IN ORDER.

About two years ago the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) inspected the tower at Yarnnton (Oxon) and urged the secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch (Mr. W. Evetts, jun.) to press for the necessary repairs. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the Vicar (the Rev. E. N. Aston) this has been completed. There was a large congregation, including ringers from Eynsham, Woodstock and Cassington, present at the dedication service on November 9th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the dedication performed by Bishop Shaw, of Oxford, who gave an instructive address on bells and bellringing.

Formerly these bells, which are heavy (tenor 27½ cwt.) went very badly, headstocks and bearings having become rotten and worn through weather and age. For some unaccountable reason the bell ropes in the tower were never in a circle, the treble and second ropes fell in the centre of the tower, the fourth rope fell between the 5th and tenor, the latter bell not being in the centre of the tower but in one corner. With the movement of the two bells from their respective pits an excellent circle has now been obtained, but it is left-handed. All bells are on roller bearings, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired. The work has been admirably carried out by Mr. R. White, of Applton, to whom great credit is due.

After the service a social gathering was held in the school, where songs and recitations were carried on till late in the evening.

ARMISTICE RINGING.

The following is a selection of the large number of Armistice Day quarter-peals and touches:—

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Trollope 1, E. J. Walsom 2, L. H. Wilson 3, H. Folkard 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. S. C. Turner (conductor) 6, W. G. Wilson 7, E. Harris 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, for mazins, touches of Plain Bob and Stedman Triples. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, *C. King, jun., 2, G. Heley 3, *H. Burrows 4, *F. Walker 5, F. Ramsay 6, G. H. Sentance 7, A. G. Matthews 8. * First quarter of Major 'inside.'

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): T. Male 1, J. L. Rye 2, J. T. C. Rye 3, H. Huxley 4, W. Collett 5, C. Wildsmith 6, A. T. Green 7, F. Berry 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, F. H. Bosworth 10.

FULMER, BUCKS.—360 Grandsire Doubles (three different six-scores): A. Fuller 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, Miss E. F. Bedford (conductor) 3, C. A. Nicholls 4, J. Daley 5, M. King 6. Miss Bedford (aged 15 years) is believed to be the youngest conductor in any tower in union with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten callings): *L. Day (age 13) 1, H. W. Saunders 2, H. White 3, *C. Luff 4, F. G. Blako (conductor) 5, *B. Bishop 6, *A. Mann (aged 14) 7, *W. G. Hiscock 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter by an all-local band.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Rev. C. C. Cox 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes, arranged by G. Preston): R. Curtis 1, H. Payne 2, A. F. Newman 3, H. Smith 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, A. Butler 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 9, J. Elliott 10.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Lancefield 1, E. J. Dixon 2, L. C. Smith 3, E. S. Ruck 4, W. Lancefield 5, P. Page (conductor) 6.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Matthew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Bosworth 1, G. W. Clayfield 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, J. W. Cotton 6, W. Curson (conductor) 7, H. Southard 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes): G. J. Gardiner 1, H. W. Bishop 2, R. G. Townsend 3, F. Targett 4, G. W. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, R. G. Beck 9, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 10. Also rung on the 36th anniversary of Mr. S. Palmer's wedding. Messrs. Targett and Beck hail from Mid-somer Norton.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, for the Service of Remembrance and in honour of the visit of the Belgian Ambassador, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes): S. Woodard 1, J. Woodruffe 2, F. Nichols 3, W. Woods 4, W. Sawyer 5, F. Fisher (conductor) 6, C. Fisher 7, J. Trotman 8. It is upwards of 25 years since the last quarter of Major was rung on the bells.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: *L. Tiney 1, W. H. Wilson 2, *W. Bunning 3, *O. Tiney 4, *C. Allen 5, C. Wilson (conductor) 6. * First 720.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Eric Morey 1, C. Tyler (conductor) 2, Ernest Morey 3, W. Morey 4, F. Parsons 5, F. Cruttenden 6, A. E. Baker 7, G. Payne 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Double Court: W. Feasey 1, W. Puddifoot (first in method) 2, E. Upton 3, L. Waite (first in method) 4, G. Bruce 5, F. Tompkins (first in method as conductor) 6.

FEERING, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, 1,056 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, C. J. Newman 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, C. Button 4, E. Mingay 5, C. W. Burton 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Wells, 720 Cambridge, 720 Double Court: C. Button (one extent), J. Papworth, R. Grainger, A. Mason, W. Elliott (two extents), C. W. Burton, J. Elliott, W. Keeble (three extents), A. Mason (conductor) (two extents), and W. Keeble (one extent).

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, H. C. Chandler 2, W. H. Stevens 3, F. J. Caltermoul 4, H. W. Cooper 5, A. Jones 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, D. F. May 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—At St. Michael's the Archangel, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. Warne 1, R. Martin 2, H. Hammond 3, G. Wiffen 4, G. Lindridge 5, F. Eley 6, W. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Norris 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, A. Brunton 4, A. Dix 5, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Nolan Golden, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has rung in 50 peals this year.

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Mr. Roger W. Daniels, who participated in a peal of Bob Major at Bloxwich, Staffordshire, on November 8th, has been elected a life member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

Mr. Malcolm Melville, of The Cottage, Anstey, Coventry, is anxious to collect information about young ringers and their individual performances, and also performances of young bands.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on November 10th, at Sutton-on-Trent, was the first peal in this method for the North Notts Association. Mr. G. Lewis, who conducted, was proposed a member previous to starting.

It is believed that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Rotherham on October 30th was the first in Yorkshire to be rung by an entirely local band, every member being a regular Sunday service ringer at Rotherham Parish Church.

Mr. James C. Cooke, who participated in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith, on Saturday, rang his last peal over 30 years ago. He was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

On November 7th Norman Beesley, aged 11, rang the tenor at Exhall, near Coventry, for 1 hour and 45 minutes in an attempt for a peal of Doubles when the rope of the treble slipped wheel and put an end to the peal.

Mr. Wm. H. Judd, who rang his first peal with the College Youths at St. Clement Danes 50 years ago, on Saturday celebrated the golden anniversary in a right royal fashion. He conducted a peal at Rayleigh, Essex.

Mr. W. Latter, until recently secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, has undergone an operation, which is stated to be satisfactory. He is cheerful, and thanks all friends for kind inquiries and sympathy.

In regard to the peal rung at Morecambe on November 3rd, and published in our last issue, the peal was Oxford Treble Bob, consisting of the following methods: One 720 each of Woodbine, Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Although known to his intimate friends as 'Joe,' the name of the ringer of the sixth in the peal of Cambridge Major at Broxbourne on November 3rd should have been Harry Miller and not Joseph C. Miller, as published, and the name of the ringer of the tenor should have been John G. Nash and not John G. Mash as stated.

Three generations of the same family rang 720 Bob Major at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Staveley, Derbyshire, on October 28th. They were Dennis Parsons (aged 14) treble, F. E. Parsons 4, and A. E. Parsons (conductor) 6. Is this a first occasion in the Exercise? Other ringers participating were W. T. Palmer 2, L. G. Palmer 3, H. Stow 5, and J. Knott tenor.

The peal rung at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, and recorded in our peal columns, had several interesting features. It was rung as a birthday compliment to one of the members of the tower and commemorated 25 years' service together by three of the members at the tower. The ringer of the treble rang his first peal in seven Minor methods on these bells over 21 years ago. The ringer of the fourth, Mr. R. A. Munn, rang his first peal there 43 years ago, which was also conducted by Mr. J. H. Cheesman, the conductor of the present peal. Mr. Munn retired from ringing upon entering business 36 years ago, and this was his first attempt for a peal after his long absence from the belfry. We hope to hear more of him now.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Name.	Tower.
Miss Mary Garley.	Isham.
Charles F. Swan.	Hythe, Kent.
William F. Flisher.	Hythe, Kent.
William J. Bidnell.	Hythe, Kent.
William G. Young.	Fordingbridge, Hants.
Reginald Simmonds.	Colne Engaine, Essex.
Charles Watt.	Swindon.
Harold E. Brown.	Swindon.
Leslie Askew.	Benfieldside.
Robert Clark.	Benfieldside.
George Cornwall.	Ross-on-Wye.
Ernest Glass.	Swindon.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW OFFICERS.

Election night of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held on Tuesday, when the following officers were elected:—

Master: Mr. E. P. Duffield.
Senior Steward: Mr. C. Roberts.
Junior Steward: Mr. E. H. Lewis.

TERCENTENARY INVITE TO COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CANON COLERIDGE'S ANNIVERSARY.

Five Ringers who Rang 50 years Ago Still Alive.

CORNISH ROUND RINGERS ASKED TO TOUR.

Time-honoured ritual is invariably associated with functions of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The impressive entry of the Master, Mr. E. Alexander Young, to the 297th anniversary dinner at the London Tavern on Saturday to the accompaniment of Dean Aldrich's round, 'Hark, the bonny Christ Church bells,' sung by the choristers of St. Clement Danes, will be remembered by all who for the first time witnessed the scene. Then came the ceremonial lighting of the candles in candlesticks which were in the Duke of Wellington's tent on the eve of Waterloo. Whenever the Master is present these two candles burn brightly in front of him.

The College Youths' dinner is a great reunion of ringers. From Yorkshire and Lancashire, the West Country and the Midlands, leaders of the Exercise foregather in London. Visitors of honour included the Ven. Archdeacon Sharpe, the Rev. Preb. Ellison, the Rev. E. C. Bedford, the Rev. R. French, the Rev. Canon Douglas, who conducted the annual service at St. Michael's, College Hill, and the Rev. J. Fynes-Clinton, who gave the address.

Noted ringers present included that doyen of English ringers, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was celebrating his 77th birthday, and had to acknowledge countless good wishes, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Major F. A. Yorke, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. A. Trollope, G. Strickland, E. P. Duffield (senior steward), W. Nevard, C. Winney, C. Roberts (junior steward), F. Rogers, O. Sippatts, C. Kippen, T. Fowler, J. Thomas, J. Hawkins, C. Choct, W. Hooton, W. T. Cockerill (the veteran secretary), F. Mitchell (vice-chairman), A. Hughes, W. D. Smith, J. T. Dyke, W. E. Judd, A. Pulling, T. Groombridge, A. P. Smith, F. Smallwood, P. Clark, G. N. Price, H. R. Newton, C. Horton, Macdonald, H. R. Pasmore, P. C. Williams, E. Guise, S. Riches, H. Knight, J. C. Mitchell, F. E. Dawe and H. Langdon.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured on the call of the Master, Mr. Alexander Young submitted the toast of 'The Church.' Since earliest days, he said, scientists and psychologists told them that man had always turned towards his equivalent of a church. Their Church to-day was part of their ingrained character. The Church formed the background of their lives—it was with them at birth and marriage, and their comfort at death. They were proud to be associated with the Church of England. There were many Christian churches in their land, and to them they held out the hand of brotherhood, but to the Church of England they were her sons, and they were always happy with the music of the bells (applause).

THE ARCHDEACON'S PUN.

The Archdeacon of London, who responded, delighted the assembly with a delicious pun. 'We work together in that great Church—the Church of England,' he said. 'You, my friends, ring the bell in the tower; we put the ring on the bells inside the church.' Archdeacon Sharpe said his connection with bells dated from his undergraduate days. He went to call on a friend, who was out. He looked around his room, which was full of numbers and hieroglyphics. Later he found that he was an enthusiastic bellringer. He was the Rev. Henry Law James (applause). When he was ordained he had the good fortune to serve in a beautiful church with a lovely peal of bells—the Abbey Church of Bath. He did not know whether any friends present remembered Brother Wake who used to live in Orange Grove. Now he had the good fortune to belong to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and he supposed there were no bells in England like the bells of St. Paul.

'When I come in contact with bellringers,' added the Archdeacon, 'I come in contact with wonderful enthusiasm, and that is the great thing needed in work for our Church. It is not merely the ringing of bells; it is that behind it. Those bells are ringing messages to countless people. We are glad of this opportunity in the name of the Church in thanking you for what you do.' I see that this is the 297th anniversary dinner. That means that in three years' time you will keep your 300th anniversary. I hope you will keep your 300th anniversary at St. Paul's Cathedral. Will you allow us the privilege of welcoming you to St. Paul's Cathedral for a united anniversary service? (applause).

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was submitted in his inimitable style by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who received a most enthusiastic welcome. In thanking the Archdeacon for his invitation, Canon Coleridge suggested that Mr. Cockerill should book the Archdeacon to preach. 'I know he is a busy man,' said Canon Coleridge with a twinkle in his eye, 'but he cannot plead a previous engagement' (laughter).

In reminiscent vein, Canon Coleridge said he had had a letter concerning their oldest member—Tom Benney—who was 83, and joined

the society in 1873. He did not go back as long as that, and he found that in 1871 the Rev. Arthur de B. Hill became a member. He was alive and well, and wrote to him recently with reference to a scheme for bells at Northchurch (Herts). He wrote and encouraged him in his project. In the year 1873 beside Tom Benney there was John Martin Routh, who lives at Tilehurst, and then in 1874 they had Ald. Pritchett. He (Canon Coleridge) was a junior of 55 years' standing.

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

Canon Coleridge said he received a letter about Tom Benney the other day giving the following ages of the family of 11 to which he belonged. His father died young through an accident at 65; his mother was 85. He had six sisters, of the following ages: 88, 83, 90, 79, 53 and 83; and also four brothers: 86, 90, 74 and 86. Tom at the present time was 83. The total number of years of that one family was 1,046. 'I think it is a wonderful record of good old English stock,' added the Canon amid the applause of the company.

Fifty years ago that day he rang a peal at St. Clement Danes, and he had given to him the following copy of the peal:—

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BIRTHDAY PEAL.

On Monday, November 10th, 1884, in Three Hours and 28 Minutes,

At St. Clement Danes, Strand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS; 5,079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

John W. Rowbotham ... Treble	*Herbert Baker ... 6
Rev. G. F. Coleridge ... 2	Rev. F. E. Robinson ... 7
Francis E. Dawe ... 3	Richard French ... 8
Charles F. Winney ... 4	William D. Smith ... 9
*Wm. Weatherstone ... 5	*W. H. Judd ... Tenor

The Rev. F. E. Robinson hails from Drayton, Berks, H. Baker * First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

from Hertford, W. H. Judd from Sittingbourne, Kent, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Caversham), whose birthday the above peal celebrates.

Of those ringers there were alive Messrs. Rowbotham, Dawe, Winney, Smith and Judd, besides himself. When the peal was over, Mr. Dawe sat down and wrote down a series of figures and took them to Mr. Robinson. He said, 'Is this the peal?' Mr. Robinson confirmed the figures. 'I considered him the smartest young man I have seen,' commented the Canon.

'We must not forget,' continued the Canon, 'that wonderful party of 10 or 11 who at their own expense have gone out to Australia to take part in the centenary celebrations at Melbourne. They had some hot times starting with Cambridge Surprise in the Red Sea. I know the visit will be deeply valued, and I am glad to know there are College Youths in that party' (applause).

Calling upon the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) to respond, the Master added:—

'Masters may come, and Masters may go,
But Mr. Cockerill goes on for ever.'

THE SECRETARY'S REVIEW.

In reply, Mr. Cockerill said he had received apologies from the Bishop of Kensington, Canon Alexander, Canon Haldane, the Revs. S. Gordon Ponsonby and W. P. Besley, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. H. Judd, Albert Walker, A. J. Wright, R. T. Hibbert, A. Wilson and J. W. Rowbotham.

The company stood in silence while the secretary read the names of the members who had died during the past year: Herbert P. Harman, Titus Barlow, Edward J. Sampson, Edwin Gibbs, Arthur W. Cutmore, Francis W. H. Sergison, William B. Manning, Walter Prime, George R. Fardon, F. F. Linley and Philip A. Cord. He had heard that day of the tragic death of Albert E. Wright, of Painswick, who was buried on Friday. Mr. J. W. Jones attended the funeral.

During the year nine tower peals had been rung: Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, and Cambridge Major 1; and two handbells: Grandsire Triples 1 and Stedman Triples 1. 'We all join,' concluded Mr. Cockerill, 'in congratulating Canon Coleridge on his recovery from his accident. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him many happy returns of the day' (applause).

In felicitous terms the visitors were toasted on the call of Mr. W. Roughton. The Rev. R. French, M.O., Rector of Stepney, replied, and said at Stepney they had the finest tenor bell in the country, and the other bells were very close to the first rank. They had a junior team who were tremendously keen.

'Kindred Societies' were honoured on the call of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, vice-chairman, who welcomed in particular Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Among the societies represented there were the Middlesex, Midland Counties, Cambridge, Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire, Suffolk, Guildford, Devon, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, Somerset, Dorset, Lancashire, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Hants, Surrey, Sussex, Wales, Kent, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

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A DEVON RING OF SIX.

BRIXTON BELLS REHUNG AND ADDED TO.

Brixton, Devon, has now a delightful ring of six. As far back as 1737 the five bells in the belfry were restored, but the sixth bell was never provided. An expert examination of the bells recently revealed that the bells had worn so thin that there was a great danger of their cracking. The ladies of the parish collected a large sum of money for the purpose of their restoration. Then Mrs. Stooke offered to give a sixth bell, a treble weighing 6 cwt., in memory of her late husband, who was a churchwarden at Brixton Church from 1903 to 1920. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who cast and repaired the bells.

The dedication ceremony was performed on October 29th by the Bishop of Exeter in the presence of a large congregation. After the service the parishioners were invited by Comdr. and Mrs. Penrice Lyons to Elbridge to meet the Bishop and Lady Florence Cecil. At the request of the Vicar the Bishop presented a framed photograph of the new bell to Mrs. Stooke as a memento of the occasion. The Vicar complimented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on the excellence of their work.

On behalf of the firm Mr. Roper, their representative, presented the Vicar with a framed record of the history of the bells, which the Rev. Vadden, in accepting, said would be placed in the church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, on November 4th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Hunt 1, W. H. Hollier 2, R. Mackrill 3, E. C. Turner 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, W. Judd 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—At the Church of All Saints, on November 4th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise: S. Gravestock 1, A. Pratt 2, F. Beaumont 3, A. Dilley 4, L. Bywaters (conductor) 5, H. Sherman 6.

LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,239 changes): W. E. Judd 1, Mrs. Humphreys 2, P. L. Miles 3, W. W. Bailey 4, A. W. Durham 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, R. Mackrill 8, C. Hunt 9, C. Warner 10. Arranged for A. W. Durham (Tunbridge Wells).

TERCENTENARY Invite to College Youths—contd. from page 729.

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD STRIKING

Mr. Lewis, in reply, said they of the kindred societies valued that opportunity of meeting the College Youths at their annual function, and valued the great help the College Youths had been, particularly in the neighbourhood of London. In many of the country districts the peals of bells put in and the growth of change ringing had grown too fast for the art of striking. There were some districts where the ringers had not heard good striking. He thought it would be a good thing for the College Youths to make a tour and show what good striking was. He was very interested in Col. Jerram's letter to 'The Ringing World.' It would be a good thing if Col. Jerram would bring a party of Cornish ringers and show them what ringing was and how bells should be raised. If such a band of Cornish ringers came round they would welcome them very much. There was nothing in the rules of the Central Council which would exclude round ringers. The Central Council was of church bell-ringers and said nothing about change ringers. They concerned themselves with change ringing, but good round ringing was better than bad change ringing, and good change ringing was better than good round ringing.

Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, who also responded, said good striking should be one of the foremost aims of each association. The trouble was that if one criticised individual striking one was unpopular, so instead of singling out the individual one had to say, 'Mind your striking, gentlemen.'

The concluding toast, 'The Press,' was honoured on the call of Mr. Edward P. Duffield, who complimented Mr. Goldsmith on his leading articles, and expressed the hope that he would come back from Australia fully restored in health. He thanked Mr. Trollope for his delightful provocative articles. 'I had the pleasure,' continued Mr. Duffield, 'of partaking of Cornish hospitality a couple of months ago, and heard some of Col. Jerram's band raise bells in a manner I have never heard before. I should like to see the suggestion of Mr. Lewis carried out. I think it might demonstrate that we might turn our attention from pursuing intricate methods to getting a perfect command of our bells' (hear, hear).

Mr. T. W. White, sub-editor of 'The Ringing World,' replied.

The speeches were interspersed with songs by Mr. Reginald Johnson, handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes that were enthusiastically encored, and some Stedman Cinques on handbells by A. B. Peck, H. R. Pasmore, H. Langdon (conductor), C. W. Roberts, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill, that met with the approval of the many practised ears in the company. Miss Olive Peake accompanied Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Hughes. The Master voiced the thanks of the company to the artistes, and particularly to Mrs. Hughes, to whom he presented a bouquet of red carnations. A memorable evening closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. A. WRIGHT.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR-CYCLIST.

RECORD FEATS OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Wright, of Painswick, who died at Stroud General Hospital on November 6th, following injuries received on November 3rd from a road accident. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Wright had attended a ringers' meeting at Hardwicke. He had alighted from a bus at Pitchcombe and was walking along the road when he was struck by a motor-cycle travelling in the same direction. A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned at the inquest. The foreman of the jury stated that they were of the opinion that the motor-cyclist did everything in his power to avoid an accident, and that it was probably due to Mr. Wright's hesitancy.

Mr. Wright, who was 66 years of age, was one of the best-known boltingers in the Exercise. He was a member of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, established as far back as 1686. His heart and soul were in campanology, and he had the distinction of conducting peals in many parts of the country. The record-making feats of the endurance of the Painswick ringers are familiar to readers of 'The Ringing World.' It was on February 14th, 1920, that the Youths set up a record of ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques (13,001 changes) in 8 hours 45 minutes. This peal, which was composed and conducted by Mr. Wright, withstood all challenges until August Bank Holiday, 1929, when it was beaten at Ashton-under-Lyne, with 15,312 changes in 11 hours 33 minutes.

The Youths made several attempts to regain their lost record, and came very near their goal on November 8th, 1930, when 17,686 changes were completed in 11 hours 35 minutes. It was, in fact, thought at the time that the attempt had succeeded, and the great reception which awaited the ringers as they emerged from the belfry is still fresh in the minds of Painswick people, but subsequently, to the disappointment of everyone, and to none more than Mr. Wright, an unfortunate repetition was discovered in the composition of the changes after the 16,000 mark had been passed. Thus the achievement was not regarded as a peal, but the ringers could at least boast of having established a record for the greatest number of changes on 12 bells, having, in two minutes' longer time, exceeded by 2,575 the number of changes rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. In September, 1931, a tablet recording this achievement was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of Painswick Church.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Pitchcombe Church on Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. A. Hippersley Smith (Vicar of Pitchcombe and Edger), who was assisted by the Rev. C. H. Versey (formerly Vicar of Painswick), Rev. W. J. Clay, R.D. (Vicar of Bisley) and the Rev. F. V. Paton (curate at Painswick). During the service the hymns, 'On the Resurrection Morning' and 'Abide with me,' were sung, and the Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' chanted.

The principal mourners were Mrs. Wright (widow), Mr. E. J. Wright (son), Mr. and Mrs. F. Oake (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Holder (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. B. Wright (daughter-in-law), Mr. C. Wright (brother), Mr. and Mrs. C. Winfield (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. T. Cailles (sister-in-law), Mr. G. Taylor, Messrs. D. and W. Reynolds (brothers-in-law), Mr. W. Weare (nephew), Major R. J. Caruthers-Little and Miss M. E. Little.

Others present included Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Change Ringers) and ringers from Painswick, Gloucester, Leckhampton, Elkstone, Hardwicke, Frocester, Coaley, Minchinhampton, Newport (Mon.), Dursley, Avening, Stroud, Chalford, Swindon, Bisley and Stonehouse and many other parts.

The coffin, upon which was placed a bell rope, was lowered into a floral lined grave by Messrs. R. Griffiths, E. Phipps, F. Bateman and C. Mills, old inhabitants of Pitchcombe. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on handbells by T. Wright 1-2, W. Ryland 3-4, H. Newman 5-6, F. Cole 7-8, members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

There were many floral tributes, including one from the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, of which Mr. Wright was hon. secretary.

After the funeral Major Caruthers-Little invited the ringers to Pitchcombe House to partake of tea before returning to their home. During tea, several ringers spoke very highly of Mr. A. Wright and his work as a ringer. It was said he was a most loyal friend, especially to young ringers, and was never more pleased than when he was getting a ringer through his first peal. Most ringers present declared that Mr. Wright got them their first peal.

Eight members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths returned to Painswick, rang the whole pull and stand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and finished by tolling the tenor bell 68 times. During the evening muffled touches were rung on the bells of Bisley and Stroud by the local and other ringers who had been to Pitchcombe to pay their last respect to a most loyal friend.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Across the Indian Ocean.

FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR.

During the voyage through the Indian Ocean a handbell party among the Australian tourists rang the first peal of Major in the Southern Hemisphere. It was rung on the day the Equator was crossed.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

October 14th, 1934.

To-morrow we touch Australian soil for the first time, and the real business of our tour begins, and in beginning it we meet the first of the 'uncertainties' that face us. We reach Fremantle about

6 a.m., and as soon as we are permitted to land, which will probably be three hours later, for there are quarantine, passport, customs, breakfast and other important matters to be attended to before we can step ashore, we intend to make our way to Perth, the capital of Western Australia, which is about twelve miles away.

Before we left England a cordial welcome had been received from the Very Rev. the Dean (Dr. P. H. Moore) to visit the Cathedral, where there is a peal of eight bells, with tenor about 20 or 22 cwt., cast by Warner in 1901. For some time past they have only been chimed, and the report is that the ropes are in a poor way. Happily we have come prepared for emergencies, and this morning, after a council of war to discuss plans and allocate duties, we got ready eight of the Birmingham ropes we have brought with us: the monkey wrench came out of its hiding place; the grease and the overalls appeared; and the ship's engineer supplied us with a small can of lubricating oil for pulleys, etc. All that remains before



MR. GEORGE MARTIN.

we can attempt the peal is to find out if the bells have any wheels (!), attach the ropes to them if they have, do the necessary bell hanging, and get the bells up—where probably they have not been for a quarter of a century (!).

From the start, Perth has been one of the 'speculative' towers. We hope we shall find matters better than we anticipate. Our difficulties are rather accentuated by the short stay which the vessel will make in port. Until we get alongside the quay we shall not know the actual hour of departure, and anything less than about seven hours to spare from ship to ship will make a peal attempt out of the question.

However, we are looking forward with lively anticipation to this 'rush and grab' expedition. As far as we are able we are leaving nothing to chance, but, although we shall be disappointed, we shall not be surprised if there is no peal here.

Happily, as far as we know, this is the only tower where these rush tactics will be necessary. No peal at Perth will be possible on the way home (when there would be more time), because at the finish of our tour at Sydney, our party will be broken up. Bill Fussell and George Martin have decided to visit New Zealand and return to England via the Panama Canal, and it is not unlikely that some of the others may, under the circumstances, do likewise. Those who go that way home will arrive on January 23rd, but the rest will travel, as previously arranged, by the ss. 'Bendigo,' which is due in London on January 5th.

This, however, is of the future. Readers of 'The Ringing World' will probably be interested in some of our activities since last I wrote, just before we reached Ceylon.

Our 'fame' had preceded us even to this island. Hardly had the 'Barrabool' tied up to a buoy in the harbour of Colombo, which was reached at dawn on Friday, Oct. 5th, when a Press representative walked up to Rupert, addressed him as 'Mr. Richardson' as if he had known him all his life, and—well, just asked to be told all about it. Then, as soon as we landed, we were lined up in front of a Press camera and photographed. The newspaper story we were able to read in the afternoon, but we did not see the photograph—which, perhaps, was not surprising.

Our party divided for the day. Three of them saw the sights of Colombo, under the kindly guidance of a policeman, who, they said, was ever watchful on their behalf, but maybe he escorted them under the impression that they might be suspicious characters. In any case the day was spent to their mutual satisfaction, and we hope that P.C. No. 16 will be available when we revisit Colombo in December.

The other members of our party made the journey to Kandy, the ancient capital of the island. It was an excursion full of wonder and delight, albeit it proved a tiring day. It comprised 150 miles of sightseeing through native Ceylon. A good tarred-macadam road now runs all the way, and the conveyances are modern six-cylinder cars, but for the rest the sights one sees are largely primitive and purely Eastern. The population is made up of native Cingalese and Indians, the chief religion is Buddhism, and the people live very simple lives. The 74 miles from Colombo to Kandy lies the whole way through a riot of tropical vegetation, where palms, exotic flowers, coconuts and bananas grow in luxuriant profusion by the roadside. Nearing Kandy the route climbs through a range of mountains, up which the road zigzags mile after mile, sometimes on almost overhanging precipices, in one place cut through the solid rock itself, and always opening up new vistas of rugged mountain and palm clothed valley. Rice fields, tea and rubber plantations revealed the chief industries of Ceylon, where carts drawn by buffaloes carry the produce and frequently block the roads, and where elephants are employed to do some of the heavy work. Passing over a bridge we had a glimpse of an elephant's toilet. Two of the animals were lying on their side in a stream sousing themselves with water from their trunks, while the mahouts were scrubbing the elephants' hides with scrubbing brushes, much, apparently, to the animals' satisfaction.

At Kandy the party visited one of the most famous temples of Buddhism. It is a shrine which holds the Buddha's tooth, the most sacred relic of the faith. The present temple is said to be about 400 years old, and by its side is rising a new structure, towards which we were asked to contribute before we passed in to see the ancient temple. We were not allowed to gaze upon the interior of this 'holy of holies,' but our guide gave us a graphic story of the symbols and features of the exterior, while at every turn we were invited to buy this, that or the other souvenir. Outside appear to be all the halt, the lame and the blind of Kandy, each of whom, according to his own story, has a special claim upon one's generosity, and one has to be almost brutish in manner to shake off this miserable but persistent little crowd of mendicants.

On the outward journey a visit was paid to a menagerie and the wonderful botanical garden at Peradeniya; and on the return there was the opportunity of inspecting a tea factory. It was dark when we reached Colombo again, and we enjoyed the best cup of tea we have tasted since leaving England.

After the exertions of the previous day, Saturday (October 6th) was passed lazily; it was the first day at sea that the handbells were entirely neglected. It was the first day, too, of the long stage to Fremantle; and the first day in the Indian Ocean, which has offered us surprises of sorts. We were due to 'cross the line' on Sunday, and one usually associates with that part of the world blue skies, a blazing sun overhead, and a blue sea beneath. For three days after leaving Colombo we hardly saw the sun. There were grey skies and seas and frequent heavy rains. Compared with the experience of the Red Sea, the weather was chilly, and some of the ladies actually wore woollen coats on the day the Equator was passed. That is not to say that the change was not a welcome relief. It was; but the Equator did not come up to our expectations. The conditions were such that we might just as well have been in the English Channel.

On the Sunday we had a special interest in the church services. The Rev. E. B. James preached in the morning and Mr. W. Linter gave the address in the evening.

In the afternoon the third handbell peal of the trip was rung. This was again Bob Major, with George Martin on the tenors, and it

ran home in 2 hrs. 35 mins., the first peal of Major in the southern hemisphere—but only just in. The vessel crossed the line—which was said to be visible to anyone who looked through Mr. Linter's field glasses—about 10.30 a.m., and the peal was started at 2 p.m. Actually it was rung between 1.3 degrees south latitude, 86.26 degrees east longitude, and 1.32 degrees south latitude, 86.17 degrees east longitude, the 'Barrabool' having covered 39 miles in the meantime. Rupert called J. R. Pritchard's well-known peal, and George scored his first peal of Major 'in hand.' It was the first double-handed peal south of the line, and, moreover, a good performance in a rising wind and sea. It was rung on the same spot on the forward deck where the first peal was got home a fortnight before.

The early days of the week after passing the Equator were windy, with a fair amount of sea running, and this made handbell ringing a difficult matter on the open deck. Nevertheless the enthusiasts got to work, and on Monday (October 8th) were baulked of success by the rough weather when almost in sight of the goal. They had rung four out of five parts of a peal of Grandsire Triples before it went into the Indian Ocean, and the wind nearly carried the ringers themselves away with it. The next day was altogether too rough for a peal attempt, although when the wind moderated towards evening a couple of courses of Treble Bob Major were rung for practice.

I told you in an earlier report that Mr. Sharples could throw a very pretty quoit. With a partner he nearly carried off the ship's doubles championship, being beaten by a narrow margin in the final.

Wednesday was 'At home' day in the engine room, and some of the party ventured into the hot and oily depths, where the 8,000 h.p. engines, which drive us at from 14 to 15 knots hour after hour, day after day, without pause, and the subsidiary plants for electrical power, refrigerating and pumping, as well as the great oil burning furnaces, which consume over 80 tons of oil a day, were inspected with interest, especially by Joe Hardcastle. Joe has spent his working life making brass fittings for ships, including the great bushes which carry the propeller shafts through the stern of a boat, but he had never before seen them as a working part of a great whole. Having seen, Joe was delighted.

This is, of course, the most tedious stage of the journey—it is just one day after another—and yet the time does not drag unduly. There is always something to do, if only to sleep. For six days after leaving Colombo we saw nothing but sea and sky, and ourselves. Cocos Island, off which the famous fight took place between the Australian cruiser 'Sydney' and the German raider 'Emden,' to the final undoing of the latter, was passed in the night. It is the only landmark in all this 3,200 miles; but we did not see it. Probably the only person who saw its light was our navigator.

We got just a little excitement after six days, when out of the night there came up a string of brilliant lights. It passed, went on into the blackness and disappeared. It was one of our sister ships, the 'Baradine,' going home, and not a few who a month ago had said 'Good-bye' to England, perhaps for years, perhaps for ever, gazed wistfully after her. It is strange what effect a homegoing ship, met in the middle of a trackless ocean, can have on the emotions of a traveller, when it is the only sign of human life that has been seen for days on end.

On Friday, October 12th, we were far enough south to get the benefit of the cooler weather, and warmer clothes were necessary. On the previous Wednesday a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples found a watery grave through an uncertain bob, but the wind on both the succeeding days led to the abandonment of peal attempts, which started in hope and ended in discomfort.

The ship's sports provided a diversion on Saturday, and we got the greatest laughs of the whole voyage. In fact some of us have hardly recovered yet, but this is scarcely the place to describe events which had little to do with the ringers and nothing whatever to do with ringing. After dinner in the evening the prize-giving and some speech making took place, amidst a constant ripple of applause, and the sports committee, on which Ralph Maude served, was wound up. This committee has kept the organised entertainment on shipboard going, including a daily 'tote' on the ship's run, frequent whist and bridge drives, concerts, dog racing (yes, even dog racing, with a tote, finds its place in our little self-contained world) and cinema shows. We have kept in touch with the major happenings of the world and the weather in London through a daily wireless news service, but what we have missed most is the weekly issue of 'The Ringing World.' We know nothing of what has happened in the Exercise at home since the day we left, more than a month ago, and when we got our news (five weeks' late) a day or two after we reach Melbourne, we shall devour every line with avidity.

Late News.

The Rev. E. B. James has proved himself undisputed chess champion of the ship. But he nearly lost his lunch to-day in his chivalry towards a lady opponent. He had her pinned down (metaphorically, of course), but like the rest of her sex she fought to the last gasp. She did not want a mate, badly as Mr. James wanted his lunch. He reached the table, after three courses had gone, amid general applause. He seemed a little doubtful whether it was accorded him for his victory or his escape.

THE BOURNVILLE CARILLON.

The Bournville Carillon has recently been enlarged and rehung, and many of the bells have been recast. It now has the largest compass of any carillon in this country and, with its delicate response to the player's touch, is probably the most up-to-date instrument of its kind in the world.

It was originally installed in the tower of the Bournville village schools by the late George Cadbury, in 1906, when it consisted of twenty-two bells. It has been enlarged at various times by gifts of bells by Mrs. George Cadbury (Dame Elizabeth Cadbury) and by Mr. George Cadbury, his son, the additional bells now given bringing up the total to 48. The largest and smallest bells weigh respectively 3½ tons and 12lb., and the total weight of the carillon is 17½ tons. A new belfry has been erected on the school tower.

The Bournville carillonneur is Mr. Clifford Ball, Mus.Bac., who was the first man not a native of the 'carillon countries'—Holland and Belgium—to take his diploma, which he did at the famous carillon school at Malines. It may be remembered that among other recitals given by Mr. Ball on the famous bells at home and abroad he inaugurated the Wellington (N.Z.) War Memorial Carillon in 1932. This was built in this country, and before the bells left England Mr. Ball gave several hundred recitals on them, both in Hyde Park and at the North-East Coast Exhibition at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Many of his recitals have been broadcast.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY JUBILEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think it is true to say that our jubilee celebrations were a great success, everybody spending a most enjoyable time up to the last moment, and 170 sat down to a most excellent dinner. But my committee would not like the occasion to pass without expressing through the columns of 'The Ringing World' their grateful appreciation to the members, artists and friends who supported them so magnificently. The course of London on the handbells was really wonderful. A photograph was taken at the dinner, which has come out very well, and if anyone requires a copy they should write to the Editor, 'Herts Advertiser,' St. Albans. Prices as follows: 6 x 4, 1/- a copy, 2/9 for three; 8 x 6, 1/9 and 4/6; 12 x 10, 3/- and 8/-. Deductions for larger quantities of each. Terms, cash. The picture is well worth buying as a memento of a memorable occasion in the history of change ringing. G. W. CARIMEL,

Hon. Secretary,

Duffield, St. Albans.

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BYGONE RINGERS AND THEIR HABITS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent letters and your article on 'Bygone ringers and their habits,' perhaps a few remarks of mine on things as I knew them might be of interest.

My first recollections of ringing are when nearly 60 years ago I used to hear, some time before Christmas, the bells of two five-bell towers about three miles away ring on alternate Sunday afternoons after the service. I heard afterwards that permission was given on condition that the ringers attended the service, which some did, but others did not. The only objection my parents had to my learning to ring was that ringers were such a low and disreputable lot.

About eight years after, however, the four bells in our Parish Church were 'restored,' and four or five boys of my own age started to learn, and with a good deal of attention by the blacksmith and hard work on our part, we learned to ring by heart the 24 changes which we found written on a board in the tower. We had no outside tuition beyond seeing the ringers at the opening who rang set changes.

After ringing the date of the year, and wishing to learn more, two of us approached a well-known ringer at the nearest six-bell tower about seven miles away, who told us that it would cost us a lot to learn, as we should have to find plenty of beer. In no case that I know of did the ringers ring for the services, the bells being chimed by the clerk or youths of the village.

I should like to add that Mr. Trollope's description of the state of affairs at that time is, in my opinion, quite correct. The associations and the clergy who founded them have had a large share in the work of bringing about the great improvement.

It was in most cases the better type of ringer who joined the associations at that time; the others died out.

W. L. DUFFIELD.

Saxlingham Thorpe, Norwich.

Dear Sir,—I, like many others in the country, have read with interest the notes of Mr. Trollope on the history of ringers and ringing in the past, and have enjoyed reading his account of these performances. I have also been very interested in the letters that have been published in 'The Ringing World' on this subject.

There is not the slightest doubt that all that Mr. Trollope has mentioned in these articles is perfectly true and has taken place at one time or another, and only goes to show the great improvement that has taken place in both belfries and bellringers since the diocesan associations have been formed, between 50 and 60 years ago.

I first learned to handle a bell in a country village where there were six bells, and often paid a visit to the belfry on practice nights but got very little encouragement to ring, but have taken more than one gallon of beer up in the belfry, where the ringers used to sit and smoke, and for so doing was allowed to have a pull of a few rounds with the old ringers, who were never very enthusiastic, nor did they encourage a beginner, as they were a paid band.

I am pleased to say all this is changed, and had I had the encouragement that beginners have now in most towers when I was young I might have been a better ringer than I am.

C. EDWARDS.

Farnham.

PONTEFRAC T RINGER HONOURED.

Mr. Arthur Walker, of Friarwood, Pontefract, was honoured by his colleagues on attaining his 65th birthday and having completed 45 years as a ringer at the Parish Church and All Saints' by a peal of Grandsire Caters on November 5th, in which he participated.

On the following evening a supper was given in his honour, attended by a company of 32, including the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. T. Naters) and Mrs. Naters. Mr. J. H. Lenton presided, and the health of Mr. Walker was proposed by Mr. Holder, who commented upon his long association with Mr. Walker in the belfries of the Parish Church and All Saints', and trusted that Mr. Walker would for many years have health and strength to continue in the hobby he had so ably served (applause). On behalf of the Parish Church ringers the Vicar presented Mr. Walker with a fountain pen in appreciation of his services. The Vicar's good wishes were endorsed by Mr. J. Clayton.

A whist drive followed. Opportunity was found during the evening for a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples on handbells by J. H. Lenton, W. Applegate, V. Applegate and H. C. Walters. A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung with Mr. A. Walker.

Mr. A. Walker has rung over 80 peals and is a member of the general committee of the Yorkshire Association.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Holt 1, N. J. Goodman 2, H. G. Atkins 3, J. L. Boylin 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, C. H. Stanley 6, V. G. H. Hemus (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, K. J. Davis 8. All are service ringers at this church.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Nov. 17th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business after. I hope for a good attendance. Just a card as a help for tea arrangements will oblige.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Womersley on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Grantley Arms 5.15. Nominations for next year's district officers must be made at this meeting. Bramley bells also available afternoon and evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—The Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of 5 has been restored and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at St. John's, Old Hackney (Mare Street). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chapman House, Lower Chapman Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in the tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea can be obtained nearby.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, November 17th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—A dedication service for new treble bell, at St. John the Baptist Church, 11 a.m., on Sunday, Nov. 18th. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. The five old bells will be rung before service, afterwards the peal of six will be open all day. All ringers welcome. Tea will be prepared for those sending their names to Mr. R. Potter, King's Farm, Pebmarsh. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Essex Association, Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notification for same to me by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, without fail?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stratton Strawless and Buxton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Buxton, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Members accepting invitation to tea must notify Mr. W. C. Duffield, Roller Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich, not later than Friday, Nov. 23rd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., for those who notify me not later than Nov. 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting of these societies will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head; names to be sent to Miss L. K. Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds 6, on or before Nov. 22nd.—Miss N. Cawthorne and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., at 5 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, usual terms. Please advise me, without fail, by Nov. 21st. All members and friends welcomed. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 3. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Good meeting requested. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Nov. 22nd.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Salehurst. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, the 21st?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at St. James' (10) and St. John's (6) combined. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. James' at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 21st inst. — Frank Skidmore, 8c, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Hyde on the 24th inst., commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. Tom Wilde, 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec., Marple.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 6d. and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 21st.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting at Hitchin will be held on Nov. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church House (adjoining the church). A card, if you require tea, would be a great help for catering.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business of some importance. A good attendance desired. Members requiring tea please inform secretary by Nov. 27th.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Institute and meeting to follow. Special method: Cambridge. For tea notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. You will be missed if you are not there.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members and friends are invited to tea by our chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon F. W. Sears). Will all those expecting to be present please advise me by Nov. 27th?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Rd., Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Constitutional Club.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at ALDERSHOT. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting (nominations for 1935) in the Parish Hall. All ringers and their friends invited. Plenty of ringing and entertainment. Come and enjoy yourselves.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual social will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Oswaldtwistle. Tea and social 1s. 3d. each. Will all those intending to be present please send in names to Mr. F. Shaw, 15, White Ash Lane, Oswaldtwistle, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Social commences at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anyil Street, Blackburn.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Address by the president (Rev. E. V. Cox). Tea, free to members, at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 26th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, December 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6.—C. H. Horton, 53 Aldenham Road, Bushey Tel. City 4270.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m. The ring of 5 has been rehung and a new treble added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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