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The memorial dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association ranks as one of the most important social gatherings of the year among ringers. Unlike any of the other similar commemorations, it is a 'movable feast' in that it is held successively in York, Leeds and Sheffield. By this means many more members of the great association are given an opportunity at intervals of joining in the gathering than would be able to do so if the proceedings always took place in the same centre. Last Saturday's gathering in the ancient city of York was once more proof of the attraction which these festivities hold for ringers, not only of Yorkshire but from many distant parts of the country. It is, indeed, a 'gathering of the clans,' and, apart from the opportunity provided to honour the memory of the men of a past generation who were leaders of the Exercise in their day, they provide the occasion for an exhibition of that real spirit of fraternity of which, as ringers, we are wont to boast.

The Yorkshire Association has been in existence for sixty years. It was one of the first of the territorial associations, and throughout the whole of its career has been in the forefront of the ringing organisations of the country. It was placed there by its founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and kept there largely by the inspiration and guidance of the succeeding presidents. It is not a little remarkable that in its sixty years the association should have had only three presidents. Jasper Snowdon, cut off comparatively early in life, filled the office for ten years. His brother, William Snowdon, occupied the office for over twenty-five years, and Canon Marshall, the present holder, has now reached his silver jubilee as head of the organisation. That the association has been fortunate in its choice of presidents goes without saying. All have brought their special attributes to the direction of its affairs, and though they have differed in their special gifts, the efficiency of the association has been the end for which all have so successfully striven. The fortunes of the Yorkshire Association have been safe in the hands of its successive presidents, who have enjoyed the confidence of the members.

Within its area the association has a number of minor organisations, but the feeling between them and the parent association is such that friction seldom occurs. In the districts of Sheffield, Leeds, Barnsley and Halifax, local societies—local, that is, compared with the great size of the county itself—supplement the work which the Yorkshire Association is doing. For the most

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part the members of these smaller societies are members of the Yorkshire Association also, and their allegiance to the larger organisation does not suffer from their interest in the activities of the smaller. Only in north Yorkshire has the association failed to infiltrate to the fullest extent. There the Cleveland Association takes an independent stand, for it is a long cry from the industrial and thickly populated centres of the South to this more scattered area, fringing the river Tees. Some day, perhaps, the ringers in that part of the county of broad acres will find that their interests tend to the direction of linking up with the rest of the county, and so completing the structure which Jasper Snowdon visualised when he founded the Yorkshire Association over sixty years ago.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW Treble	*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST A. PITSTOW 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 9
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	FREDERICK DENCH 11
*GEORGE SPARROW 6	*WALTER PARISH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Cinques on the bells. Ringers of 2 and 3 hail from London, 10 from Colchester. Remainder are members of the Saffron Walden Society.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR HINGLEY Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 6
JAMES S. EASTWOOD 2	BERT HORTON 7
GILBERT HARDING 3	*HAROLD SMITH 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	*BARNABAS G. KEY 9
HOWARD HOWELL 5	ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First ten-bell peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Hughes, the veteran one-armed ringer, who is lying seriously ill in West Bromwich Hospital.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	*FREDERICK C. CASE 6
*FRANK J. GREEN 2	*JOHN A. GREEN 7
*A. DUNNLEY WOOD 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS 9
† HERBERT C. EDWARDS 5	*HARRY G. RIDGWAY Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. This was the conductor's first attempt at conducting a peal on ten bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Treble	ALFRED REYNOLDS 5
FRANCIS WM. GIBBS 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 6
JOHN WM. SMITH 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

Rung for the dedication festival and is first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co. All the above are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. CROWE ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN 5
GEORGE WALL 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 6
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. P. Pestle, M.A., Rector of this parish, who is soon to take over the living of Wysdale, Lancs.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal in the method. This composition, in 24 courses, is believed to be now rung for the first time.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	CECIL J. BARKER 6
BERNARD H. PETTIT ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHN HOLLOWES ... Treble	ALWYN TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JAMES OGDEN 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
JAMES RICHARDSON ... 4	ABRAHAM OGDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

This peal was arranged, and rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute to the late James Arrowsmith, who was a ringer at the Parish Church for 50 years up to his retirement 10 years ago. The treble ringer is in his 81st year, third and fifth ringers are from Hamer and Newhey respectively, the rest belong to the local band.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR 7
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal in a different Surprise method. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. R. L. Stilwell (son of the conductor) on his 'coming of age.'

SCUNTHORPE, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK BRAY ... Treble	FRED LACEY 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	FRANK LORD 6
HAROLD JUDD 3	ERNEST BRITAIN 7
ARNOLD ARMITAGE ... 4	ARTHUR EMMANS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

Rung in honour of the town of Scunthorpe becoming a borough, the Royal Charter of Incorporation being presented on behalf of His Majesty the King by the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., to the Charter Mayor, Sir Berkeley Sheffield, Bart.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FRED WATKINSON ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 6
MRS. E. DORICE KELLY ... 3	REGINALD PAYNE 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
KENNETH FORD 2	RONALD G. BECK 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HARRY J. SANGER ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, which have recently been rehanged by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	REGINALD MARTIN 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the 941st anniversary dedication service; also a wedding peal for Mr. A. Wiffen, of Braintree, whose marriage took place on September 26th, the peal attempt on that date having failed.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ARTHUR S. WALKER ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	KENNETH ARTHUR ... 6
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	THOMAS W. CROWE ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	REGINALD H. HEWITT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. H. HEWITT.

* First peal.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED C. LIMB ... Treble	JAMES E. BURLS ... 5
*JOHN BAGNALL ... 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 6
NICHOLAS NEWSBY ... 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN ... 7
*M. GEORGE WHEAT ... 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Albert Crawley, of Crewe.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F. sharp.

KENNETH ARTHUR ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON ... 5
*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 2	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	THOMAS W. CROWE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the donor of the bells, Mrs. Lee, of Blackhill, who was 90 years of age on October 6th.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 2	*ERNEST H. SCARFE ... 6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. R. ANDREWS.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALKER ... Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... 5
ARTHUR MARTIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
THOMAS GOODCHILD ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE R. FYE ... Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER ... 5
JOHN G. NASH ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS ... 4	HERBERT SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. FYE.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD G. MOON ... Treble	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... 5
FRANK B. JEAL ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 6
DONALD A. TOFFIN ... 3	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. G. Hooper on his leaving the district to take up new duties at Milford-on-Sea.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD H. A. HARVEY ... Treble	J. L. MILLHOUSE ... 4
HAROLD MARCON ... 2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 5
CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the patronal festival.

TROYLE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Thelwall, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 4
*BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ELLIOT WIGG.

* First peal 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of Dr. R. H. Gardiner and Miss Mary Sizer. All the band are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 4
JACK CLEGG ... 2	LEONARD SCHOLLES ... 5
*ERIC BRUNTON ... 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
HERBERT HOLDEN ... Tenor	

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal and aged 14 years. Rung after meeting short for Major.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN CHANDLER ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 4
OLIVER HINES ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 3	*HAROLD CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. WOODWARD.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung for the 60th birthday of the treble ringer. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Chandler for their hospitality afterwards.

HOPE BOWDLER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*LEO EVANS ... Treble	†FREDERICK PRICE ... 4
WILLIAM SADNDERS ... 2	†ALAN M. JONES ... 5
†THOMAS PRICE ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHORST.

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

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 15 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

The second peal on the bells and the first in three methods. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. H. Beattie, the new Vicar of Madley-with-Tyberton.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight.
- (2) Marple, Taxal and Willesden Delight.
- (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight.
- (4) Braintree, Humber and Wragby Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight.
- (6) Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob.
- (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

LIONEL CLOUGH ... Treble	*JAMES A. MILNER ... 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JOHN WORTH ... 3	†ARTHUR WHITING ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* 100th peal. † First peal in 23 methods. First peal in 23 methods as conductor. There were 57 changes of method.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... 4
LEWIS BUSH ... 2	WALTER FREEMAN ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD MARCON ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

FOR BEGINNERS.

USE YOUR EARS.

There is every reason why bands everywhere should give their best attention to 'striking' during the coming winter's practices. For instance, the Coronation is coming, but, of course, it is important to bear in mind that good striking should be made the essential of all ringing. Everything else should be sacrificed to it; change ringing should be subordinated to it. It is one of the greatest mistakes to attempt change ringing until you can strike well in rounds, although it is a fact that in the anxiety to push young ringers on, beginners are frequently made to ring changes before they are really competent in the handling of their bell or are able to strike properly in rounds.

We hope that increased attention will be paid to striking. It matters at all times, but most in service ringing and in those long spells of ringing, like peals, when the public have to listen to the sound of the bells for, perhaps, hours on end. To strike your bell entirely by ropesight—that is by measuring by the eye the distance which has to be allowed in the pull between one bell and another—would be easy if the distance were the same between all bells, and all bells were in themselves so truly hung that they clapper evenly.

But bells are of different sizes and therefore some turn, and consequently strike, quicker than others. You must allow for this and leave a wider interval in your pull over a big bell than over a little one, so that the space between the actual sounds of the bells will remain the same. Moreover, many bells are slightly and others considerably defective in their 'clapping.' Through the clapper not hanging at dead centre when the bell is down, it may strike too soon or too late when it is rung. In the first case it is said to be 'quick' and in the second 'slow.'

Obviously, if you are ringing a bell that is 'quick,' you must, if you would strike it exactly the right space behind the bell you are striking over, hold up just that extra fraction of a second which will keep the compass set by the other bells. On the other hand, if the bell is slow, it must be pulled in just a little sooner than a normal bell would be. Unless this is done you get a 'jazzy' effect which entirely spoils the ringing from the listener's point of view. What is needed is perfect beat and rhythm.

What we have told you, however, is only how to perform a kind of mechanical operation, once you have discovered that the striking of your bell is defective. What is more important is to be able to make the discovery and to tell whether your bell is being placed in its right position among the rest to a 'hair's-breadth,' as it were.

The best equipment a ringer can have is a pair of sharp ears. He will never strike well unless he trains himself to pick out his own bell from the rest, and to distinguish the least discrepancy in his striking. At first a beginner may find it very difficult, if not impossible, to tell from among the sounds overhead which note is that of the bell he is ringing. His attention is fully taken up with the handling of his rope.

Soon, however, that part of the process should begin to become mechanical, and he should be able to devote some of his attention to listening for his own bell. Listen for it first in rounds. Count the notes from treble downward every time, with emphasis on the place where your own should appear. Gradually the bell, in a normal tower, will seem to emphasise itself. Afterwards you will hear it, whatever its position may be among the rest. But this picking out of your own bell will not necessarily become easy at the start. Never mind, go on trying; the great thing is to persevere and not to give up because at first it seems impossible. Once you make up your mind that you will never be able to pick out your bell, you may as well resign yourself to the fact that you will never make a good ringer. Use your ears as well as your eyes, and go on using them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**PEAL RINGING VERSUS MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th, when 70 per cent. of the affiliated towers in the district were represented as well as some from outside the district. The total number of members present was 69, and the following towers represented: Benenden, Brasted, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Leigh, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Sturry, Milton-next-Gravesend, Croydon (St. John's), Beddington and Northfleet. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, the striking being very good for mixed bands.

The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. Childs, late of St. Helens, Lancashire. Tea was partaken of at the Carlton Cafe and was followed by the business meeting. Among those present were the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne), the Rev. E. L. M. Allen (Vicar of Edenbridge), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (the general secretary), Mr. P. White, Mr. C. H. Kippih, Mr. D. Cooper, and 'Uncle' Bill Lambert, who is believed to be the oldest ringer in the district. He has been ringing for about 70 years. The Vicar, the Rev. F. Childs, presided.

In his report, the District Secretary remarked upon the satisfactory position of the district. Sixty-five per cent. of the ringing towers were in union, and provided the association with 181 practising members. Although, he said, the association had no wish or power to dictate to its members, he would like to record the deplorable fact that on two occasions peals had been attempted on meeting days by members. In one instance the peal was rung outside the county, ringers going from the tower where the meeting was held and from a nearby tower, and in the other case the peal attempt could be heard from the belfry of the church at which the meeting was being held. It did not seem fair, the secretary continued, in view of the work entailed in arranging meetings, for ringers to do this sort of thing.

The report, with the balance sheet, was adopted. Mr. A. Richardson was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. E. Everest and A. J. Battin were elected as district representatives. Mr. G. Edwards, who has been a representative for a great many years, intimated that he would not stand again for re-election.

It was decided that the meetings for next year should be held as follows: Sevenoaks in February, Hawkhurst in May, Leigh in July, and the annual meeting at Tonbridge in October.

The revision of the association's rules came up for discussion, and with one or two minor exceptions the members recommended that the amended rules as submitted by the committee be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. F. W. Housden, seconded by the district secretary, the district recommended that all members should receive, free of charge, a report and balance sheet each year. It was pointed out that at the present time members had to pay 6d. for an entire report of peals, performances, etc., in order to be able to obtain the report and balance sheet.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business meeting.

ASHFORD DISTRICT SUPPORTS NEW RULES.

The Ashford District once again held its annual meeting at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd, when upwards of 60 members attended from 18 towers in all parts of the county. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address of welcome, reminding the ringers of their privilege and responsibility. Mr. Paul Steinitz presided at the organ.

Ton was served in the Fellowship Room and provided by the association. The Vicar and organist both expressed regret at being unable to join the company at tea, but both had to take part in a service following that of the ringers.

The business meeting, which proved to be rather lengthy, was presided over by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the general secretary. Two new members were elected and a previous election ratified.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. Conley) having announced that he would be unable to continue in office, Messrs. P. Page and W. Oldfield were nominated and Mr. P. Page was elected. It is hoped that the members will give him all the support possible.

For the purpose of providing two district representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. P. Pierce, E. S. Ruck, W. Oldfield, C. Tribe and F. Wanstall were nominated, and as a result of the ballot Mr. E. S. Ruck and Mr. P. Wanstall were elected.

Mr. C. W. Everett was chosen to act as Ringing Master in place of Mr. Page, it being unanimously decided that the district cannot do without one.

After a good deal of discussion the meeting instructed the secretary and representatives to support the adoption of the rules as amended by the Central Committee in November last. It also asked them to invite the committee to hold the annual meeting at Ashford on Easter Monday next.

A collection for the Association Benevolent Fund amounted to 19s. 6d.

Votes of thanks were passed to the hon. secretary, the retiring representatives, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the Vicar, the organist and all who had helped in any way to make such an enjoyable meeting.

The bells of Bowdon, Cheshire, will be 'on the air' on Sunday at 7.55 p.m. from the North Regional Station.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH AND BELL RESTORATION GRANTS.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Heckington on Saturday, October 3rd. The weather was ideal for the occasion and was very probably the reason for such a good assembly of members.

The village possesses a large and magnificent church in which hangs a fine toned ring of eight bells, on which touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The six bells at Hale Magna were also available. Amongst the towers represented were Anwick, Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Gainsborough, Grantham, Lea, Lincoln, Metherringham, Nocton, Sleaford and Ulceby, in addition to the local company. Mr. R. Richardson, Master of the Guild, and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary, were present, together with Mrs. Richardson, Miss E. Richardson and Mr. G. Ladd, hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, Cleethorpes. Members of the Guild were also present from Boston, Spalding and Treeton, Yorks.

Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Richards), who gave the members a very hearty welcome to Heckington. The organist accompanied the musical part of the service. Subsequently 54 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the Temperance Hall.

The business meeting followed, at which the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Northern Branch president) presided.

Metherringham was selected for the 1937 half-yearly meeting, the date fixed being October 2nd.

The special item on the agenda was an application for a grant towards the rehanging of the bells at Haxey Parish Church. The President informed the members that, at a meeting held at Brigg in 1934, a resolution was passed respecting this matter. This was: 'That a definite reserve fund of £50 be fixed, and when near the margin of that sum no grants be made, and when above, cases should be dealt with on their merits.' He stated the treasurer had told him the funds of the branch at that moment were below the fixed sum, consequently it was not necessary to proceed any further with the matter. At the same time, he requested the secretary to make a note of it in the minutes.

Mr. Richardson suggested that the branch should form a belfry repair fund on similar lines to the one in connection with the Elloe Deaneries Branch and the one in connection with the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch, both of which had proved very successful.

Archdeacon Parry proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the organist, the caterers and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, after which further ringing took place during the remainder of the evening.

RINGERS WHO 'FADE AWAY.'**ARCHDEACON'S ADDRESS AT SURREY MEETING.**

The Ven. Archdeacon W. R. Crichton stood in the chancel of Rammore Church, Surrey, on September 26th, amongst a small gathering of Surrey ringers, and had some interesting things to say about bells and bellringers. He had been in India for 18 years, and, he said, always liked to hear the sound of the old English bells coming to him over the air; they created a tremendous stirring of the heart strings, together with a longing for the homeland and all it represented. They would then be faded out, and he would feel once more like a stranger in a strange land. He would remember a church in Ireland which had a good peal of bells, and where the ringers came regularly to ring, but somehow they too, like the bells on the wireless, acquired a habit of 'fading away' immediately before a service started. He hoped the ringers of Surrey were not like that. (He was afterwards told that they were much better, but that a complete redemption from this habit would take time.)

In speaking about the story of the bells in the Old Testament, which he referred to as 'The Parable of the Belfry,' he said that they were merely a part of the whole fabric, and but one of the many attributes of the Christian life. The ringers were workers together with God and were the inheritors of a sacred trust which must be preserved and handed on unimpaired. They were learners in a splendid school of discipline—he could tell from the ringing he had heard that afternoon that there must have been much patient practice and the studying of rules. There was no room in the belfry for the ringer who did not pay attention and would not learn. Just as one bad tempered person could spoil the harmony of the home, so the rhythm of the bells could be destroyed by the bad striker or the man who does not try.

The Archdeacon concluded his address by welcoming the Surrey Association to Rammore and inviting them to come again.

Eighteen members sat down to tea, representing Croydon, Beddington, Epsom (Christ Church), Banstead, Leatherhead and Dorking, whilst during the afternoon and evening visitors arrived from Capel, Sunbury, Reckenham and Reigate.

After a short business meeting members returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

Votes of thanks were passed to Archdeacon Crichton for the use of the bells and for conducting the service: to the organist, Mr. A. Redhead; and to Mr. A. Dobinson for making arrangements for the meeting.

INAUGURATION OF UFFORD BELLS. COMPLETION OF RESTORATION SCHEME.

Ufford Church was filled with a large congregation (all the additional chairs being used) when the ceremony of inauguration was performed by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Hargrave Thomas, Rector of Needham Market, the second by the Rev. R. B. Dand, Rector of Woodbridge.

After this, the churchwardens with their staves came to the chancel doors and led the procession of cross, choir, clergy, Rector and Bishop (preceded by his chaplain, the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, Rector of Cresting and a ringer) with his staff, to the west end. There, the ringers being inside the tower, the donors each took a rope affixed to the bell they were giving, and standing in the nave, just inside the tower door, handed the rope to the Bishop.

The rope of the first bell was thus handed by Mr. G. E. Fisher, that of the second by Mr. F. L. Fisher, the third by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the fourth by Mrs. Drake, representing her son, the late Mr. Francis Drake, while one rope, attached to the four old bells, was handed by the other churchwarden, Mr. G. Lankester, with a request that he would inaugurate the ring. This the Bishop did in the prescribed form, and then handed all the ropes together to the Rector, thus putting them into his care. As the procession returned to the chancel, 20 rounds were rung, this being the first time any of the bells had been rung or heard, and great was the joy and pleasure of those who heard them.

The Bishop began his sermon by thanking all those who had, by their gifts, enabled the people of Ufford to have the beautiful ring of bells which they had just heard, and of which they might well be proud. He went on to say that while there were some people to whom church bells appeared to have a melancholy sound, yet they were only a small minority. To most people the sound of bells was especially one of joy, and reminded them of the words, 'All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord.' This was a lesson which needed to be learned to-day, when so many people were complaining. Instead of complaining we should be finding causes for praising God, and this the sound of the bells helped us to do.

The Rector announced that he had that morning got Messrs. Taylors' receipt in full settlement, and there was still some £5 in hand. This and the collection that day (this came to £5 10s.) would go towards paying off £21 for work which had been done locally.

Among the large number of clergy present were the Revs. H. Gray (Bredfield), Canon Round-Turner (Bealings), W. M. Lummis (Kestgrave), F. W. Moyle (Saxmundham), A. R. Shaw (Hinderclay), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), A. E. Milne (Felixstowe), S. E. Caller (Wickham) and G. R. D. Bennet (Woodbridge).

After the service the bells were rung by ringers from all parts of Suffolk and from Essex. Over 150 of the congregation were given tea with the Bishop, by Mrs. Drake, in St. Mary's Hall.

All present considered the bells were the most satisfactory ring in the diocese, both in the workmanship and in the sound. This is well reduced in the church and ringing chamber, while outside it is well blended and softened to those nearby, and carries much better to a distance.

As was recorded in our issue of August 21st, Ufford bells were blessed and named. The four front bells have been recast. The sixth and tenor are pre-Reformation bells, the former by William Dawe, of London (1270-1385), and the latter, weighing 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., by Brasyer, of Norwich (1400-1510). The 5th is a bell by John Darbie, of Ipswich, in 1686, and the 7th by T. Osborn, of Downham, in 1799. The old 4th, also cast by Brasyer, of Norwich, probably about 1480, when the church was finally altered to what it now is. This bell, badly 'skirted' at some time, and too thin for its note, stands on the floor of the church. The key of the whole ring is nearly F sharp. The founders reported that the 6th and 7th were, when they received them, nearly in tune with the tenor, the 5th being a little flat. The others were, therefore, put in tune with the 5th, which has not been tuned.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEVENTY MEMBERS MEET AT KINGSCLERE.

A quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Kingsclere on Saturday, September 26th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. on the fine old six bells at St. Mary's Church. A short service was held, the Vicar giving an address that was very much appreciated.

About 70 members sat down in the Schoolroom to a very fine tea, provided by local ladies and ringers. A short business meeting was also held. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. G. H. Jeudwine) presided, and thanks were expressed by him to the local company for the welcome given to everyone.

Visitors were present from Hereford, London, Highclere, Reading, Donnington, Compton and Newbury.

After the meeting the company visited the tower and many made a tour of inspection of this very fine old village, with its many objects of interest.

Ringling continued until eight o'clock, when the local foreman, Mr. North, called 'Time,' thus bringing a very enjoyable visit to a close. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening varied from rounds to London Surprise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is more than passing interest in 'the first peal of Cinques on the bells' rung at Saffron Walden, Essex, last week. It is more than 20 years since the bells were increased to twelve, and it is gratifying to know that, after so long a lapse of time, a peal has at last been rung on them.

Kingsdon Church bells, Somerset, are being rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. James Arrowsmith, who, when he retired from ringing ten years ago, had spent 50 years as a member of the band at the Parish Church, Middleton, Lancs., has died at an advanced age. He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, for which he rang 20 peals. On Wednesday week a muffled peal was rung in his memory.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters was made on the glorious bells at Beverley Minster on Saturday by visitors who were in Yorkshire for the Snowdon Dinner. Unfortunately, after two and a half hours' excellent ringing, the bells were brought round owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

It was a great disappointment to everyone, especially to the Birmingham contingent, who eight years ago rang over three hours at the tower and had to stop for a somewhat similar reason.

Some of the band last Saturday were classified by critics as among the 'old men and cripples.' One had his 'eye in a sling' and a bandaged leg; another had lost all his teeth and walked with a limp. Others were not too good after years of wear and tear, but, fortunately, it did not affect their ringing ability. It was one of the strong men of the party whom misfortune overtook.

Here is another toothless story well worth telling. A well-known Midlands ringer was recently spending his holiday at Bournemouth. Bathing one day in a rather turbulent sea, he opened his mouth to laugh at an incident, which we will not describe here, when an extra big wave investigated the interior of an unexpected cavity.

When the sea receded it carried with it the gentleman's false teeth! He never saw them again. We understand they are now being used by a large sized whiting which has been seen off Bournemouth pier. In future the ringer proposes to keep his mouth shut when bathing.

And talking of the sea, those ringers who made the recent passage to Ireland, and escaped the uncomfortable experience of mal de mer, should ponder upon the words of the Poet Laureate, quoted by 'Punch' last week, when they gloat over the tribulations of their fellow-voyagers:—

'I've a theory that only intelligent people get seasick. I believe there are nerves in their brains that cause it.'

Yes, we admit we have not forgotten the voyage to Australia and back, which we made without falling victim to seasickness ourselves.

We are sorry to state that Mr. John Flint, the well-known ringer of Bolsover, Derbyshire, is in the Murphy Ward of the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, suffering from severe injuries, received while engaged in shot firing in a coal mine. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Among the large number of men who have lately come to Barrow-in-Furness from Ireland and Scotland and parts of England there may be ringers. There is a handy peal of eight at St. James' Church at the top of Hartington Street, the only peal in the town. The local ringers will be glad to extend a welcome to anyone who cares to give them a look up. Service ringing at the usual times.

Can any reader inform us where handbell music can be obtained? The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Treble Bob at Kenwyn on September 23rd was C. Edward Lankester, not Edwin as published.

To clear up a mystery which some may feel about two conflicting statements, we have it upon the most reliable authority that Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, rang his 450th peal at Bridgend on September 30th.

We regret that we are still compelled to hold over several reports, owing to pressure on our space.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their September meeting at Brierley Hill, when between 70 and 80 members attended. There was a short service in church, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Herbert), after which tea was partaken of in the schools, followed by the usual business meeting under the chairmanship of the Rector.

The election of the branch officers took place. Mr. Thomas Hemming was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. John Bass the Central Committee representative.

With regard to the secretaryship, Mr. W. B. Cartwright intimated that owing to professional reasons he could not stand for re-election, and Mr. John S. Mason, of Oldbury, was elected in his place.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Cartwright for his past services.

Several new members were elected, among them being the Rector and Mr. Thomas Lowther, sen., one of the churchwardens.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wollaston on the usual Saturday in January.

The tea was provided by the local ringers, and a vote of thanks was passed, thanking them for their hospitality, and to the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held at Brierley Hill.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

RINGERS GATHER IN YORK CITY.

Archdeacon and the Preservation of Bells.

It was the turn of York this year to provide the setting for the annual commemoration dinner organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers. York is a delightful city, dominated by the towering pile of its Minster, with an ever inspiring interest. With the added attraction of its wonderful peal of twelve bells, with a three ton tenor, it is no wonder that York proves a great attraction to ringers on the occasion of this triennial visit. About 120 were present at the dinner on Saturday at the Windmill Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of Canon C. C. Marshall, of Headingley, President of the association. He was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Canon Solloway (Selby), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. and



CANON C. C. MARSHALL,
Twenty-Five Years President of the
Yorkshire Association.

Mrs. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), the Rev. H. Gilgrist (York), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Frank E. Haynes (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. G. F. Swann (Birmingham), Mr. W. Ayre (Hertfordshire Association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. A. Sharman (hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association), the Rev. R. J. Wood and the Rev. P. Thorman (Leeds), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Park, Mr. G. W. Park and Mr. N. Park (Darlington), Mr. W. H. Barber (Newcastle), Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford), and members of the Yorkshire Association from Arksey, Bradford, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Leeds, Pontefract, Pudsey, Ripon, Rotherham, Selby, Sheffield, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Wortley, York, etc.

The excellent arrangements for the event were made by a local committee, of which Mr. T. F. Earnshaw was president and Mr. G. Horner hon. secretary.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured and the president gave the company a message from Mrs. William Snowdon and Miss Snowdon, who had written to him once more to convey to the members of the Yorkshire Association their kind wishes and thoughts and the hope that the company would have a pleasant evening. Canon Marshall added that he was sure they would all wish him to thank Mrs. and Miss Snowdon for their message and to reciprocate their good wishes (applause).

REBIRTH OF CHURCH LIFE.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' In the course of a characteristic speech covering wide ground, Mr. Johnson said nowhere in England would they find exemplified, more than in the district in which they were assembled, the great power and the great work of the Church in days gone by. In the mighty Minster, in Selby and the other abbeys and churches in Holderness, they saw what he thought was the inspiration of much of the art which they had in this country to-day. In the past the churches were the centres of art—music, painting, architecture were all connected with religious life—and education and learning. The problems before the Church to-day were of a different character. In providing for the spiritual requirements of immense new centres of population the Church was faced with great liability and anxiety, but he thought the task before it might lead to the rebirth of church life and work (hear, hear). They must all play their part in supporting the Church in the colossal efforts which were being made to cope with the new and changed circumstances.

Mr. Johnson referred to the recent loss which had been sustained by the death of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and the valuable service which he rendered to change ringing. Countless undergraduates had come under his instruction in change ringing, and he (the speaker) regarded it as a happy augury for the future of the art that some of the theological colleges—Cuddesdon and Salisbury among them—were taking up this subject of ringing.

BELLS OF REDUNDANT CHURCHES.

Proceeding, he referred to the migration of congregations from the

cities and big towns to the country, and he wondered what would happen to the bells of the churches which were becoming redundant. He pleaded with those who were responsible in these matters, where there were bells in old churches that were no longer needed, that provision should be made for them to be installed in the new churches, thus saving these peals and giving an incentive in the new districts for the taking up of change ringing. Another matter in which he hoped they would have the support of the clergy was in fulfilling their duties at the coming Coronation. He hoped that that great national event would lead to the making of an exception with regard to York Minster bells and that for that occasion the authorities would allow a peal to be rung there (hear, hear). Such a thing would give great gratification to the whole Exercise and to everyone except a few disgruntled people in York (hear, hear).

In dealing with 'The State,' Mr. Johnson touched upon the anxieties in the international outlook and expressed the hope that in this country democratic government would ever remain strong and secure. Sooner or later any other form of government must lead to disaster.

Archdeacon England, who replied to the toast, spoke in appreciative terms of the mover's speech, which, he said, had thrilled him by the obvious admiration and sincere love for the Church which it displayed. The Archdeacon enlarged upon the magnificent gifts which the Church had given and preserved to the nation. He mentioned the fact that in York Minster they had more 13th century stained glass than was to be found in any cathedral in Europe. They also possessed the only manuscript in existence of an Anglo-Saxon copy of the Gospels. In this connection he told the story of an American millionaire who, having heard of this MS., wanted to buy it for a hundred thousand pounds. When the Dean replied that there was 'nothing doing,' there came a cable, 'Double my offer' (laughter). When he (the Archdeacon) told this story to a party of tourist Americans to whom he was showing the treasure, a lady among them rasped out, 'I guess you have said quite enough.'

FACING THE NEW SITUATION.

Continuing, the Archdeacon said the position which the Church was facing to-day through the growing new centres of population had never been experienced before. In the diocese of York alone there were four or five entirely new centres of the size of large towns which had sprung up. Whatever these new centres might become socially, he feared they could never have the priceless things which the older places had inherited from our forefathers, in the way of churches, but in the parishes which came under his jurisdiction as Archdeacon their policy was, 'Don't build a bad church' (hear, hear). If you cannot build a good church at first, build a part of the church, but make it part of a worthy church (applause). Until they could do that, he said, it was better to be content with a hall. With regard to the bells in churches which were no longer needed, the Archdeacon said they were carefully watching this. There was a case in York of a church which contained a peal of bells which was to be pulled down. They had had many requests for a bell from this peal, but they intended that the peal should be given in its entirety to some church which was prepared to build a tower fit to receive it (applause). At present the bells were in the custody of the Dean and Chapter of York, and it was possible that they would be sent to a church in a new district at Middlesbrough.

The Archdeacon added that the authorities in the diocese carefully watched bell restorations to see that no one but experts were allowed to touch the bells and to see also that all pre-Reformation bells were preserved. He referred to Mr. Johnson's suggestion that a peal at York Minster should be permitted for the Coronation, and said he hoped it might be possible to arrange this (applause). As he was the one responsible for this department, he would probably be the one to bear the brunt of the complaints, but he would be able to say, 'I am sorry, but we don't crown a King every day' (applause). He would be very happy if it were found possible to arrange for a peal to be rung.

The Archdeacon referred to the fact that the late Mr. Boughey was 'going strong' when he (the speaker) was an undergraduate at Cambridge, and that the first time in his life that he saw bells rung was at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, where he went one practice night with a member of Cambridge University Guild. When the ringing finished he asked if he might try to pull the rope before he went home, but was told that if he did he might go to a long home (laughter). The Archdeacon concluded by referring to the great antiquity of the relationship between Church and State in this country, and added that when he saw the tragic and terrible happenings going on around them in other parts of the world he was more than satisfied, despite all our faults and shortcomings, to be a citizen of this land in which he lived (applause).

The President, in introducing Mr. C. T. Coles, referred to his faithful and loyal service to the Church and change ringing. The fact that he had carried on for 25 years the work of hon. general secretary of the Middlesex County Association, entitled him to the highest honour they could give him.

PAST WORTHIES.

Mr. Coles, who was received with applause, proposed the toast to 'The memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

MEN HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM.

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of the Association.' As one who, until a few years ago, did all his ringing in the South, Mr. Coles said, it was not to be expected that he should have run across those famous Yorkshire ringers of the past, but the reputation of these men spread to other parts of the land, and ringers in the South honoured them almost as much as they were honoured in their own county. They quite appreciated the reasons why Yorkshire ringers sought to do them honour in the way they did. They all, he said, felt at times that they wished to honour the memory of ringers who had gone from them and to whom had fallen the task of building up their associations. Those men had difficulties to face which did not confront the ringers of to-day. They had to lay the foundations, the ringers of to-day had only to carry on the work. They benefited by the work which was put in in those early days.

Referring to the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. Coles said that he visited the Middlesex Association at their annual meeting in London in 1914, and in a sermon he said, 'A change ringer is always seeking something higher in his art.' That, added Mr. Coles, summed up what the pioneers of the early days tried to do and what ringers to-day were trying to do, but the latter found it easier because of the work the pioneers put in. Proceeding Mr. Coles said the work which Jasper Snowdon did for the art had its effect on ringing throughout the country. He was a comparatively young man when he died, but during his short life as a ringer he did sufficient work to do credit to a man who lived to be a century. His opportunities as a ringer were not as great as a ringer got to-day, but all he did, he did well. He was a great teacher and his style of teaching had gone on from that day to this. He was a great writer on ringing matters, and the books he left behind were still the text books that ringers were proud to have. Jasper Snowdon was the founder of the Yorkshire Association and its president for ten years. To him, more than to any man, they owed the fact that Yorkshire had one of the strongest and best associations in the country. He was followed by his brother, William Snowdon, who was president of the association for 26 years, and did a great deal of work in revising and reprinting the books. Another who played a great part in the early work of the association was William Horner Howard, of York, who must have been held in high esteem, for he was affectionately known as 'Uncle.' George Bolland was another whose memory they honoured. He was a man who desired to break with tradition, and although he did it in a way they might not care to tolerate in these days, he led the way to greater advances on different lines. Mr. Bolland and his band went on to ring 14 and 21 Minor methods in a peal, and they commended him for trying to get away from the stereotyped style. Although he did it in a way they would not approve to-day, he was the forerunner of 'spliced' peals; for what he did incited other people to find a way of linking up the methods in true 720's. Mr. Coles went on to refer to the work of Charles Henry Hattersley as a composer, to Charles Jackson, of Hull, an excellent conductor, of whom William Pye always spoke in the highest terms, to James Lockwood, of Leeds, and last of all to Mr. James Cotterell, for 27 years the treasurer of the association, who was greatly respected and loved by all who knew him (hear, hear).

It was true, continued Mr. Coles, that the Exercise was making great strides, but much of it was due to the splendid foundations laid by the pioneers of the past, although they did not live to see the full fruits of their labours from which the ringers of to-day were profiting. There was one thing, however, in which the men of past days could equal the ringers of to-day, and that was in their striking. Judging from some of the broadcasts of the last few months, striking in many places was such as these past leaders of ringing would hardly have tolerated. The broadcast which came from Pudsey a short time ago was something to be proud of, but some of the broadcasts they had had were very poor. 'It is up to us,' concluded Mr. Coles, 'not only to carry on the work of the worthies of the past and to benefit from what they have done, but also to make every effort to keep up the standard of striking in the manner they would wish.'

After the toast had been honoured, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. Haynes (Birmingham), Johnson (Leeds), Swann (Birmingham), Smallwood (Bath), Walker (Birmingham) and Barber (Newcastle).

AN ENQUIRY FROM AUSTRALIA.

Mr. T. W. Earnshaw proposed 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies.' He welcomed the visitors as a citizen of York and a member of the Yorkshire Association. They were pleased to see so many clergy present, even though it might be at the expense of shorter sermons the next morning (laughter). The clergy were always welcomed by ringers, both at their social gatherings and in the belfry, and would be more pleased if they saw them oftener in the belfry. They had representatives present that evening of associations from Scotland down to Kent, said Mr. Earnshaw, and they greatly appreciated their presence. They wished the kindred societies prosperity in all their undertakings. Mr. Earnshaw enumerated the many societies represented, and said such gatherings as that gave an opportunity to ringers to meet and cement old friendships and to create new ones. Referring to the presence of four members of the party who visited Australia two years ago, Mr. Earnshaw quoted from a letter from an

ex-churchwarden of the church where the English ringers rang while at Adelaide, in which he referred to a Roman Catholic priest who was anxious to have the names of bellfounders sent to him, as he was hoping to build a church and was keen on getting a peal of bells. That, said the writer, was due to the visit of the English ringers to Australia two years ago (applause).

Mr. F. E. Haynes first replied, and thanked the Yorkshire Association for all they had done for the enjoyment of the visitors. He congratulated the association on having a body of clergy who not only came there and enlivened the proceedings with witty speeches, but who really sympathised with the bellringers and took an interest in bells.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also replied.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who said he had been a member of the Yorkshire Association for over 55 years and rang many peals with their past worthies, proposed the toast of 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' Its formation, said Mr. Dawe, followed that of the Devonshire Guild. He knew the founder of the association and some of his happiest days had been spent in Yorkshire. He was very pleased, he said, to hear it suggested that an attempt should be made for a peal on the Minster bells. He started there with a very good band for a peal of Grandsire Cinques nearly 53 years ago and rang nearly half-way, but Tom Hattersley had to give up. Although that attempt was made so many years ago, he could assure them that he was not yet 'used up,' and he hoped his friends would think seriously of him when the opportunity occurred.

Continuing, Mr. Dawe said he possessed many letters which he had received from Jasper Snowdon and other leading men in Yorkshire. They were well worth preserving, and he hoped to hand them over to the Yorkshire Association for that purpose (applause). He hoped the association would always prosper. He referred to the youngsters' peal, which he organised, and to the perfect ringing which they had on that occasion. The peal was called by a boy from Sheffield, and the youngster belonging to Grayford, who rang the tenor, was also with them that night (applause). Continuing, Mr. Dawe said Jasper Snowdon was a personal friend of his, as was also his brother William. He also valued the honour and privilege of knowing their third president, Canon Marshall, who had filled the office for 25 years. He hoped Canon Marshall would long be spared to preside over them, looking as hale, as hearty and as happy as he did at that moment (applause).

PRESIDENT'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Canon Solloway, in felicitous and humorous terms, proposed 'The Chairman.' He congratulated him upon celebrating his silver jubilee as president of the association. He hoped he would be spared many years to continue the splendid work he was doing for change ringing in Yorkshire (applause). His name was a household word in Leeds, and everywhere among people who loved bells he was beloved and appreciated (applause).

Canon Marshall, whose health was drunk with musical honours, said that, as he came year after year to that dinner, he felt very unworthy to have been called to follow in the steps of the great worthies who had made the name of the Yorkshire Association and who did so much to build up its foundations. He could in no sense pretend to be a ringer of the calibre of those who had gone before, but there was one thing in which he could vie with them. He believed he had the same love for the Yorkshire Association and the same desire to build on the foundations which they laid and to try to hand on the work which had been entrusted to him in the state of efficiency and comradeship in which he came to it.

The pleasing musical programme was sustained by a double quartette, led by Mr. E. Godley, who, with Mr. Fred Holmes, also contributed songs. Mr. Holmes' topical song, which introduced lines about many of the people present, caused great amusement. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

NEW GUILD IN NORTH YORKSHIRE.

TEESIDE RINGERS' ACTIVITY.

For some time now a section of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has been doing good work in the Teeside area by holding monthly practice meetings. These gatherings have been at Ormesby, Guisbrough, Skelton and Saltburn in rotation, and attendances of 15 to 20 ringers have been quite usual, members being present from the towers mentioned and other towers in the vicinity.

The last meeting, held on October 3rd, was a particularly useful one, ringers gathering from Saltburn, Guisbrough, Ormesby, Darlington and Middlesbrough at the eight-bell tower at Skelton. The local ringers were there in full force. The ringing was of a high standard throughout, varying from plain courses up to 1,000's in all the standard methods up to Double Norwich. No small mead of praise is due to the young band in turning in the 24 cwt. tenor to the eight-bell methods. The next meeting is fixed for Saturday, November 7th, at Guisbrough, and a hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.

A scheme is on foot to make the informal gatherings into the Teeside Guild of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and it is more than probable that the other sections of the association will follow the good example set them by their Teeside brethren, and band together for local practices, thus doing much good to the art in their district.

J. C. P.

BARRON BELL TRUST'S GIFT.**BELLS RESTORED AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**

Restored by the Barron Bell Trust, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, were dedicated on Sunday, October 4th, by the Archdeacon of Manchester (Ven. A. Selwyn Bean). The work included tuning and rehanging in a new frame and was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The service was attended by the Mayor (Councillor Mrs. Heginbottom), the Mayoress (Mrs. George Heginbottom), the aldermen and councillors of the borough. There was a crowded congregation and the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Owen) led the service, which opened with the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' The Rector of Aston and Rural Dean read the lesson, from Rev. i., 10-18.

The inscriptions on the first seven bells, set to music, were sung as a processional as the Archdeacon, clergy, churchwardens and others proceeded to the west entrance, where the Vicar greeted the bell-ringers, the representative of the Emma Barron Bell Trust and of the bellfounders, with the words, 'May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, and strengthen you to perform the service to which He has called you, now and for evermore.' He then requested the Archdeacon to dedicate the bells and frame 'to the glory and praise of God, in this first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Edward.'

After the formal prayers and dedication, the keeper of the tower tolled one of the bells seven times. A tablet recording the fact that the bells were rehanging in new framework at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust was then dedicated, and the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' having been sung, the bells were rung by the local band: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Mrs. T. G. Hawkins (nee Miss Ida Wolstencroft) 2, Miss E. Grimshaw 3, R. Wimpenny 4, J. Clayton 5, T. G. Hawkins 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Robinson 8.

The Archdeacon's inspiring address was based on 'The Angelus,' picturing God, Work and Love. A goodly number of ringers from the surrounding towns took the limited opportunity of having a pull before returning to do duty at their own respective churches. The first touch on the bells was rung by Alfred Barnes 1, W. Fernley 2, J. A. Milner 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley 5, Kenneth Lewis 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, J. P. Pidler 8. The work of rehanging has been carried out in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired. The tone, after tuning, is such that a veteran of 85 years said, whilst he was ringing, that the bells sounded like a great organ and made him feel he could live another 100 years.

SHOCKS TO THE TOWER.

The Church of St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, is one of the churches provided by Act of Parliament in 1821 in the reign of King George as a thankoffering of the nation. It is built in Gothic style, with perpendicular tower, the height of which is 128ft. to the topmost stone. It has several times been struck by lightning, causing damage to various parts, but the greatest shock it received was during the terrific explosion which took place during the war on June 13th, 1917, when 52 persons were killed and almost every window in the town was shattered and the roofs lifted off the houses in the vicinity, including the church itself.

It is during recent times that much of the unseen damage has revealed itself, entailing an expenditure on the fabric of nearly £2,000, of which £1,000 has been spent on the tower itself. There still remains (if the wishes of the parishioners and others are to be met), another £400 to complete the tower by placing mullions or louvres in the openings above the bells, which have been brought down 15ft.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

- Treble:—
'My gentle note shall lead the cheerful sound,
Peace to this parish, may goodwill abound!'
- 2nd:—
'Our voices tell when joy or grief betide,
Mourn with the mourner, welcome home the bride.'
- 3rd:—
'May all in truth and harmony rejoice,
To honour Church and King, with heart and voice.'
- 4th:—
'Prosperity attend old England's shore,
Let Ashton flourish, now, and evermore.'
- 5th:—
'With loving voice I call to church and prayer,
And bid the living for the grave prepare.'
- 6th:—
'For mercies undeserved this peal is raised,
So may Thy name, O God, through Christ be praised.'
- 7th:—
'Grateful for all and every blessing here,
We look on high in faith, and without fear.
The goodness of our God we do proclaim,
Let priest and people praise His Holy Name.'
- Tenor:—
'This peal of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) was given to St. Peter's Church, Ashton, 1871, by George Heginbottom, Esq., J.P., Mayor of the borough in the years 1853, 1854 and 1855, to the honour and glory of God.'

THORNCOMBE'S ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED.**DORSET PARISH COLLECTS 144,000 HALFPENNIES.**

The rededication of Thorncombe's church bells, after complete restoration, was performed by the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Neville Lovett) on Thursday evening, September 17th. This was the first bell dedication ceremony by the Bishop since his consecration as Bishop of the Diocese.

The service marked the culmination of 18 months' labours by the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Hardy) and his parishioners. The whole of the money has been raised, and 144,000 halfpennies—the original halfpenny fund appeal by the Vicar—formed the greater part of the amount which had to be raised for the restoration. To raise the whole of the money in so short time is a remarkable achievement for such a sparsely populated parish as Thorncombe.

The bells form one of the heaviest rings of five in the country. No. 1 bell was faulty, but owing to its age—1637—it has been welded in the hope that it may last many years without having recourse to recasting it. There were a number of holes in the crown of this bell, and they have been filled by the welding process. The tenor bell, which dates back to 1772, and which now weighs 20 cwt., has been recast, after having been cracked for more than 30 years.

A new frame has been built on the latest modern principles and consists of massive iron castings supported by heavy steel girders, which span the tower and not only ensure easy manipulation of the bells by the ringers, but assist in bonding the walls of the tower together.

The new fittings include cast iron headstocks and ball bearings, which have been supplied in place of the old plain bearings, and many other improvements have been introduced into the belfry.

A congregation of well over 300 filled the church, and many were unable to obtain accommodation.

The robed clergy who took part in the impressive service included the Rural Dean (Canon Jacob, of Monkton Wyld), Canon Lee, of Whitechurch Canoncorum, the Revs. L. Richardson (Wanbrook), E. W. Coles (Broadwindsor), F. D. Richardson (Wimsham), B. H. Warner (All Saints', Axminster), J. H. Timberlake (Marshwood), A. J. Shields (formerly of Beltiscombe), H. Marks (Hawkechurch), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis) and E. R. Davies.

During the course of his address the Bishop said: 'This is an occasion for joy and thanksgiving, for your bells have been altogether silent for about 18 months, and it is something like 25 years and more since they were heard at full strength, ringing out over the parish. Now you have got them back with you again, fully equipped to serve their purpose in connection with your service to Almighty God and human souls. I was most interested to hear how eagerly and gleefully you have raised the necessary money by your halfpenny fund.'

In the house of God, he said, the bells are the speech of God. 'I always pray for the ringers of the diocese each week as they are helping the bells to speak to the people about God. I find, too, people often look uncomfortable when they hear the bells and they are going elsewhere than church. The most beautiful peal of bells and the most perfectly restored set is not going to do any good at all unless the people who answer the summons of the bells are in tune with the mind of Jesus Christ.'

After the service the bells rang out merrily, and the following ringers took part in the first 120 of Grand sire Doubles: J. E. Philbrick (Lyme Regis) 1, L. Glyde (Beamminster) 2, T. Gunning (Beamminster) 3, Rev. C. Carew Cox (chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, conductor) 4, E. T. Paul Field (Buckland Newton, the Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch) 5, Mr. C. H. Lathey, the secretary of the West Dorset Branch of the Guild, and Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, also took part in the subsequent ringing.

Altogether over 60 ringers were present, the towers represented being, in addition to those already mentioned, Chardstock, Wanbrook, Whitechurch and Bradpole.

The whole of the bell work and reinstatement of the clock striking gear has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have many other contracts in hand at the moment in the West of England.

The blending of the old bells, which have been carefully tuned, with the perfectly toned recast tenor, and the excellent 'go' of this heavy five were greatly appreciated by the visiting ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL DINNER.**

Will intending visitors for the annual dinner please note that early application for tickets is most desirable, as it will assist in successfully organising things. All tickets should be obtained before Saturday, October 24th.

It has been arranged that St. Nicholas' tower will be available if required. The visit to the Cathedral tower is arranged for 2 p.m. Meet on site. The civic reception at the Town Hall is fixed for 3.30 p.m.

Dinner, 6 p.m. prompt. Arrangements will be made for parties to be accommodated together if such fact is stated.

For tickets apply with remittance to Mr. Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16 (stamped addressed envelope, please).

THE IRISH TOUR

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On Thursday, September 17th, a short train journey to Holywood found a rather light peal by Taylors, 1891, at the Church of SS. Philip and James. It cannot be said, however, that the bells are Taylor's best. Here the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in Ireland was rung, conducted by Frank Bennett, and two members of the band earned stars.

Another eight miles and Bangor was reached, where Leslie Morris called the first peal of Superlative on the bells at St. Congall's Church. These bells are by Taylors, 1899, and hang in two tiers. The tenor weighs 21 cwt., and the go of the bells is not good. Mr. S. Miller, leader of the local band, very kindly got over the picture postcard difficulty by supplying enough for all to have one.

On the way back to Belfast, Mr. W. Pratt, hon. secretary, Northern Branch of the Irish Association, and Mrs. Pratt joined the tourists and returned with them to their hotel for supper and a quiet social evening.

Friday, September 18th, was a black (and almost black) day. It rained nearly all day and the interesting ten miles' road journey to Hillsborough was spoiled. St. Malachi's Church was built in 1663 by Col. the Rt. Hon. Arthur Hill, M.P. for Down, Antrim and Armagh. It was entirely restored by his great-grandson, the first Marquis of Downshire, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in 1774. The Marquis also provided a peal of eight bells (by Rudhall) and a very fine organ, built by Snetzler. The great drawback to peal ringing is the position of the tenor rope, which hangs in the centre of the tower, with the other bells in a circle around it. Further, the 'go' of the bells is not at all good. An attempt for Cambridge, with Bill Brown calling, and Rupert, of Surfleet, on the tenor, came to grief after nearly two hours' ringing. This was the first failure of the week.

Whilst the ringing was in progress the other members of the party were conducted over the interesting church by the Rector, the Rev. F. Matchett, and a visit was also paid to an old fort close by. J. H. S. concluded his morning coffee parties on this particular day, and it was at last realised why he never wished to ring in the morning's peal. Oh, these bachelors!

Drogheda was the next objective. A two hours' train journey from Belfast, with a stop at Dundalk for Customs examination of luggage, and the party alighted. A reverend gentleman on the platform singled out Gabriel, whispered a few hurried words, and everybody was ordered back into the train. It was afterwards found that there could be no ringing at Drogheda owing to the death of the Archbishop the previous day.

BACK IN DUBLIN

Dublin was reached at 5.30, some hours earlier than was expected, and to save the situation a handbell peal of Bob Major was rung, Rupert making another on the list of successful conductors during the week. Ernest Turner was the 'official umpire,' whilst Bob Pye, although he appeared to be asleep, sat up and took notice when Rupert was about to call a single at half-way. Is Bob ever asleep whilst bells are ringing?

Saturday, September 19th. No resting and no coffee party as a twelve-bell peal had to be rung. J. H. S. offered his apologies to the ladies, and mounted the tenor box in St. Patrick's helfry. These lovely bells sounded glorious when rung to Stedman Cinques, and a good peal was completed in about 34 hours. It was Ernest Turner's first twelve-bell peal, and he rang like an old hand. There are 14 bells, all by Taylor, in this tower, and two peals of twelve, three of ten, and four of eight, are obtainable.

Lunch had to be hurried, as there was another peal to be rung. With one or two members of the party crying 'enough,' it seemed a little doubtful about the band, but eight good men and true rushed off to St. George's Church for the last peal of the tour, and Jim Bennett had the satisfaction of adding his name to the list of conductors. Thus out of the twelve peals attempted only one was lost, whilst nine members of the party had the satisfaction of calling a peal during the week's ringing. This surely *must* be a record.

This peal ended the 'business' of the tour; indeed, there was little time left for anything else. Leslie Morris, who, by the way, bagged the highest score of the week, decided at the last minute to stay in Dublin until the next day, whilst Rupert and his good lady, who were travelling by the Liverpool boat, had nearly four hours to spare. The rest of the party, however, had very little time to say 'Au revoir,' and to thank Gabriel for the excellent arrangements he had made. The official vote of thanks had to be made from the window of a carriage on the boat train at Westland Row, but it was quite clear that Gabriel's efforts had been rewarded by the successes attained. J. H. S. made his small parting gifts to the ladies, even though he was travelling with two of them to London.

The trip across the channel was, happily, quite a pleasant one, with no casualties. Seats were, luckily, reserved at Holyhead, as there was standing room only in the London portion of the train by the time the Customs officials had passed the luggage. London was reached early on Sunday morning; the two James went off to Cornwall for another week's ringing; and the rest of the party made their way to their respective destinations to get breakfast and sleep!

The tour was a great experience, well worth doing, and it is to be hoped that a good deal of missionary work was accomplished. Certainly if the enthusiasm shown by Irish ringers over the visit does not wane, then much good will have been done.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8), newly hung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., available at 2.30. Also Woodbridge (8), Wickham Market and Pettistree (6), all after 6 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 17th. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), and St. Dunstan's (6). The Cathedral bells (12) will be available after the business meeting only. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. (Please note new address.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Committee meet at 3.45 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

A JOINT MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Branches, will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, October 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. W. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A joint meeting with the South-West Branch will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (12) available from 1 to 2, 3.5 to 4.50, and 7 to 8. Also Buckfastleigh (8), from 6.15. Tea in Abbey Grounds at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting on Saturday, October 17th, at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 to 5 p.m., Immanuel 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Biddenham, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (a handy ring of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Close to Bedford and plenty of buses. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch).—Quarterly meeting at Chippenham, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's bells available. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, R.C., Brownedge, to-morrow, Saturday, October 17th. Bells available from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) 5 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Please note change of address.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 9d. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, October 22nd. Ringing from 7.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Church Room, followed by meeting. Please help to make arrangements for tea by sending names to me on or before October 22nd. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by first post on Wednesday, October 21st?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LINDLEY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will rededicate the ring of eight bells which has been tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Cosgrove (6 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Service 3.30. Tea follows. All welcome.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea to be arranged later.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Upham on October 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 21st.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Dore, Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All members and friends hoping to be present are asked to inform the undersigned not later than Wednesday, October 21st, so that suitable arrangements can be made for tea.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, about 1s. per head, 5.30. Business meeting after, and ringing till about 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by October 20th. Ringing for divine service at Shoreditch on Sunday, the 25th, at 5.30 p.m., also practice as usual on Thursday, the 29th, at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, October 24th, Knebworth. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Lytton Arms. District committee please note: Important business at committee meeting which will follow the general meeting. Learners please come with the intention of 'passing the test.'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Tritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than October 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lower Heywood on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Rousham (6) and Somerton (6) available during afternoon and evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crawley on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex, by Wednesday previous to meeting?—O. Sippetts and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Marquis of Granby. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

YORKTOWN, CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 25th, at 3 p.m., the Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird, Assistant Bishop of Guildford, will rededicate the ring of eight bells which have been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Corporate Communion will be celebrated at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., on Sunday, October 25th, at 9.15 a.m. All members and friends intending to be present kindly advise me.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6), recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newland on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) open 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, October 28th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me, without fail, by October 28th, if you require tea. One shilling will be charged.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Election of district officers and other important business. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, the 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Dyrham on October 26th, at 7 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

AT ASHTON, near Northampton, on October 31st, by permission of the Rector, a meeting of ringers at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, NEAR RUGBY.—On Sunday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., rededication of the ring of five bells, tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SHALFORD, GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Friday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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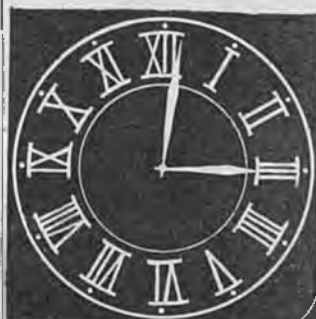
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