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PEAL STANDARDS.

There are peals, and peals. They are rung at an average of forty or more a week, and some are good, some bad and some indifferent. Where the line should be drawn between those worthy of being put on record, and those that are not, it is difficult to say; nor is it possible to set any definite standard of what should be recognised as a peal, in regard to the actual striking. It has long since become established practice that only a true peal shall be recognised; anything false is at once taboo. The question has often been raised as to how far allowance can be made for trips which, in a peal of Triples for instance, must inevitably cause a repetition of changes. The first essential of a 'peal' is that the composition shall be true; the second that there shall be no 'shift' or 'change course' between any two bells in the ringing; but to what extent trips may be allowed before a peal is invalidated there is no recognised standard, and, indeed, opinions differ widely.

Strictly, every peal should be rung without any mistake that would put the bells out of order; but very few reach that level. A certain amount of latitude is inevitable, but there are some peals recorded and accepted which have been of more than doubtful merit. Very occasionally they are called into question and one such instance occurs this week. A correspondent has written to us expressing surprise at the publication of a peal, the report of which appeared in our last issue. Had he felt able to allow his name to be attached to his communication his letter would have been printed, but where a performance is definitely challenged it is only fair to the band responsible for the performance that it should be backed by the name of the challenger. He refers to trips in which the bells clashed for minutes together, and says that on each of these occasions the conductor should have called 'stand.' Without going into further details of this particular instance, we think ringers generally will agree that where there are really bad 'crashes,' the bells should stop, especially if they cannot quickly be sorted out; and this in the interests of the public, who are enforced listeners, as well as of maintaining the standard of ringing. It is no credit to the band and no satisfaction to the individual to record a peal in which things have gone so hopelessly wrong that there are minutes of clashing and banging. More than one well-known conductor in the past has been credited with saying to his band, when the bells have got into a hopeless muddle, 'Fire 'em and then do as I tell you.' If that is true, it may indicate that the person concerned was a clever conductor, but it also shows that he was unscrupulous. We have great admira-

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tion for the man who can disentangle the bells when they get into a muddle, but he should put a limit to the extent to which he should go and still call it a 'peal.' Every conductor will probably have his own ideas as to what that limit should be, but there is more credit due to him when he has the courage to stop, than in going from muddle to muddle and calling it a peal.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HAROLD DAVENPORT Treble	†ALBERT V. REES 7
†JOHN WORTH 2	†HAROLD DEANE 8
†ARTHUR BURGESS 3	†HARRY LOMAS 9
†THOMAS POTTS 4	†VICTOR NORBURY 10
†WILFRED STEVENSON 5	†WILFRED MATTHEWS 11
†JACK TIPPER 6	†WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILFRED MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Cinques in the method. † First peal on twelve. First peal of Grandsire Cinques in the county. Ringers of 2, 5 and 6 have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Rung to commemorate the completion of 30 years as branch secretary of Mr. Joseph Norbury, the esteemed leader at this tower. All the band are resident members. This composition is now rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEAL.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ARTHUR G. KING 7
GEORGE S. MAYERS 3	R. WILLIAM BARBER 8
CLAYTON PARNELL 4	ALFRED J. MOY 9
REGINALD J. DAVEY 5	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	EDWARD C. COOKE 5
MISS JESSIE R. COOKE 2	CAROL V. EBBERTSON 6
CHARLES S. TUTTILL 3	GEORGE A. COOKE 7
ROBERT W. COOKE 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Frederick Thomas Cooke, of Peterborough, formerly a ringer at this tower for 39 years. He was brother of the ringer of the fourth and uncle of the ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 7th. First peal of St. Clement's Major by all except ringers of 6th and tenor, on the bells, and by the West Norfolk Branch.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
RENE REDPATH 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
DEREK M. SHARPE 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. A. Barnett.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... ..	... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
MRS. DORIS KELLY	2	REGINALD PAYNE	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FRED WATKINSON	7
FRANCIS E. DAWE	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Frey Shimmin, the first and only Australian lady to ring a peal, who celebrated her 21st birthday on Saturday, October 10th.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BRADLEY 5
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
J. ALFRED BARRETT 4	WALTER NICHOLS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung to commemorate the institution and installation, by the Provost and Bishop of Southwell, at the Cathedral in the afternoon, of the Ven. H. V. Turner, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's, to the Arch-deaconry of Nottingham.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... ..	... Treble	HARRY W. SMITH	5
J. LEONARD JOYCE	2	EDGAR HUMFREY	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	4	PERCY W. DYKE	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. J. Hibbert. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this grand old peal.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

G. WILFRED SLACK ... ..	... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... 3		JOHN AMBLER	7
*ROBERT H. VIGOR	4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged for the conductor, who was visiting Headingley, after an absence of 23 years.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE BOROUGH CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT PARKIN ... ..	... Treble	SYDNEY C. DRIVER	5
GEORGE F. PIPER	2	*LEONARD W. GILES	6
WILLIAM J. BRADFELD	3	ALFRED C. LEVETT	7
HENRY STALHAM	4	GEORGE R. MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. LEVETT.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector (the Rev. H. B. Cole), who is leaving to take up duties as chaplain of the English Church of St. John, at Allassio, which has been offered to him by the Bishop of Gibraltar.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*W. HUCKSTEFF ... ..	... Treble	F. REEVES	5
*F. GADSDEN	2	J. WAGHORN	6
*E. SPICKEIT	3	A. SAXBY	7
*A. DADDS	4	*R. WHYBROW	Tenor

Conducted by F. GADSDEN.

* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band at this church since 1906.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK PRICE ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	5
*THOMAS PRICE	2	†ANDREW THOMPSON	6
REGINALD CHESTER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
†JOHN WARRILOW	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOND. Conducted by A. THUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Bob Major on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Bob Major.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	... Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD	... ..	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	... .. 2	WILLIAM B GGIN	... ..	6
• HERBERT E. TAYLOR	... .. 3	WILLIAM WAIN	... ..	7
• ALFRED H. BOWLER 4	JOHN MARSHALL	Tenor

Composed by A. C. KNIGHTS (No. 183). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

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* First peal of Treble Bob.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART, No. 24.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE	5
†ERNEST WILSON	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
REGINALD J. ELT	3	REGINALD WOODVATT	7
DENNIS R. SAYERS	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung by the Sunday service band as a birthday compliment to E. Wilson, tower secretary.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	... Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	5
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
JAMES N. BAILEY	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of treble and 5th.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER AYRE 3	*HAROLD V. FROST 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORETenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON ... ..Treble	†WALTER TOMLINSON... .. 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
*JOHN FREEMAN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
J. HENRY HAYNES 4	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method and first on eight bells. A 17th birthday compliment to John Freeman.

KINGHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... ..Treble	JAMES H. JARVIS... .. 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	*P.-SUPT. W. GREEN 6
DANIEL COOMBS... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
REGINALD H. JARVIS 4	LEONARD CLIFTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS ... ..Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	LOTHER J. HONESS 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for Mr. A. S. Richards and for Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE JEFFS ... ..Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS 6
SIDNEY MUNTON 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... ..Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM J. BIDNELL 4	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HODNETT ... ..Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
*PERCY RICHARDS 2	JOHN BASS 5
*JOHN H. PAGETT 3	JOHN LLOYD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harold V. Cooper and Miss Mabel Thompson, who were married prior to the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SEEND, NEAR DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES BUTCHER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 4
*REGINALD AMOR 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First touch of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Usher, churchwarden at this church, and donor of the clock and chimes at Trowbridge Parish Church.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

REGINALD HOUGHTON ... ..Treble	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	†HERBERT SHERMAN 5
*EDMUND WAGSTAFF 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ..Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

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CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
ARTHUR DIBLEY 2	PERCY TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by PERCY TOMPKINS.

First peal as conductor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
CECIL RADDEN 2	ALBERT H. BOOTH 5
STANLEY HARRISON 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

Rung for the 'Mid-Cheshire Crusade of Witness.'

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

HERBERT W. ABBOTT Treble	LEONARD G. TOSELAND 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER 2	*ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND 4

BURLY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLY P. MORRIS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the 'go' leaving nothing to be desired. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abbott, of Corley, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. R. Butcher. The ringers, with the local band, were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. O. B. Greenwood, and Mrs. Greenwood after the peal.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, being 720 Double, 2,160 Treble, 2,160 Single. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

A. NORMAN GEARY Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
ALBERT L. WARD 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

PERLETHORPE, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*THOMAS VESSEY Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNELL 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. The first peal on the bells, which have been in the tower for 60 years.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, called differently.

GEORGE PIPER Treble	*GEORGE SAUNDERS 4
WALTER SMITH 2	ALBERT CATERWELL 5
BERNARD PETTIT 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

* First 720 of Double Oxford and Double Court.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCIS KIRK 1-2	*HAROLD V. FROST 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*FREDERICK J. SPICER 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

Witness—Mrs. F. Kirk.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

The following touches were rung for harvest festival services:—

PUTNEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Bolton 1, W. T. Elson 2, C. Collis 3, J. T. Bilby 4, W. Malins (conductor) 5, C. Moody 6, A. Williams 7, W. Foster 8.

THURMASTON, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten different callings: H. Hubbert 1, H. Morton 2, W. O. Farrimond 3, H. Hiffe 4, J. Udale (conductor) 5, J. Morton 6.

HACKNEY.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Sunday morning, October 4th: *L. Start 1, †F. L. Start 2, *H. A. Pinchbeck 3, *G. W. Cecil 4, *L. J. Fox 5, J. A. Hales 6, J. P. Kent (conductor) 7, *A. S. Turner 8. * First quarter-peal (first attempt for 1 and 8). † First quarter-peal 'inside.'

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Jones 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, H. Edwards 4, F. Whipp 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Beasley 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—At Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples: E. Pickering 1, J. W. Reynolds 2, G. F. Swann (conductor) 3, W. H. Funge 4, W. H. Hall 5, H. J. Field 6, J. Preston 7, E. C. Roper 8. Longest length in the method by all except 3 and 7. Rung before the evening service.

LITTLE HORKESELEY, ESSEX.—For morning service on Sunday, October 4th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in six different extents: R. Worth (first 720) 1, E. Leggett (conductor) 2, B. Leggett 3, J. H. Edwards 4, W. Gusterson 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—For evening service on Sunday, October 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, J. H. Edwards (first 720 as conductor) 2, E. Leggett 3, B. Leggett 4, W. Gusterson 5, F. Clarke 6.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church for evensong on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: H. N. Pitelow (conductor) 1, S. R. L. Dearle 2, A. J. Adams 3, J. Hobden 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, F. G. Woodiss 7, A. E. Cheesman 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allred (Worsley) 1, M. Berry 2, B. Welsby 3, James Denner 4, A. Potter, jun. 5, T. Jones (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church for evensong on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Bond 1, W. Nipper 2, A. Bishop 3, W. Dixon 4, R. Hudson 5, T. Tims 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

SHREWSBURY.—For matins at St. Chad's Church, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Fullick 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. Evans 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, W. A. Parmer (first in the method) 6, R. R. Pole (conductor) 7, J. Benbow (first quarter-peal) 8.

HASTINGS.—At All Saints' Church on Friday, October 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: *D. Saunders 1, A. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, *S. Levett 4, *N. Palmer 5, H. Stallham 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter in the method by the band. H. Stallham is from Brighton, the rest are local ringers.

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CHANGING THE HUNT BELL IN GRANDSIRE.

Having given Doubles ringers time, we hope, to assimilate what we said in our issue of September 18th and to practise Original, which is the basis of all Doubles methods, let us turn to a further variety of ways in which Grandsire may be rung, as a line of advance for Doubles men.

In its original form Grandsire has, of course, the treble as the hunt bell, but it will probably have been observed from what was said about Original that any one of the five bells may be the hunt bell: in other words, in Original any bell may become the 'observation' bell for calling a 120, and as the observation bell in Original is equivalent to the treble in Grandsire, if you practise Original with different observation bells you can very soon adapt yourselves to ringing Grandsire with different hunt bells. To ring several six-scores on end, with a change of the hunt bell in each 120, will be found good fun, as well as useful practice.

If you studied No. 2 of the illustrations given in our previous article, you will have observed how the bells started, namely, not 21354, but 21435, followed by 24153, and so on. Now if you ring Grandsire with any other hunt bell but the treble, that is the way you must start.

12345
21435
24153
42513
45231
54321
53412
35142
31524
13254
12345

That is a course of Original. If you want to turn it into Grandsire with either the 2, 3, 4 or 5 as hunt bell, you make 3rd's place after the bell, which you select for the hunt bell, has led. For instance, if 2 is the hunt bell, then 3rd's place is made in the first lead by the treble; if 4 is the hunt bell, 3rd's place is made by 2; if 5 is the hunt bell, the place is made by 4; and if 3 is the hunt bell, then the place is made by 5 and a course of Original becomes a lead of Grandsire.

The 3rd's, of course, must be made at the corresponding position in every lead, and the bells by an additional 3rd's before the hunt bell leads (just as is done in Grandsire in its original form, when treble is the hunt bell). All the ten usual callings can be used, so that by changing the hunt bell the 120 can be produced in 50 different ways. Thus you can ring a peal without ringing the six-score of changes in exactly the same order twice. It is worth doing.

In calling it, of course, the conductor must say which bell is the hunt bell each time he changes it, otherwise the ringers will not know when 3rd's place has to be made and when the dodges come, unless they have an agreed plan beforehand, such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, in succession.

One point that has to be borne in mind is that every time the treble is the selected bell, 3rd's place has to be made immediately. If this is forgotten it will 'upset the applears.'

As readers who have conducted Grandsire Doubles will know, when the treble is the hunt bell, the 'observation' bell, or the 'half hunt' bell as it is sometimes called, because it follows the same regular work throughout, can be either the 3rd or the 5th; the former if the calling begins at the first lead, the latter when it begins at the second lead.

When you use the 2nd as the hunt bell, the 1 or 5 can be used as 'half hunt' bell; when the 3rd is used, the half hunt is either 2 or 5; with the 4th, either 3 or 2; and with the 5th, either 1 or 4.

This way of ringing Grandsire is not new. Fabian Stedman told us all about it in his first book, published 1668. Yet how many ringers have ever tried it? Well, it offers something fresh for Doubles ringers, and, despite its age, can be practised in many five and six bell towers as something 'new.'

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Stone on Saturday, October 10th. Thirty-seven members were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Draycott, Cheadle, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Longton, Lullington, Norton, Newcastle, Overseale, Stoke-on-Trent, Uttoxeter, Cuthall and the local company.

The Rev. T. D. Rhodes (curate) conducted the service, whilst the Rev. H. Lee (Rector) was at the organ.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, which was kindly given by the Stone ringers. A very warm welcome was extended to all present by the Rector, and the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and to the ringers.

Two new members were elected, viz., C. Morley, of Newcastle, and E. Cope, of Stone.

During the afternoon and evening a good variety of methods was rung, and everyone remarked how well the bells 'go.' They wish to congratulate Messrs. Taylor and Co. on the fine work they have done.

HANDBELL RINGERS THRILL LARGE AUDIENCE.

WATFORD BAND RING SPICED SURPRISE AT SOCIAL.

For some years now the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex County Association have met at Hillingdon in October. The Ladies' Guild joined in this year and last. With a social in the evening, there has always been a good attendance. Last Saturday week all records were broken when some 90 ringers and friends gathered there. It was a fine day, there were two rings of bells available and finally, and undoubtedly the biggest attraction, the handbell band were due to be present and ring.

The ringing at the two towers was like the proverbial curate's egg, but some Cambridge Royal at St. John's after tea could not have been bettered. The two Ringing Masters in charge had a busy time, but with such a large attendance it would be remarkable if everyone was pleased.

A bright and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. A. M. Bashford). The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president of the Middlesex Association, and one of the local ringers played the organ. When the party assembled for tea, hurried arrangements had to be made to extend the accommodation, etc. Perhaps the caterers can be forgiven, as there were notifications from 35, attendance estimated at 60 and actually 80 sat down!

After tea Mr. Trollope welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Middlesex Association, and Mrs. Fletcher, for the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. A. D. Barker, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied. Hearty thanks were accorded to the local folk for the arrangements made, especially the Vicar and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow.

Shortly after 7.30, the party reassembled in St. John's Hall to enjoy a pleasant social evening. Games and dancing were interspersed with various items. The big attraction of the evening was, of course, the famous handbell band from Watford. Amid the keenest interest, these talented ringers sat in the middle of the hall and kept the audience enthralled for over a quarter of an hour with a touch of Spiced Surprise Major in the four 'usual' methods. Apart from the skill in ringing the methods, the ringing was superb and well merited the applause which greeted the successful conclusion of the touch. H. Hodgetts rang 1-2, C. W. Woolley 3-4, H. G. Cashmore 5-6 and F. W. Brinklow 7-8.

Mr. Trollope thanked the band for coming to Hillingdon and congratulated them on their performance. Full of modesty, Mr. Hodgetts replied, explaining how easy it was! He praised the audience for their attention, for, as the Vicar said later, to 'hear' the silence whilst the ringing was in progress impressed him as a non-ringer nearly as much as the ringing!

One other item worthy of mention was another handbell band, who excelled in a different direction. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. W. L. Gutteridge delighted the audience with a selection of tunes on their bells, and finally had their listeners singing with them.

Refreshments were served during the evening under the supervision of Mrs. Goodfellow, who had a busy day catering for such a large party.

Ringers were present from many Middlesex, Bucks and Berks towers, as well as visitors from Bushey, Watford, Edmonton, Willesden, Westminster and Aldershot.

STAVELEY'S IMPROVED BELLS.

DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT.

An invitation was extended to ringers at neighbouring churches to visit Staveley for the purpose of trying the bells, now that they have been put in good repair, the work having included rehanging on ball bearings. Ringing, which commenced at 3 p.m., continued until 5 o'clock, when the company, including the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Dibben), Fr. Douglas and McKittrick (churchwarden), adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, kindly provided by the Rector and served by Mrs. F. E. Parsons and her helpers. The visitors, numbering about 35, were from Chesterfield, Bolsover, Sheffield (Cathedral and R.C.), Rotherham, Treton, North Wingfield, Old Whittington, Eckington, Clowne, Darley Dale, Ecclesfield and Dore, and a representative from the firm of John Taylor and Co., who had undertaken the work of restoration.

After tea the Rector welcomed the visitors and mentioned the new scheme for installing the Westminster chimes to the Parish Church clock, which brought forth a spontaneous collection for the fund.

Messrs. H. Taylor (Darley Dale), A. Knights, W. Allwood (Chesterfield), C. Harrison (Loughborough) and G. Lewis (Ecclesfield) then delighted the company by their skill in change ringing on handbells. Ringing was then again indulged in on the church bells until after 8 o'clock. The striking throughout the day was unusually good for a gathering of this description, and all the visitors expressed their appreciation of the great improvement made to the bells and the pleasure it was to ring them.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival on Sunday, October 4th: D. Parsons (aged 16 years, longest length) 1, L. G. Palmer 2, F. E. Parsons 3, S. Smedley 4, H. Stow 5, W. T. Palmer 6, J. Knott 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. The ringers of 3rd, tenor and treble are father, son and grandson respectively. It is believed to be the first time three generations of the same family have rung a quarter-peal on these bells. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.**FORMER SURFLEET AND PINCHBECK RINGER.**

On Monday, October 12th, the death occurred of Mr. William Richardson, of Glen Side, Pinchbeck, Lincs, and brother of Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The deceased was born at Goodrich, Herefordshire, in 1885, from there he came with his family to Lincolnshire, and eventually to Surfleet, where he learnt to ring during the incumbency of the late Rev. H. Law James.

For some years he was a very active member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, taking part in upwards of 70 peals, including the first peal of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters ever rung, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the county and the first peal in 16 spliced Minor methods ever rung. Just before the war he married and went to live at Pinchbeck, where for a time he was a member of St. Mary's band. Later ill-health compelled him to give up peal ringing. For some years he continued to ring for service, but eventually had to give that up also. He was always punctual for service ringing, a keen peal ringer and a fine striker, especially when ringing the tenor behind.

For the past three or four years he had been a helpless invalid, and, although not confined to bed, had been unable to do work of any kind. He had, however, an active brain up to the end and was able, with the help of his two sons, to carry on his business of bulb growing and farming. Although barred in later years from taking an active part in ringing, he was always a keen critic of any ringing he heard, and did not hesitate to tell the band just what he thought of the striking.

He took such an interest in ringing that only about ten days before his death he had his son drive him over to the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch, at Heckington, so that he could listen for a few minutes to the bells he loved so well. The following Thursday he was taken worse, but recovered sufficiently to pay another visit to his old home at Surfleet on Sunday. The recovery, however, did not last long, and he passed peacefully away on the Monday evening.

The funeral took place on Friday, October 16th. The first part of the service was held at St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, and was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Gee, president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The deceased's favourite hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' was sung, and the cortege left the church to the strains of the Dead March in 'Saul.' The interment took place at the Pinchbeck Cemetery.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, were rung muffled in the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of our Exercise were 'listening in' on Sunday night at 7.55 p.m. and heard the B.B.C. do that which they have been at great pains in the past to explain 'could not be done.' The preliminary announcement was brief and concise, a matter of a few seconds, and was delivered *before* the ringing was switched on.

I enclose copy of my latest letter to them, and would suggest that, as soon as they revert to the old style of 'superimposed announcements,' they should be bombarded through the post, with the broadcast from Immanuel Church, Streatham, on October 18th, quoted as a precedent.

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Crayford.

Mr. Groombridge's letter to the British Broadcasting Corporation was as follows:—

Having had occasion in the past to protest very strongly against your method of announcing church services 'over the head' of the ringing which occasionally precedes these services, may I have the pleasure of being among the first to congratulate you on your action last evening in making your announcement in a manner which must have given satisfaction to untold numbers of listening ringers up and down the country.

At 7.55 prompt your announcer very briefly and concisely announced 'The Regional Programme—A service from Immanuel Church, Streatham, with the name of the preacher, etc.,' and then the bells were brought in and the whole touch could be heard without the irritating break in the middle which has been the cause of my previous protests.

I might add that I had the company of two ringers last evening, who both desire to support this appreciation.

FUNERAL OF MR. H. S. ELLIS.

The funeral of the late Mr. Henry S. Ellis took place at Brompton Cemetery on October 1st. The first part of the service was held at the Church of SS. Stephen and Mary, Rochester Row, Westminster, the Rev. A. J. Meek (curate) officiating in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Shipley S. Smith). Four College Youths attended at the cemetery, including two past Masters, but owing to the service at the cemetery being put forward a quarter of an hour, only six bells could be rung over the open grave. This was done in slow time and was much appreciated. About 20 floral wreaths were laid on the grave. Mr. Ellis was the oldest sidesman at St. Stephen's and always attended his Parish Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of eight at Lurgan Parish Church, Ireland, are being rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The annual supper and social of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association will be held at Heston on January 16th, 1937.

The Royal Cumberland Youths are proposing to hold a dinner in London. The event is to take place on March 13th at the Bedford Head Hotel, and will, of course, be open to all ringers and their friends. Mr. J. E. Bailey, of 75, Kent Road, Dartford, Kent, is secretary of the Dinner Committee.

Correspondents who have written to know where handbell music can be obtained are informed that a catalogue of pieces arranged and published by the late William Gordon can still be obtained on application to William Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport.

Bishop Hamilton-Baynes (Rector of Birmingham Cathedral Church) and his wardens are issuing an appeal for £1,000 for the recasting and rehanging of the Cathedral bells.

A facetious member of the Exercise wants to know if it was because William Morris (Lord Nuffield) has just given a million pounds to Oxford that his namesake 'Ernest' chose to call a peal last Saturday of all Oxford Minor (Double, Treble and Single) at Belton, Rutland?

Mr. Malcolm Melville, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, is among the successful candidates for the degree of B.Sc. at Birmingham University.

Four ringers visited Blackpool the other day, and after ringing in two of the towers, visiting the amusements, etc., decided to go on to the North Pier. The first was about to go through the turnstile when one of the others exclaimed that he could hear some bells ringing. Immediately all four took to their heels and dashed off in the direction of the sound, much to the astonishment of the pier attendant. Eager to add another tower to their lists, they eventually traced the sound to the Town Hall, but by the time they reached it the bells had stopped. A paper seller was asked if the ringing came from the tower above, and his reply was, 'Yes, mate, it's a gramophone as plays 'em every quarter of an hour.'

THE CORONATION.

EDWARD PEAL BANDS SUGGESTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There could not be a more fitting and appropriate method for ringers to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King—the eighth Edward of England—than by one or more peal bands of eight Edwards each.

As one of those who is obviously precluded from taking part in this particular form of celebration, I make the suggestion to those who were more kindly treated by their godfathers and godmothers.

If there are no difficulties of an insuperable nature in the way, the perfect place to ring an Edwards' peal would be in the Abbey tower at some time on May 12th after the ceremony.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. CORRIGAN.

North Stoneham, Hants.

AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. G. A. KING IN RETIREMENT IN CANADA.

Old Sussex ringers who remember George A. King, a member of the St. Peter's, Brighton, company for over 20 years, among them the days when these ringers were pioneers of Surprise practice, will be interested and pleased to hear of his well-being.

Mr. King left England in 1908 for Canada, and after four years spent on a ranch at Castlegar, went to Nelson, so that his wife, who was ill, might be near a doctor. For 23 years he was an employee of the News Publishing Co., Ltd., and now, at the age of 74 years, he has sought well-earned retirement. On his departure he was the recipient of the good wishes of the whole staff, together with an address, and 'a pouch well filled with silver dollars,' the parting gift of employees in all departments.

Mr. and Mrs. King have been wedded for 47 years. They have a son in Idaho, four granddaughters and two great-grandsons. His old friends in England will wish Mr. King many years of health to enjoy his leisure. He was one of the first members of the Sussex County Association and his first peal was the first by the association. It was rung on January 26th, 1885, at Cuckfield, the formation of the association having taken place only two days earlier. There is only one other survivor of that peal, and that is Mr. Charles Tyler, who is still an active member of the Henfield band.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret that I was entirely wrong, when writing of the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, in giving the impression that B. Great Court, Trinity College, would no longer be the headquarters of the Cambridge University Guild. Through the kindness of Dr. H. F. Stewart, the property of the Guild is still kept there and meetings held. I tender my apologies to those concerned.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moorecks, Brasted.

EAST BUCKLAND BELLS REHUNG. SCHOOLBOYS FORM RINGERS' GUILD.

On Thursday morning, October 15th, the bells of East Buckland Church, North Devon, recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, were rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton.

The four heavier bells (tenor 7½ cwt.) were cast by E. and W. Evans, of Chepstow, in 1718, two trebles being added by Mears and Stainbank in 1906 in an auxiliary frame above the other four. The timber frame had become rotten and insecure, and it was decided this year to rehang the bells in a metal frame on one level, and at the same time to retune and quarter-turn them.

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a few rounds during the service, and short touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor after the morning service and again before evensong, at which the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, preached. Members of the band were the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), the Rev. A. Rhys-James (Bow), the Rev. W. H. Smale, F. C. Smale (Petrockstowe), W. H. R. Smale (Okehampton), A. W. Searle (Exeter), H. J. Rowe (Brampford Speke). It was the first time change ringing had been heard in the tower, and few present had ever heard anything but call-changes before.

In the course of the day the local ringers and several neighbouring bands tried the bells, and all were delighted with the 'go' of the peal. To those who remembered the bells before, it was obvious that the tone had been much improved.

The boys of West Buckland School attend the church, and have formed a guild of ringers among themselves, with a membership at present of twelve. None of them had learned to ring before Easter of this year, and, being more than twelve miles from the nearest change ringing tower, there is no one to instruct them. But a copy of 'Troyte' and much enthusiasm, aided by generous help from the Rev. E. V. Cox, have gone far, and they hope within a few weeks to be doing at least Bob Doubles for Sunday service. They are nothing if not ambitious, and already have plans for a 5,000 in honour of the Coronation.

The boys have an enthusiastic leader in their chaplain, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, who is curate at East Buckland Church.

The bell restoration fund was started about a year ago and was organised by the Rev. H. A. Wadman (Rector) and the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. The total cost of the work, £252 6s., has been realised through social events and grants made by the Pcoffees' Committee (£100) and the governing body of West Buckland School (25 guineas).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

After a lapse of four years the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Stanwick on October 10th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. W. F. M. Hamerton. The visit coincided with the harvest festival.

The Guild service was held during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector, who heartily welcomed the branch and gave a short address. He said how much the clergy appreciated the work of the ringers as churchworkers. He wished there would be more young men take up the work of the church in its various branches. He found that it was always the 'faithful few' who were left, and could be relied on to do the work. The musical part of the service was led by Mr. Clark at the organ. He is a ringer.

A substantial tea was provided in the Church Hall by Mr. W. R. Lovell, the local foreman, and about 30 were present, including members of the Thrapston, Kettering and Peterborough branches, and Mr. Stote, of Coventry. In the absence of the branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw), the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rector.

Subject to permission, Higham Ferrers was chosen for the annual branch meeting next January.

The Chairman, in well-chosen words, appealed to the ringers to back up the secretary in his work for the Guild, and made reference to the valuable work done by Mr. P. Barber whilst he was with them as branch secretary.—Mr. A. Bigby thanked the Rector. He also appealed to those present to get in full practice again this winter, especially in view of the forthcoming Coronation ceremonies, when they would be expected to play their part.

Mr. W. Perkins, Branch Ringing Master, asked that more would take 'The Ringing World.'

The light musical peal of five bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening, chiefly to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

BELLS BEAT SPEAKERS.

Blind marchers from Lancashire and Cheshire arrived in Macclesfield on Tuesday of last week, and were holding a meeting in the Market Place when the bells at the Parish Church started ringing. The speakers were unable to make themselves heard.

Twice they moved to a fresh 'pitch,' the second, a quarter of a mile away, before they could hold their meeting. The Chairman said there was no ill-feeling against the Vicar of Macclesfield, whose kindness in allowing them the use of the mission hall for headquarters was much appreciated.

The ringing was a peal of Grandsire Cluques, which was successfully accomplished.

LIVELY KENT ASSOCIATION MEETING.

CHANGE IN LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICIALS.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th, when some 60 members attended, representing the following towers: Beckenham, Bromley Common, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, St. John's, Deptford, Eltham, Erith, Lee, Lewisham and Woolwich. Ringing in all the standard methods took place in the afternoon and evening.

During the afternoon Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, addressed the company in a few apt words, before asking Mrs. Serle to unveil a peal tablet recording the first peal on the bells. This peal was rung primarily as a token of appreciation for the completion of the tower and installation of the bells during the Rev. Canon S. E. B. Serle's incumbency, secondarily the date as nearly as possible coincided with his birthday.

Mrs. Serle then unveiled the tablet, which was admired as an excellent example of its kind.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., thanked Mrs. Serle for her kindness in attending to perform the ceremony.

Canon and Mrs. Serle each expressed their gratitude and interest in bells and ringing, and a pleasant little ceremony was completed by a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise, prior to the usual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address.

A collection for the Association Benevolent Fund realised £1 2s. 8d. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the chancel steps by Messrs. H. E. Audsley, E. H. Lewis, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Hovard.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were prevented by other engagements from attending the meeting, and Mr. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) was elected chairman.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been confirmed, Mr. E. Barnett moved that the minutes of the last (July) quarterly meeting should also be read, as it was undesirable that minutes should be held over for a whole year before being confirmed. If both minutes were read on this occasion, in future there would be only one set unread, instead of two as at present. This was agreed to and the minutes of the Eynsford meeting were then read and signed.

Six ringers (the young band at Chelsfield) were elected members of the association, the Rector of Chelsfield was enrolled as an hon. member, and the election of two members previous to peals was ratified.

The District Secretary presented a report of the year's work, the balance sheet, etc., and these were adopted.

St. Margaret's, Lee, was chosen as place of next meeting, with St. Nicholas', Deptford, as alternative.

The next business was the election of officers, and at times the meeting became very lively. The chairman's job on this occasion was certainly no sinecure. A. G. Hill was re-elected District Secretary, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., was appointed Ringing Master for another year; but the selection of two representatives on the Management Committee demanded a ballot, the first for a considerable period. Five nominations were made: E. A. Barnett (Crayford), W. Smith (Beckenham), A. Purdom (Bromley Common), J. Wheadon (Dartford) and F. J. Cullum (Erith). The two last named were elected.

The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting, and further ringing in the tower followed.

It would be as well, perhaps, to remind visitors that on these occasions the business meeting is of paramount importance, any ringing after the meeting being an added inducement for their attendance, but 'the meeting is the thing.'

BELL RESTORATION AT BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.

£300 EFFORT BY ALL DENOMINATIONS.

Through the united efforts of all and sundry, the bells of St. Bride's Church, Bridestowe, Devon, are once again in first-class ringing order, and on Thursday, October 1st, they were reopened in true Devonshire style. The restoration was made possible by the generous support of all denominations, about £300 being raised.

Prior to the rededication service in church there was a public luncheon in the Church Institute, presided over by Lord Carrington. During the course of a speech, his Lordship made mention of the interest and assistance given by Nonconformist friends. To this a suitable reply was given by the Rev. A. F. Harris, Methodist minister.

As is usual on these occasions, the church was crowded when the Bishop of Crediton (the Rt. Rev. W. F. Suttees) arrived to carry out the rededication, a service which made a deep and lasting impression on all who attended.

Immediately after the service tea was provided in the Church Hall and was followed by a social 'evening,' which concluded in the early hours of the next day.

The bells are a ring of six cast by J. and W. Taylor in 1828, and have a tenor weighing approximately 13 cwt. They have been re-equipped with all new fittings and hung in a new framework. The whole of the work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the rededication service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

RESTORATION OF PAULERSPURY BELLS.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGE TACKLING BIG TASKS.

The bells of Paulerspury Parish Church, which have been rehung in a new iron and steel frame, have been dedicated, together with a chapel in the south aisle, by the Bishop of Peterborough. The five bells have been so arranged that a sixth can now be added at a minimum of expense.

There was a large congregation at the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne). Immediately after the ceremony of dedication the bells were rung for a short time by W. Rogers (Northampton) 1, B. Smart 2, H. Ridgeway (Deanshanger) 4, E. C. Lambert (Cosgrove) 5, J. Foster 6. The dedication of the chapel afterwards took place.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said he was sure that when the bells were silent they all missed their cheerful noise. Now they were vocal again, they realised that the parish had regained something of its own character, and the precious past had been restored to them. But what they must not forget was that whilst the bells were a great possession they were a terrible reminder of great responsibilities as members of the Church of God.

The side chapel, too, seemed to bring gifts a little nearer to the ordinary man and woman of the congregation, and was a more homely place than the big sanctuary and the great high altar.

The tower still remained to be restored, and was going to be a big work, and there was also the roof of the north chapel to be repaired, but let them be not afraid of what lay before them. They had conquered the late obstacles and they would conquer the new ones. The Bishop emphasised the value of prayer, and the value of the fabric if rightly used. If they treated the church as a museum or an exhibit it was of no value.

The offertory was for the restoration of the tower and the repair of the roof of the north chapel.

The bell restoration at Paulerspury was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

AN OLD DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS STIMPSON, OF RIPLEY.

We regret to record the death, on Sunday, October 4th, of Mr. Thomas Stimpson, of Swanwick, Derbyshire, in his 65th year. Treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association for 16 years, he was also a member of the Midland Counties Association and the talented Ripley band. He was a popular and prominent figure in the Exercise, and sincere sympathy will be extended to the widow and family left in bereavement.

The interment took place on Wednesday, October 7th, the simple, impressive ceremony being conducted by the Vicar of Swanwick (the Rev. W. B. G. Matthews). There were many beautiful floral tributes, and, in addition to the family mourners, there were present Mr. W. Dobbs (president), Mr. W. Allin (vice-president), Mr. T. Clarke (Master), Mr. J. W. England (hon. secretary), Mr. H. G. Fretwell (a former secretary) and over 20 members of the association, who preceded the cortege to the church. The bearers were Messrs. G. Rawson, A. Brown, T. Clarke and J. W. England, and the muffled bells played their solemn and impressive part.

Mr. Stimpson commenced his ringing activities nearly 50 years ago at Toversal, Notts, and until 1903, when a new ring of five was installed at Swanwick, he was one of the old Grandsire 'figure ringers.' He then commenced change ringing in earnest, and rang his first peal, of Bob Minor, at Clay Cross in October, 1905, conducted by Mr. William Butler, followed by Grandsire Triples and Caters at Duffield. His last peal was rung at Mansfield on October 15th, 1927. In 1928 a serious accident at work prevented further peal ringing, although he was most faithful in his attendance at practice, Sunday service and association meetings. Sound and practical rather than brilliant, ever ready to assist others, with a genial manner which has hidden for months the presence of a malignant growth, he was a splendid example to young ringers, and while his loss is mourned, others who may succeed him will have benefited by his zeal and faithful attention to the art which he loved.

As a tribute to his memory, a muffled touch was rung at Ripley on Wednesday, October 7th, and the half-muffled bells of several towers sounded throughout the district on the following Sunday morning.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Hailsham on Saturday, October 3rd, when members attended from Mayfield, Hastings (All Saints'), Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Heathfield, Brede, Waldron, Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Chiddingly and Uckfield, together with members of the local band. The Vicar (the Rev. Macklin C. Chapman) conducted the service and gave a most interesting address.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. D. Smith presided at the tea and business meeting which followed.

The secretary, Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, proposed that Brede tower should become affiliated to the association, and 14 new members were elected.

Mr. A. R. Miles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the members then returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

A LINCOLNSHIRE RESTORATION.

DONINGTON BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

The reopening of the bells at Donington, Lincolnshire, took place on Friday, October 2nd. The service, which was combined with the harvest festival, was conducted by the Vicar of Boston 'Stump' (the Rev. A. M. Cook), assisted by the Vicar of Donington, the Rev. G. A. Elson, and was attended by a large congregation.

The bells were rung for an hour before and after the service, a number of ringers from neighbouring towers taking part. Among those present were Mr. G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild, Mr. H. Woods (captain of the local band) and the Donington ringers.

The bells are a ring of six with a tenor in F weighing 14½ cwt. They have been tuned and entirely rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston with modern fittings in a new heavy cast iron frame on steel girders.

The tone and the go of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on yet another fine sample of their handiwork.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BETHNAL GREEN.

For the first time during its existence, the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild held a meeting at the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, on Saturday, October 3rd. From quite an early hour in the afternoon the small belfry, the walls of which are adorned with peal boards containing the names of many famous ringers of the past, was filled with those anxious to have their first pull on these famous bells.

At the usual short service the Rector, the Rev. S. L. Sarel, welcomed the association, and thanked the members for their assistance to his ringers. It was a grief to him, he said, that the bells were for a time silent, after such a long period of regular ringing, and he was grateful to those members of the association who had already helped his new band to attain enough skill to enable them to ring the bells for Sunday services.

The Rector said he was sorry that he would have to go off immediately after the service, but he was due at St. Paul's Cathedral at 5.30. He, however, hoped to return in time to meet the members before the meeting was over.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held. The chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) called attention to the deaths of two members, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. H. S. Ellis. Speaking of the former, Mr. E. M. Atkins referred to his own early days as a ringer, when up at Cambridge. It was no doubt due to Mr. Boughey that he, and many others, were ringers to-day. He spoke of the enormous amount of work that Mr. Boughey had done for the Exercise, and added that he would like to thank the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the admirable article he had written in that week's paper. As a member of the Cambridge University Guild, he was glad to do this.

Mr. C. T. Coles added a few words, saying that Mr. Boughey had been a member of this association since 1905, and an hon. vice-president since 1914, in which year he preached at their annual meeting. He had spent many hours with members of this association ringing handbell peals, and was a great friend and admirer of their late Master, William Pye.

The death of Mr. Henry S. Ellis, of Westminster, was referred to by Mr. Coles and Mr. W. H. Hewett. He had been a member of the association since 1923.

As a mark of respect to the deceased members, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

After three provisional elections had been confirmed, the Rector of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, was elected an honorary member, and seven members of his band were admitted as ringing members of the association. The hon. secretary referred to the help which had been given them, and added that he hoped they would soon become as efficient as any ringer present.

Other business included a vote of condolence with the Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) on his illness and good wishes for his speedy recovery; a vote of congratulation to Mr. R. J. Maynard, of Walthamstow, on attaining his 80th birthday; and the thanks of the members to the Ringing Master and those members of the Clerkenwell and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bands who had given valuable help at Bethnal Green.

St. James', Clerkenwell, was chosen for the next meeting on October 31st, and it was decided to make a special effort to practice Cambridge Court Bob Major at this meeting. Will members please note. It is hoped that at least one new method will be practised at each meeting, without ignoring the usual methods.

Votes of thanks were moved from the chair to the Rev. S. L. Sarel, the ladies who had prepared tea, and to Mr. Fryer and the local ringers. These were carried unanimously and Mr. Fryer replied.

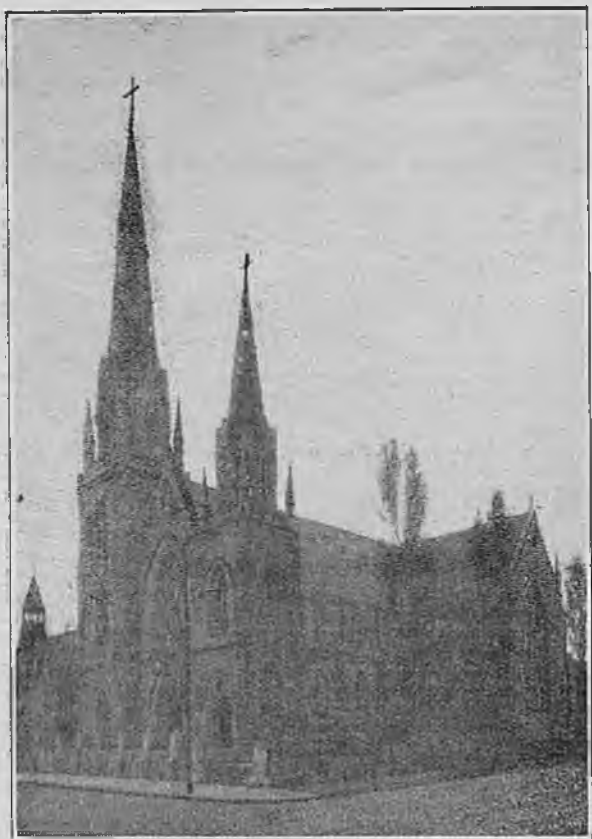
Handbell ringing occupied the minds of several of the party; and tower bells were made use of, under the guidance of Mr. Tom Lock, until nearly nine o'clock, when ringing finished with a very fine touch of Spliced Surprise Major.

Will all concerned please note that practice will be resumed at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD RINGER REAPPEARS IN VANCOUVER.

MR. T. SILVESTER RETURNS TO THE TOWER AFTER 33 YEARS.

'Old ringers never die, they only fade away.' Thomas Silvester, of Sheffield, faded out of ringing when he went to Canada 33 years ago. He is residing in Edmonton, Alberta, and last month visited Vancouver. The call of the belfry was too great to be resisted, and on Sunday evening, September 20th, he was welcomed by the ringers at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, and, despite his 73 years and the long period since he had touched a rope, started off a quarter-peal of Grandsire on the tenor. Unfortunately, the touch was lost very near the end.



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY,
VANCOUVER.**

Previously the last ringing which Mr. Silvester did was at Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) on May 19th, 1903, when he rang the tenor to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hours 12 minutes. It is interesting to recall the names of the band: J. Holman 1, J. H. Bower 2, W. Lomas 3, F. Burgar 4, J. Mulligan 5, T. Hattersley 6, W. Burgar 7, A. Brearley 8, E. Woodward 9, S. Seed 10, G. Holmes 11, T. Silvester 12. The peal was conducted by W. Lomas; the quarter-peal attempt in Vancouver was conducted by A. B. Lomas.

On Wednesday, September 16th, for practice, 336 Plain Bob: J. Greenaway 1, Fred Hird 2, George Roberts 3, Arthur King 4, W. Sampson 5, A. B. Lomas 6; after which was rung 720 in the same method: A. C. Limpus 1, Arthur King 2, F. Hird 3, George Roberts 4, W. Sampson 5, A. B. Lomas 6, with the tenor covering rung by J. Greenaway.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The Scottish Association returned to Alloa, after an absence of three years, for its intermediate meeting. A summer-like day welcomed ringers from all the Scottish towers to Alloa. Owing to the smallness of the ringing room at St. John's Church, those members not ringing took a walk through the Earl of Mar's estate (on which St. John's is built) and gathered chestnuts. There was ringing in the afternoon in the standard methods, under the direction of Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, who deputised for the Master, Mr. W. H. Pickett. Mr. Pickett was unable to be present owing to pressure of business.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Wilson), and then a move was made to the Townhead for tea. For the first time no handbells were heard in the tearoom, as nobody had brought them. More ringing at the tower rounded off a successful day.

OLD SOMERSET BELLS RESTORED.

A FINE PEAL AT WEDMORE.

The peal of eight bells of St. Mary's Church, Wedmore, Somerset, have recently been restored. The 4th and 6th bells were recast and the old bells retuned. They have been rehung in entirely new fittings, with cast iron headstocks and ball bearings throughout. New clappers have been provided and the bells quarter turned. All the cannons have been left intact. The 7th and tenor have balanced clappers. The old oak frame has been retained and mounted on a new steel girder foundation encased in concrete. The 'go' of the bells is excellent from all points of view.

The peal is a very musical one, and the retuning has improved the old bells enormously, all the hum notes now being in tune. A new sound-deadening ceiling has been provided.

The restored peal were rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on October 5th and the old church was well filled.

The opening rounds were rung by the local ringers before the service, and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major were rung by the visitors.

The restoration work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, who have given the utmost satisfaction to all concerned.

The weights of the bells are as follows, after tuning and removal of old crown staples: Treble, 8 cwt. 4 lb.; 2nd, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.; 3rd, 10 cwt. 4 lb.; 4th, 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.; 5th, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.; 6th, 17 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.; 7th, 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.; tenor, 30 cwt. 5 lb. Note C.

The first peal on the bells was rung on October 10th and recorded in our last issue.

PARISHIONERS SEE NEW BELLS CAST.

NEW RING OF EIGHT FOR SUSSEX.

A party of about 40 parishioners of Balcombe, Sussex, visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry at Croydon to witness the casting of two new trebles for their Parish Church. Amongst the company were the Rev. D. L. Secretan, the Rector, Mrs. Secretan, Miss Monica Secretan, Messrs. J. L. Partridge (treasurer), Raymond Clark (hon. secretary) and members of the Parochial Church Council, together with the members of the Ringers' Guild, Messrs. A. E. Gasson, A. C. Gasson, C. Holman, A. E. Laker and E. T. Exeter.

The visitors were conducted round the works by Mr. Cyril Johnston, who explained the various processes in the bell erecting shops and foundry, and in the clock making departments. Many peals of interest from all parts of the country were on view until the hour arrived for the casting of Balcombe's new bells—assisted by a threepenny bit from the Rector and the captain of the belfry.

Tea wound up the proceedings, and the Rector took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnston and the foundry staff for the able demonstrations of the factory and for the kindness and hospitality which the visitors had received during an afternoon that would live long in the memory of them all.

Balcombe Church has, until recently, possessed an indifferent ring of six, which is being recast, with the exception of one ancient bell. The two trebles to complete the octave are being placed in the tower in memory of the late King George V. and in honour of Queen Mary.

BRAINTREE RINGER'S MARRIAGE.

The wedding took place on Saturday, September 26th, between Miss W. Marshall and Mr. A. Wiffen. Mr. Wiffen has been a prominent member of the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, for a number of years, and as a mark of appreciation from his fellow-ringers and friends he was presented on Sunday, October 4th, with a 14-day striking clock.

The presentation was made by Mr. H. Hammond, and the bridegroom received the congratulations and good wishes of all present.

To celebrate the occasion the local company rang a touch of 768 London Surprise Major for morning service.

BURTON LATIMER RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

At Burton Latimer, on Thursday, October 15th, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Saddington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by P. Ashby 1, B. J. Saddington 2, M. Hobbs 3, F. Lewin (first in the method) 4, H. Turner 5, J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, R. Twelvetree 8. At the conclusion of the ringing the band wished Mr. Saddington 'many happy returns,' and Mr. G. Lines, on behalf of the ringers, presented him with a pipe and tobacco.—Mr. Saddington suitably returned thanks.

LONDON RECTOR'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, September 28th, at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): Miss D. Bryant 1, C. F. Winney 2, H. R. Pasmore 3, R. W. Green 4, H. Pasmore 5, W. Roughton 6, E. J. Morris 7, H. Langdon 8, W. Williams 9, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 10. Rung specially on the occasion of the birthday of the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A.

On the following Saturday, a peal of Stedman Caters was also rung at St. Clement's.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**MASTER WELCOMED AFTER HIS ILLNESS.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held at King's Norton, and was attended by upwards of 50 members and friends. The weather was ideal, and whilst some rang the bells, others enjoyed the view of the surrounding country and listened to the music of the excellent peal of ten.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon T. S. Dunn, who also gave an interesting address, in the course of which he urged those present not to neglect their duty to attend some of the services to which they called others.

An excellent tea, served by the local ringers' wives, was thoroughly enjoyed at the Saracen's Head, a famous 14th century half-timbered hostelry, which has been completely restored and given to the Parish Church to be used as the Church House.

The business meeting followed, the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, being in the chair. The hon. secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, welcomed the chairman, this being the first meeting he had attended since his illness, and expressed the hope that his health would continue good. Apologies were announced from Mr. Vice-President James George and Mr. D. T. Matkin, both prevented from attending through illness.

The Chairman referred to the death of two members since the last meeting: Mr. B. G. Leedham, of Sutton Coldfield, and Mr. R. J. Hunt, the latter being Birmingham's oldest ringer. He died at the age of 84. Both had rendered valuable services in the interests of change ringing, and he (the chairman) asked all to stand for a moment as a last tribute of respect.

The secretary reported the gift of a volume, 'The Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches of England and Wales,' from Mr. John Jagger, for inclusion in the Guild's library. This was duly accepted and Mr. Jagger thanked for his kindness.

It was unanimously agreed that 'the Henry Johnson Commemorative Dinner be held as usual in 1937.'

The following new members were elected: Mr. Hubert J. Field, of Erdington; Mr. Edward W. Blake, King's Norton; Mr. Alfred Williams, King's Heath; Mr. Malcolm Taylor, Edgbaston and Tasmania; and Mr. Percival W. Cave, of Derby.

The next meeting is the annual, and it was decided to hold this at headquarters on the first Saturday in January. The bi-quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Birmingham, on November 14th.

It was announced that at last it had been definitely decided to recast the bells of the Cathedral Church of St. Philip and that they were to be ready in time for the Coronation.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon T. S. Dunn, for the use of the bells and for his interesting address in church, also to the ladies who had so kindly arranged and served tea, was proposed by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m., and everyone agreed that it had been an enjoyable meeting.

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

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 17th. Over 70 members attended, representing 20 towers and all parts of the county. The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Alphege's and St. Dunstan's were kept ringing from 3 p.m. and during the evening, the Cathedral bells also being available after tea.

Service was held in St. Stephen's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes).

Tea was served in the Church Room. Amongst those present were the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar of Littlebourne), with the Rector and Mr. F. M. Mitchell (the general secretary).

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore in the chair. The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected as secretary, and Messrs. F. G. Brett (Canterbury) and H. Whitehead (Dover) were elected as district representatives. Mr. H. Smith (Wickhambreau), who had been a representative for the past ten years, intimated that he wished to resign. He was heartily thanked for his past services to the district, and a proposal that it should be recorded in the minutes was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. G. Brett was elected to the office of Ringing Master, a position he has held since its inception in 1929.

The meetings for next year were decided upon as follows: Spring, Boughton; Summer, Ash; with the next by-meeting at Herne Street.

Four new practising members were elected, and the Rector was made an hon. member, amid much applause.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been available during the day, to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for taking the chair, and Mr. W. E. Pitman for presiding at the organ at the service.

Notice was given at the meeting that the Ladies' Guild would be holding a meeting in Canterbury on November 7th, and it is hoped that the members of the district will help to give the ladies a pleasant afternoon and evening in the ancient Cathedral city.

INTERESTING BELLS AT CAUNTON.**PEAL OF THREE HUNG FOR RINGING.**

On Thursday evening, October 1st, the Lord Bishop of Southwell re-dedicated a peal of three bells at Caunton Church, Nottinghamshire.

These bells are quite interesting. The oldest, No. 2, was cast in 1611. No. 3, the tenor, weighs just under 8 cwt., is dated 1641 and was of unusually good tone. The inscription is one that was fairly common in the 17th century: 'All men that heare my mournful sound—Repent before you lye in ground.' No. 1 was cast in 1658, and is inscribed, 'God save His Church.'

The musical pitch of the tenor is A flat, and the bells have been carefully tuned in the major key and can be swung, if necessary, by one ringer by manipulation of three ropes, one in each hand and one rope with his foot.

The old wooden frame and gear of the bells were in a derelict condition and have all been replaced by modern gear in a metal frame, so arranged that the bells can be increased in number at a later date with a minimum of alteration and expense.

The whole of the bell work, including some incidental clock work, has been ably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

It is interesting to note that Major John Hole, who attended the service with his mother, Mrs. S. H. F. Hole, of Caunton Manor, is a direct descendant of a Hole who was Vicar of Caunton in 1567, the family having been continuously in Caunton since 1510. Major Hole and some of the local young men were initiated into the art of ringing during the evening.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Western District was held at Winton on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Newcastle Cathedral, Whickham, Blaydon, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside and the local tower. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of Minor methods, and some good ringing resulted.

For the final touch 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William C. Bennett, who is the captain of the local tower: R. F. Telford 1, J. Thompson 2, T. W. Dodd 3, D. Arkless 4, W. C. Bennett 5, R. H. Hewitt (conductor) 6.

TWO HUNDRED PEALS AT 17.**E. A. BARNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

Young 'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, third of a line of well-known ringers, has more than once made history by his youthful performances. A hundred peals before he was 16; now two hundred peals before he was 18! It's rather staggering.

He has just celebrated his 18th birthday, but his second century of peals was completed a month before that. And look at the list!

Method	Tower		Handbells
	Rung	Conducted	
Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	14		
Union Triples	2	1	
Bob Triples	1		
Canterbury Triples	1	1	
Stedman Triples	28		
Bob Major	24	3	7
Canterbury Major	1		
Double Bob	1		
Double Norwich	14	1	
Double Oxford	2	1	
Little Bob	1	1	
Northfleet Little Bob	1		
Kent Treble Bob	9	3	
Oxford Treble Bob	4	3	
Spliced Treble Bob	1	1	
Cambridge Surprise	28	2	
New Cambridge	3	2	
Superlative	15	3	
Yorkshire	2	1	
Pudsey	1	1	
Lincolnshire	2		
Ipswich	1		
Erith	1		
Crayford	1		
London	11	1	
Bristol	9	1	
Four Methods Spliced	7		
Grandsire Caters			1
Stedman Caters	1		
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LAST REMINDER—LANCASHIRE DINNER.

Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Visit to Cathedral tower 2 p.m. Civic reception, Town Hall, 3.30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Last day for ticket application first post Tuesday, Oct. 27th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 29th, *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.

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. 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.—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.

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.—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.

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, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

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. 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.

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.—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.—O. Sippetts and W. Claydon, Hon. Secs.

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.—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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden (6) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Usual arrangements. Come and polish up your Minor methods.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A meeting will be held at Longparish on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6, recently rehung) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

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.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting at Cotgrave, near Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells recently rehung. Buses from No. 4 platform at 2.30, 3, 4, and 5.30. Those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me by Oct. 29th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

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.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A special meeting will be held at Bedford on Saturday, October 31st, to meet the new Vicar. The bells of St. Paul's Church (10) ready from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome. Please make an effort to attend. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. Tingey, 11, Iddlesleigh Road, Bedford, by Wednesday previous. A photograph of the company will be taken.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice has been arranged at Maids Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for general practice will be held at Shreshill (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m. So roll up, ye Minor merchants.—H. Knight.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 6d. per head, provided for all who notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster, by Wednesday, Oct. 28th. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends, particularly learners.—Ernest Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Oct. 31st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 28th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—All ringers are welcome at the meeting to be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, during the quinqucentenary celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available 3-4 and 4.30-9.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pott's Café, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. E. Warr, 36, Ravendale Street, Scunthorpe, by Wednesday, Oct. 28th?—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Oct. 28th.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Essex Cottage. All requiring tea please notify by Oct. 28th.—H. P. James, Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I.O.W.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at Five Bells Hotel at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 27th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

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.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The restored ring of 5 bells at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, will be rededicated on Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be at the disposal of visiting ringers after the service.—M. Melville, Hon. Sec.

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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, Nov. 4th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 4th. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The next general meeting is at Winfarthing on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Barber, at 4.15. Tea at the Fighting Cocks at 4.45, followed by business meeting.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

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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