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The Ancient Society of College Youths is only four years off its tercentenary and the festival held last Saturday was evidence of the continued interest which has grown up in it with the modern development of ringing. Time was when the College Youths was one of the two or three ringing societies in the country that mattered. With the growth of the county and diocesan organisations the old London Society at first lost some of the distinctive precedence which it had long maintained, for the younger and more energetic associations claimed the limelight by their greater activities. For a time the College Youths, unruffled by the rising tide of the new enthusiasm created by the birth of new organisations, continued to tread its leisurely way and maintain the traditions of many generations, but the onward sweep of progress at length caught up the Society, and while at its core it remains the same, a new spirit revealed itself among the younger members that kept the Society in the forefront of the Exercise. The position of the College Youths is almost unique. Actually it centres round the activities of the ringers of just a few London churches, but the Society's territory is bounded by no county or diocesan limitations; it is worldwide. Its history is as long as the history of change ringing itself; its traditions are as greatly cherished to-day as ever they were; and if its ritual is of a type which modern ringing societies do not adopt, it is not without its use in reminding us of the importance which our forefathers attached to their procedure; it is a remnant of the past; a guarantee of the continuity of historical precedent.

It is upon the College Youths, more than any other society, that the service ringing in the heart of London devolves. There are few places in the city and the near vicinity where the bells are regularly rung on Sundays, but the changing aspect of London's Sunday is reflected in its church attendance as well as in the use of its bells. The closing of some of the City churches on Sundays is being seriously contemplated. There are, we believe, something like twenty-five churches in the City with seating accommodation greater than the Sunday population of the respective parishes. It is not surprising, therefore, that many of the peals of bells are silent. It may be regrettable, but not so regrettable as the fact that they are also more or less derelict. Nothing is more likely to lead to the neglect of the bells themselves as the neglect of the ringing of them; and, correspondingly, the regular use of bells is the best incentive to their proper maintenance. To the College Youths' activities in the centre of London is due in no small degree the keeping

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open of the peals that are still ringable, and in this they place the Exercise under a debt of gratitude to them. The many ringers throughout the country who claim allegiance to the old Society are proud of their membership, and one has only to look at the wide area from which on Saturday they flocked to the support of the Society on its 296th anniversary to realise what a warm spot it occupies in their hearts. So long as the spirit of 'perpetual youth,' of which something was heard in the speeches, can be maintained there will always be a place of honour in the Exercise for the College Youths.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	2	*GEORGE W. JEFFS	8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	3	*WILLIAM J. LEE	9
CHARLES F. SAYER	4	CHARLES E. LOVETT	10
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	11
GEORGE MAYERS	6	WILLIAM E. BASON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on twelve bells. Mr. Jeffs is from Titchmarsh, Northants, and Mr. Lovett from St. Saviour's, C.I., for whom this peal was specially arranged. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Lovett, sen., entertained the ringers at their home at Lound.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM E. BASON ...	*Treble*	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
MISS H. BILL	2	*WILLIAM G. MAYERS ...	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	3	GEORGE BAILEY	8
GEORGE MAYERS	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	9
GEORGE HOWCHIN	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. C. Lovett, of St. Saviour's, Jersey (formerly a member of St. Peter Mancroft Guild), and Miss E. Whitfield, of Gateshead, which took place at the Parish Church at St. Helier's, Jersey.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWYN	*Treble*	ALBERT HANNIS	6
GEORGE ORCHARD	2	THOMAS PRICE	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	JOHN F. BALLINGER	8
LESLIE BARRY	4	TREVOR PRICHARD	9
ALBERT WRIGHT	5	ALBERT HANKS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the Armistice.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK BOREHAM	*Treble*	RALPH COLES	6
JAMES W. WILKINS	2	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ...	7
ALBERT W. COLES	3	FRANK WEST	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	EDWARD CROXFORD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung on Armistice Day.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	JOHN A. WAUGH	8
RAYMOND G. COUSINS	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	9
CHARLES A. HUGHES	5	JAMES G. PRIOR	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by JAMES G. PRIOR.
First peal as conductor. Rung for Armistice Day.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes
ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	6
MRS. LILIAN A. HARDY	2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES	7
WILLIAM WILLSON	3	JOHN A. SMITH	8
HARRY L. SMITH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5	RALPH B. HUBBARD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE
Rung with clappers half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	2	*CHARLES J. FRAY	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	3	*JOHN R. RODWELL	8
*EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN.	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5	*SAMUEL JOHN HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. Boutflower (late Suffragan Bishop of Southampton) and Miss Joyce Senger, who were married at York by the Bishop of Newcastle on November 8th. C. J. Fray's 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN H. C. MASSEY	*Treble*	ALWYN TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM	6
HAROLD HAMER	3	STEPHEN L. PARRY	7
JAMES B. SHAW	4	SIDNEY DUNN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by W. BERRY.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.	3	JOSEPH MARKS	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, and to Mrs. R. F. Deal, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part in the peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 4, 1933 in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON	*Treble*	*CHARLES LOMAX	5
*JOHN ROBINSON	2	†JOHN W. GARDNER	6
*GEORGE HESKETH	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	7
WILLIAM ROBINSON	4	*GEORGE YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. LUDKIN
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside,' rung at first attempt. Rung to commemorate the opening of the tower and bells 50 years ago. The first peal of Triples on the bells by a local band, who are all service ringers at this church.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, November 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	CUTHBERT H. BRADLEY	5
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
First peal in the method by Mrs. Humphrey, of London, who is also the first lady who has rung a peal in this tower.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
CECIL NICE	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
MISS MARGARET PACK	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, November 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
CUTHBERT T. J. BRADLEY	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	THOMAS WM. LAST	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.
Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first peal in the method. First peal of Superlative on the bells. Messrs. Pryke and George Bennett have now taken part in 150 peals together.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, November 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

FREDERICK MOLINEUX	*Treble*	REGINALD CHANCE	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	WILLIAM J. CARTER	6
JOHN BASS	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
ROBERT MATTHEWS	4	*ALFRED MOLINEUX	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. BIRD.
* First peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to A. Molineux. First peal as conductor.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On October 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Colyer 1, C. Lord 2, E. P. Ashby 3, J. E. Rootes 4, G. Kilby 5, G. Shipp 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, T. Humphreys 8.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEALS.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

FRANK BUCKLAND, Pte. 8th Canadians	... ...	...*Treble*	
WILLIAM WELLING, Gnr. 346th Siege Batt. R.G.A.	... ..	2	
WILFRED EDWARDS, 1st A.M. R.A.F.	... ...	...	3
WILLIAM WALKER, Tpr. Bucks Hussars	... ...	...	4
JESSE ELDRIDGE, Pte. Labour Corps	... ...	...	5
JESSE HARRISON, Pte. 29th Middlesex	... ...	...	6
LEONARD STILWELL, Bdr. 81st Battery R.F.A.	... ...	...	7
HARRY WINGROVE, Pte. 5th O.B.L.I.	... ...	...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of all those who lost their lives in the Great War.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HOBART E. SMITH, R. Fus.	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. TILLETT, R.E.	5
GEO. A. FLEMING, Suffolks	2	CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, R. Fus.	6
H. R. ROPER, R.A.S.C., M.T.	3	JOHN F. TILLETT, Suffolks	7
CHAS. SHEMMING, R.N.A.S.	4	C. A. CATCHPOLE, R.A.S.C.	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the undying memory of fallen comrades.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Treble*	*EDWIN JENNINGS ...	... 5
GEORGE W. STEEL ...	... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ...	... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON...	... 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	... 7
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Arranged for Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, and rung on the occasion of the Armistice anniversary. All except the conductor are ex-Service men.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	*JAMES G. POWELL ...	... 5
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER	... 6
MRS. H. BAKER	... 3	KENNETH W. PATTENDEN	7
*WILLIAM GORRINGE ...	... 4	†FREDERICK B. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by K. W. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight. Rung half-muffled. 'Lest we forget.'

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	... 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER ...	... 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	... 6
ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE	... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY	 7
*GORDON W. LIMMER ...	... 4	GEORGE GILBERT...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First blow of Major 'inside.' Rung half-muffled by four East Borks men and four South Bucks men, in memory of those who fell in the war. This peal was rung on the 40th anniversary of Mr. W. E. Taylor joining the Royal Society.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity.

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours & Seventeen Minutes

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

BRO. FRED RIGBY, Loyal Peace & Plenty, No. 1208	...	...*Treble*	
*" THOMAS BARKER, Loyal Star, No. 75	... ...	...	2
" HARRY FRANCE, P.P.G.M., Leyland District	...	...	3
" F. G. BRADLEY, P.P.G.M. Star, No. 75	... ...	...	4
" ADAM BLOGG, P.G. Star, No. 75	... ...	...	5
" FRED HARWOOD, P.G. Useful Friend, No. 921	...	...	6
" JOHN CHARNOCK, Star ...	... ...	...	7
" ALFRED BLOGG, P.G. Star	... ...	...*Tenor*	

Composed by Bro. EDWIN TIMBRELL, P.G., Queen Adelaide, No. 471

Conducted by Bro. ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung for Remembrance Day and to celebrate the appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Bro. Wm. Taylor, Preston District, and Bro. J. T. Little, P.P.G.M., Star Lodge No. 75, Chorley District, as president of the Lancashire and Adjacent Districts' Conference, and also to the Board of Directors. This composition is now rung for the first time in Lancashire.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*EDWARD FERNYHOUGH	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	... 5
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH...	... 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON	 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING	... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ...	 7
ERIC B. ALLMAN	 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung for Armistice Day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JAMES T. STEVENS ...	...*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM ...	... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	... 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	... 3	ALFRED G. HILL ...	 7
*THOMAS H. CULVER ...	... 4	JOHN S. MORTON ...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE...	...*Treble*	†HAROLD BARSLEY	 5
*HARVEY E. BURRELL	... 2	†CYRIL R. BURRELL	 6
FRANK P. HARWOOD ...	... 3	HARRY NICHOLS ...	 7
ARTHUR GROUND	 4	JOHN G. AMES	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Armistice.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART, No. 3. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILFRED J. MOSS ...	...*Treble*	WILFRED HALLIWELL...	... 5
JOHN POTTER	... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ...	 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ...	... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4	ARTHUR BURTON ...	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

A 'birthday peal' for the society.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. E. NAPPER	...*Treble*	WALTER V. WEBB	5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ...	2	JOHN NOBBS	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	JAMES S. NAPPER	7
FRANCIS E. MAY	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*THOMAS JONES	...*Treble*	*JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ...	2	WILLIAM FERNLEY	6
*WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ...	7
*LIONEL CLOUGH...	4	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor. Mr. T. Jones 50th peal and the conductor's 100th peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers on this, the 15th anniversary of Armistice Day, as a tribute to those who fell in the Great War.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

ALFRED L. RYMAN ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE LAMBERT	5
RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
BERNARD COLLISON	3	HERBERT MARKWELL ...	7
PHILLIP S. THOMPSON... ...	4	ALEC RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT SCOTT	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	JOHN MACHIN	5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung for the festival of All Saints. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd have now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and his eldest son.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, four of Morris' and ten 120's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

OWEN DAVIES	...*Treble*	*GEORGE H. GRIFFITHS ...	4
ERIC R. WEBB	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
JAMES P. HYETT	3	CHARLES WEBB	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a bicentenary peal of the back five bells, which were cast by Rudhalls, 1733.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN.	...*Treble*	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...	4
GEORGE L. HALL	2	ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
JACK BRAY	3	GEORGE W. MOODY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

EDWARD J. HOWARD ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD G. HARVEY ...	4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY	2	HARRY S. BARKER	5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ...	3	HARRY STEBBINGS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal in seven methods by all the ringers. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.' Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ...	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	4
ALFRED J. BULL	2	ROBERT SWIFT	5
KENNETH SNELLING	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

POTTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PERCY TOMPKINS	...*Treble*	*MANSFIELD GINN	4
*ARTHUR DILLEY...	2	CHARLIE BALL	5
FRANK WARRINGTON... ...	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

*JAMES CARLTON...	...*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	4
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD	2	WILLIAM H. CURSON	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	WILLIAM WOODWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. CURSON.

* First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung with muffled clappers for the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

SUTTON VENY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 42 lb.

*K. WHITE	...*Treble*	*W. G. GREY	4
E. C. MARLOW	2	E. F. MARLOW	5
†W. A. AVERY	3	E. F. WHITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMOND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*MISS DAPHNE J. MOIR	...*Treble*	HORACE PATRICK	3
†HERBERT T. EASTBROOK ...	2	LEONARD TOSELAND	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal, aged 17 years, and rung five months after learning to handle a bell. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with half-muffled clappers to commemorate Armistice Day.

REDBOURN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. TAYLOR	...*Treble*	*JOHN HOBBS	4
*W. RANSCOMBE	2	GEORGE DANIELS	5
JOSEPH HOBBS	3	*W. DAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE DANIELS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, who are all Sunday service ringers. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores each of Union, St. Simon's and Bob Doubles, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY GRAVESTOCK	...*Treble*	LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ...	4
*FRANCIS BEAUMONT	2	PERCY TOMPKINS	5
*JACK CHURCH	3	*HARRY BYWATERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor is 64 years of age. All are members of the local band. Rung with clappers half-muffled for Armistice Day.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD ASHFORTH	...*Treble*	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ...	4
*MISS CONSTANCE ELING ...	2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3	HAROLD DENMAN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in three methods on an 'inside' bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the fallen.

HARRINGWORTH, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PERCY STONE	..*Treble*	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	4
JOHN E. MORETON	2	JOHN W. TAYLOR	5
ERNEST STONE	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day and after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise Minor. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age, and is the youngest member of the Warwickshire Guild to ring a peal. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang throughout the peal.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*J. W. GODBERT	...*Treble*	*T. S. WILKES	4
*H. HARRISON	2	*H. NEWBROOK	5
*H. E. F. HARRISON	3	J. L. STANIER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. L. STANIER, Ex.-Sergt. R.E., M.M., I.B.M.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the lads of Madeley who made the 'supreme sacrifice' 1914-1918. 'Lest we forget.'

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT RUSKINGTON.

A half-yearly meeting of the members of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Ruskington on Saturday, November 4th. The bells (6), which have been rehung recently by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, were open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m., and were considered to be in excellent condition and a credit to the village of Ruskington and to the bellhanger.

The Rector (the Rev. R. L. Sanders) conducted a short service in the afternoon, and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea, which was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. R. L. Sanders and relations and friends of the local ringers.

A business meeting followed, during the course of which the chairman (Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, Ringing Master of the Guild) referred to the loss the ringers had sustained by the death of Canon G. W. Jeudwine, president of the Guild, and those present stood for a few moments in silence.

About 30 ringers were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, and others from Hough-on-the-Hill and Folkingham and the towers in the district.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

Most of the stalwarts of the branch put in an appearance at Haddenham, in spite of the weather, as well as one visitor, whose feet were wet, but not cold. The non-appearance of ringers from neighbouring towers is to be deplored. It is understood that they stayed away because 'they belenged to another branch.'

Rounds, call changes, Grandsire Doubles, Surprise Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with varying success. Some 'Spliced' instructions (Lewis-Oxford variation) had to be given, the culprit being made to realise 'where he got off.'

'The missus' had gone peal ringing (to celebrate the 'old man's' birthday), but the attempt came to grief, so there is still a chance for the 'Merry Monarch' to get eight ladies to ring a peal for him with *, †, ‡, §, ‖, ¶, **, x, footnotes. (There are 26 letters in the alphabet.) —Ed.) After an excellent tea, at which the visitors were joined by a few more locals, some handbell ringing was indulged in, but not without 'instructions.' Removals are all very well in the right place. They are yet to be approved of whilst ringing is in progress.

The next practice is to be at Cookham.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A mid-week meeting, in which members of the Ladies' Guild and the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations united, was held at Harlow Common on November 1st, and was attended by about 30 ringers from Bishop's Stortford, Balham, Cambridge, Crayford, Enfield, Southgate, Romford, Walhampton, Fulborn, Sawbridgeworth, Loughton and many members of the local company. A service was held and the Vicar gave an address. The methods rung included Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT HOLT.

The monthly meeting was held at Holt on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. H. Brewis), Mr. H. J. Flay presiding at the organ, and Mr. C. D. Heginbothom reading the lesson. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, this having been arranged by Mr. C. Drewitt, assisted by several ladies.

A short business meeting followed, with Mr. Heginbothom in the chair. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to accept the Vicar of Southbroom's invitation to hold the branch annual meeting in January at Southbroom.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, the Vicar and organist replying, and afterwards there were 'touches' on the handbells, while others returned to the tower.

During the meeting touches in the following methods were successfully brought round: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Rounds were also rung for those who wished.

Representatives attended from the following parishes: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Bishop's Cannings, Rowde, Bromham, Keevil, Bratton, Westbury, Warminster, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Bradford (Holy Trinity), Melksham, Holt and Chippenham (St. Andrew's).

The members dispersed at about 8 p.m. after a most enjoyable time. Over 50 attended, and great credit is due to the Ringing Masters for the way they arranged the ringing, the space in the tower being very limited.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, November 9th, the marriage took place at All Saints', Feering, Essex, between Miss E. A. Rogers, only daughter of Mr. C. J. Rogers (churchwarden) and Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. S. W. Adams. A large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Preb. A. E. Dalton, of Brentwood (a former Vicar), assisted by the present Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Howard Knight).

The bride has been for some years a Sunday School teacher, and the bridegroom is a sidesman. The ringers afterwards rang a 720 of Bob Major, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes): S. Fisher 1, R. Grainger 2, E. Johnson 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Elliott 6, C. W. Burton 7, F. Fludder 8. The band consisted of four bachelors and four benedicts and belong to four towers.

NEW CLOCK FOR ST. IVES, CORNWALL.

A new chiming clock with two 6ft. dials is now being erected in the tower of the fine old Parish Church of St. Ives, Cornwall, the gift of Alderman William Craze in memory of his wife.

The clock will replace an old one with one wood dial, which struck the hours only. The new clock will have all the best and most modern improvements, and will be fitted with an automatic apparatus for throwing the chimes out of action from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m.

The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitchurch, Salop, the makers of many fine clocks in Cornwall and Devon.

ALDENHAM SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am greatly obliged to Mr. Jenkins for pointing out the previous publication of the figures of Aldenham Surprise, and I can only express my regret that I have appeared in the role of 'pirate.' I can assure you, however, that it was done quite unintentionally. H. G. CASHMORE.

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the composition of 5,120 of New Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Portsea on Nov. 4th is false in this method owing to reverses in 5.6. The composition is true, of course, if rung to Superlative as published by Mr. F. H. Dexter. With sincere apologies to the ringers concerned. A. T. GREENWOOD.

Portsmouth.

TRULL BELLS RESTORED.

Last Saturday week a most successful meeting was held at Trull by the Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. An instructive address was given at the service by the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Winterton), who also extended a hearty welcome to those present.

At the meeting afterwards congratulations were extended to the Vicar and parishioners on the businesslike manner in which they had set about the task and obtained just on £170 for the bell frame, repairs, etc., and rehanging after retuning of the peal of six bells. This work has been carried out by the renowned Whitechapel firm of Mears and Stainbank. Needless to say, it has been done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, and gives entire satisfaction to all. The tone of the bells was greatly admired by all who remembered them before being retuned.

Some excellent ringing was done and all had a pull in one or more methods.

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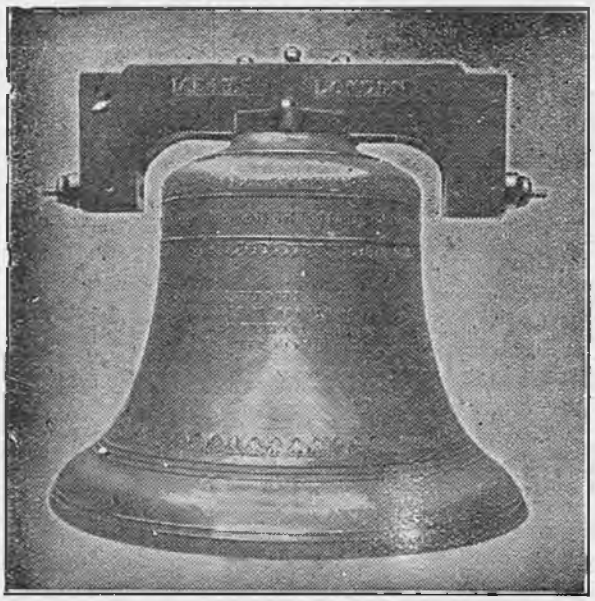

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The senior ex-Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths present at the annual dinner on Saturday was Mr. John W. Rowbotham, who was elected to the chair in 1884. He was again elected in 1908.

Mr. W. D. Smith (first elected Master in 1891), Mr. Walter Prime (1897) and Mr. H. R. Newton (1898) were also present, together with twelve other past Masters of the society.

Mr. Tom Benney, who is 82, was the oldest member of the College Youths present at the dinner. He hopes to be in the next veterans' peal attempt, which is to be Stedman Caters.

A carillon of bells has been dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe, near Ormskirk, Lancs. It was given by Sir Thomas Rosbotham, M.P. for Ormskirk Division, and Lady Rosbotham, in memory of their parents, Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Mary Rosbotham and Mr. John and Mrs. Esther Heyes.

Two peals were rung on Saturday by ex-Service men to the memory of their comrades who fell in the war. Of those who rang at Helmingham, four received wounds whilst on active service.

An excellent performance on Armistice Day was a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Madeley, Shropshire, in which five of the ringers rang their first peal. It was also the first peal as conductor by ex-Sergt. J. L. Stainer, who called it from the tenor.

The band at Redbourne, Herts, also deserve congratulation on their first local peal, rung on Saturday. It is the result of perseverance. In a peal of Grandsire Doubles were three 'first peals' and first as conductor.

Yet another local band has achieved a performance of merit. At Henlow, Beds, a peal of Doubles in four methods was rung, and it was the first peal by four of the ringers. Mr. Harry Bywaters scored his first peal at the age of 64 years.

A peal of Bob Minor rung at Harringworth, Northants, on Saturday, for Remembrance Day, had a narrow escape. During the lowering of the bells, after the peal was completed, a rope broke! One minute sooner and there would have been no peal. Afterwards the ringers were the guests of the Vicar (Canon B. E. Foyster) at tea.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.

COMPLETION OF RESTORATION SCHEME.

Wonderful scenes marked the completion of the restoration of the famous Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, the service being attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, eight bishops and hundreds of clergy. Thousands of citizens who were unable to gain admission to the service assembled outside the church and saw the ancient architectural glories of the magnificent edifice thrown into clear relief by flood lights.

The Archbishop gave his blessing to the parish, port, city and diocese from the steps of the north porch, as the bells rang out.

The restoration was rendered possible by the munificence of Lord Dulverton, chairman of the Imperial Tobacco Company, who gave £85,000 for the repair of the exterior, and the Conynges Society, who provided £10,000 for the internal renovation.

The heavy peal of twelve bells have been placed on ball bearings.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE WITH NO COUNTERPART.

An interesting article on Big Ben and the Westminster chimes appears in the current issue of 'The Radio Times' from the pen of the well-known contributor, Mr. Filson Young.

Many people, he says, imagine that these chimes are of great antiquity; others think that they were written for Westminster when the tower was first built and the clock installed. Neither of these assumptions is correct. They date from the early years of the nineteenth century, and were written for the clock of a Cambridge college, and were known as the Cambridge chimes, although now they are almost universally known as the Westminster chimes.

Coming from such an influential pen, the following extract, which concludes the article, is of considerable interest:—

'The whole subject of bells and chiming clocks in towers is to me a very interesting one, and the ringing of bells a beautiful, difficult and mysterious art. To stand among a team when they are ringing is to have a marvellous sense of rhythmic co-operation, like that of a dance; and the almost infinite permutations of the order in which the eight bells are rung as the tenor or treble (I am not sure which) goes 'hunting' through the different places in the octave, amid the clashing and humming of the bronze tongues, is to have a musical experience which has no counterpart. To have rung through a complete set of changes such as "Grandsire Triples" or "Treble Bob Majors" is to have gone through a test both of skill and athleticism of which no strong man need be ashamed. Bellringing is a human lore as well as an art, and I hope it will be long before it is displaced by robot ringers and mechanical carillons.'

DEBENHAM BELL FUND.

Further contributions to this fund have been received as follows: Peter Laflin (second donation), 2s. 6d.; 'Duffield' party, 9s. 6d.; George H. Cross, 2s. 6d.; amount previously acknowledged, £11 19s. 6d.; total £12 14s. Further donations gratefully accepted and will be acknowledged direct by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BIG GATHERING IN LONDON FOR ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration of the 296th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held in London on Saturday, and once again a large gathering of ringers from many parts of England was drawn together for the event. Ringing at a number of City churches, including Bow, Cheapside, the belfry of which was crowded for the hour during which the bells were available, took place during the afternoon, and members attended service at St. Michael's Church, College Hill, before proceeding to the London Tavern for the annual dinner, at which a company of over 200 was present.

St. Michael's Church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Douglas, who preached from Daniel xi., 32.

THE COMPANY.

At the dinner the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), who was supported by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Councillor J. W. Clunn, J.P. (Deputy Mayor of Gravesend), the Rev. Canon Douglas, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Miles (Oxford), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), the Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger, St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. W. S. London, O.B.E., J.P., Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mr. G. J. Strickland, Mr. E. A. Young (senior steward), Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime (trustees), Mr. W. Roughton, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann. Mr. J. S. Hawkins was vice-chairman, and others present included Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), P. E. Clark (steward), E. P. Duffield (Colchester) and C. W. Roberts (stewards-elect), T. Benney (the oldest member of the society present), J. Rowbotham and W. D. Smith (members for over 50 years), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), S. Riches (Bristol United Guilds), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), F. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. A. Cave, C. Gordon, H. Burt, P. C. Williams, W. Thomas, W. Thomas, jun., F. Skidmore (Bristol), S. Palmer and G. Hurst (Sheffield), J. E. L. Cockey (Harrow), H. Fearn and F. Price (Birmingham), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), A. D. Cullum and E. Menday (Caversham), W. Hibbert, jun., H. Smith, E. Foster, S. Lodge, P. Dyke and L. Sadler (Reading), O. Sippetts, C. Snelling and N. Elliott (Crawley), W. Williams, S. Armstrong (Brighton), R. Bullen (Denham), A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), J. M. Cripps (Shoreham), R. Newman (Baldock), G. Lewis (Worcester), L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), W. West, S. Hillier, W. Bolwell, F. Green (Devizes), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), G. Martin and A. Martin (Boyne Hill), G. Hoad, R. Fuller and W. Claydon (Reigate), W. Melville and A. H. Pulling (Guildford), R. Hayes (Haslemere), D. Cooper (Croydon), J. Cheesman (Greenhithe), H. Pitstow (Banstead), S. Ronghton (Kettering), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), E. Poppy (Eye), S. Holt (Lancs), T. J. Fowler, J. R. Sharman (Bedfordshire), S. Ricketts, T. Setter and H. Sanger (Yeovil), H. Hodgetts (Bushey), T. Groombridge and F. Groombridge (Chislehurst), F. Rich (Bath), G. Goodship, G. Ambrose, C. Mitchell, G. Mitchell and H. Argent (Milton, Gravesend), D. Mears, L. Fidler, F. Maidment, C. Hare (Hitchin), and the following from in and around London: Messrs. H. R. Newton, E. Lillywhite, E. Spice, W. Seabrook and E. Mackrill (Southwark Cathedral), E. Walsham, F. Dean, H. Mason, W. Cummings and C. Grover (Ealing), A. B. Peck, H. Langdon, J. W. Golding, W. Pasmore, H. R. Pasmore, A. R. Macdonald, T. Langdon, C. Burden, E. Brett, C. Chocet, J. A. Darl, J. Thomas, W. Hughes, W. Rampton, E. Pike, G. Fardon, R. Davies, W. Grice, H. Hoskins, H. Jordan, J. Higginson, W. Jeffries; the Rev. C. Cowley, H. Miles, W. Judd, P. Miles (Kensington), H. Markwick, E. Owen, G. Moody, E. Murrell, F. Shorter (Jewry), E. Weaver, E. Lucas, H. Warboys, H. Dockerill, E. Moore, S. Holgate, H. Holgate, W. Beard, G. Cottis, E. Lacy, A. Vesey, D. Wardell, C. Fenn, E. Fenn, R. Fenn, F. Newman and G. Faulkner (Barking), H. Alford, A. Darnell, C. Vitler, W. H. Jarman, W. Ellingham, A. S. Richards, H. Mackinder, E. C. Goldsmith, W. Gray, J. Rumley, Houghton, W. Dennis, J. Freestone, W. Freestone, C. Smith, J. Macdougal, F. Freestone, T. J. Fowler, etc.

The toast of 'The King' was honoured on the call of the Master.

A MESSAGE TO RINGERS.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' made reference to the loss which that society and others had suffered since their last gathering by the lamented death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. They had in the past, he said, heard his voice from the pulpit and from the head of the table at their annual festival, and he (the speaker) hoped his life and example would be an incentive to them all to carry on the work of ringing even as he would wish them to do (hear, hear). The Master went on to say that they would have seen in 'The Ringing World' on the previous day that their dear old friend, Canon Coleridge, had attained the age of 76 (applause). They heartily congratulated him and would wish to add his name to those other youngsters who recently rang the peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street. They were College Youths, but he thought they should give them the new title of the 'Perpetual Youths' (laughter and applause). That evening they gave a hearty welcome to the Rev. Canon Douglas, the new Rector of St. Michael's, College Hill, and thanked him for his sermon. They were deeply sorry to hear that the late Rector (Canon Bullock Webster) was seriously ill, and they wished him a speedy recovery.

Continuing, the Master said he wondered whether, as ringers, they fully recognised the amount of good they were doing for the Church. They heard much about the dwindling congregations in the churches. That was to be deplored where it was so, but it was up to those who were ringers to keep on with their job, because the voice of bells must reach far and wide, and he was one of those who were of opinion that the sound of the bells must remind the hearers of their God, their Church and the Sabbath (hear, hear). It was up to them, especially on Sunday, to give of their best in ringing (hear, hear). The ringers to-day were recognised by the clergy, and at a dedication service which he attended a month ago the Archbishop of Canterbury said: 'We have every reason here in England to be proud of our church bells. There are no countries abroad where the bells have so great a place in the life of the people. Some of you may have heard the great booming bells in France and Flanders, swinging above the crowded market place. Russia used to be almost a land of the music of the bells, but, alas! in most places they have been silenced, and the metal, once the instrument of their music, has been turned to baser uses. But here in England the number and beauty of our church bells are unrivalled, and we, almost alone, have cultivated for long generations the goodly art of change ringing. The Archbishop, said the Master, finished up with what he considered a message to ringers, when he said, 'At least let us here in England hear and heed the message of our church bells.' That was a message to ringers to recruit youngsters to carry on the work. It was no use having bells unless they had ringers, and they should get recruits and try and keep them. He sometimes wondered whether ringers, advanced in the art, gave enough attention to the youngsters. If they did not, then they ought to do so. The Master concluded by thanking the clergy for allowing them the use of the bells. They were grateful to the clergy, and he knew the clergy were grateful to the ringers (applause).

THE OLDEST CITY MINOR GUILD.

The Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, who responded to the toast, reminded the company that the Church did not consist of the clergy alone, but of all who were members of it. The clergy formed the priesthood, but they were also servants of the whole Church. There were many services which they were called upon to undertake and to offer, and he thought the best service they could render to ringers was to open their belfries, or, in the first place, to own a peal of bells (hear, hear). Personally, he had a shrewd suspicion that the only reason he had been called upon to respond to that toast was because he happened to have eleven bells (laughter). He could only assure them that the oftener they rang the bells at his church the happier he was (hear, hear), but he could not say that all who worked in his parish expressed themselves as pleased; in fact, he had had to limit the number of peals, not according to his own wish, but in accord with the so-called hard work of those in the offices round about (laughter). He wished to take that opportunity of thanking the ringers for their good services, given in such an unstinted and generous manner. Especially he would like to thank Mr. Hughes, who looked after the bells and cared for them in a generous and voluntary way (applause). Sometimes, continued the speaker, the clergy in certain parts of the country were said not to take the amount of interest and give the amount of encouragement to ringers that they ought to do. On the other hand, he had heard that in some out of the way places the ringers seemed to forget that the belfry was not the whole church and that they were not always seen, after ringing, in the nave. In these matters there was always some room for, he would not say mutual recrimination (laughter), but of reproach, but on such an occasion as that perhaps it would be well if they (the clergy) took it as their fault if the ringers were not seen in the nave as well as in the belfry (laughter). The speaker thanked the society for the great work they did during the year for the Church and also for their delightful hospitality. They were, he said, one of the minor Guilds of the City which were not Livery companies, and one of the oldest, if not the oldest, among them. Certainly there was no other bell-ringing company so ancient as theirs. He had found that there was a very ancient guild of bellringers, called the Guild of the Brothers of Westminster, whose charter was confirmed by the great King Henry III., who confirmed them in the privileges and free customs which they had enjoyed since the time of Edward the Confessor. That Guild existed for ringing the great bells of Westminster Abbey, but the Company, so great and so ancient, at last came to an end. There was another Company, called the Brethren of the Scholars of Cheap-

side. Whether they rang at St. Mary-le-Bow he did not know, but they were a bellringing company in the early 17th century. They also appeared to have come to an end. He was sure he was right in saying there was no company of ringers existing in London as old as their own. Not only had they a pride in their history, but a greater pride in being a live company, doing their own work and spreading their influence all over England to a greater extent year by year. He thanked the College Youths for their charming entertainment on three counts: the remarkable sense of hospitality, the enthusiasm that was bred in the art, and the brotherliness and friendliness that existed. It was a great thing to have this sense of brotherhood in church work. There they forgot all their differences and were united just as the bells were—with different notes and tones, but united in a sweet harmony when they pulled the ropes. That was what there was in their gathering there that night (applause).

A GREAT LOSS

Canon G. F. Coleridge, who said he had attended that annual gathering for 40 years in succession, or very nearly, proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' The Master, he said, had referred in very feeling terms to one who was a great friend of many of them—the late Cyril Jenkyn. Many a one throughout England missed him sorely, but there were three in that room who missed him more than words could tell. Those three were the secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and himself. He had been prevailed upon to step into Mr. Jenkyn's shoes and carry on until a more experienced Master could be found. He was glad to do it for Mr. Jenkyn's sake, and for the sake of the Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for something like 52 years. He knew something of the ins and outs of it, and at times he might be able to give a little useful advice when called for, but, as for following Mr. Jenkyn in all he did, that was quite impossible. Continuing, Canon Coleridge referred to the veterans' peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, which he described as a wonderful performance. He was only sorry he was not able to be one of that band. He was kindly asked months ago, when it was intended to ring it at Marlow on a Friday, but had to decline, and when it was altered to Saturday in London he was still prevented from going, because he had already promised to attend the bicentenary of the Oxford Society, of which he had been a member for 54 years, and felt it his duty to be there. There was no one more pleased than he was when he read that the peal had been successful, and he was not a bit surprised when he got a letter saying that the band hoped to do better and to start with two others for a peal of Stedman Caters before the end of the year. They did him the honour of asking him to be in that peal (hear, hear). He had written to say that he would not feel up to it so close after the heavy duties of Christmas, but the only answer he got was, 'You will find it a great tonic and it will do you a lot of good' (laughter and applause). He hoped that whoever rang in the Caters would be as successful as the band in the peal of Triples. It would take a lot of ringing, but they old people, who had been called 'Perpetual Youths,' must not consider themselves old until they were laid down in the earth.

Continuing, Canon Coleridge said the Master's name reminded him of another member of that society who was known pretty well many years ago—John Christopher Mitchell—and who was present that evening. Mr. Mitchell had had a frightfully busy life and had had to drop ringing for some years, but he showed that night that he had turned over a new leaf (applause). Now that the London General Omnibus Company, of which Mr. Mitchell had been secretary, was merged into another organisation, he believed Mr. Mitchell was going shortly to enjoy that rest which he so richly deserved, and how could he spend his leisure better than by meeting the ringers and ringing with them? (applause). He knew it was Mr. Mitchell's earnest desire to come back and be a very useful member of the College Youths (hear, hear). He hoped they would eventually see him in the chair (applause). Masters change, year by year, said Canon Coleridge, but there was one great official of the College Youths who never changed—he trusted it would be many years before there was a change—and that was their honorary secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause). Mr. Cockerill looked as young as ever; he (the speaker) knew he was as energetic as ever, and he of all men would hold up that great ideal that they should be youthful as long as they lived (applause).

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who was cordially received, responded to the toast. He mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Canon Alexander (St. Paul's Cathedral), Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby (St. Mary-le-Bow), the Rev. W. P. Besley (St. Lawrence Jewry), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Bolton) and Mr. M. Northover (Reigate). Mr. Cockerill then asked the company to mark with reverence the memory of the following 17 deceased members of the society who had died since the last annual gathering, and the names were read while the company remained standing: Frank J. Davey, Exeter; William Cook, Ashtead; William Horan, Todmorden; Thomas Blackbourne, Luton; Thomas Joyce, Stepney; Thomas Watson, Braintree; Thomas Faulkner, Barking; William Walmsley, Macclesfield; Thomas Page, Broadway, Dorset; Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham; Rev. H. F. De Lisle, South Africa; Rev. George H. Ensor, late of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park; Edward P. O'Meara, Streatham; Richard Kilby, Ruislip; Frederick G. Newman, Leyton; Henry G. Fairbrass, Canterbury; and Walter W. Stevens, Bethnal Green. Mr. Cockerill expressed the society's heartfelt sympathy with Canon Bullock Webster in his illness, and remarked with regret that news had been received that Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was seriously ill and not expected to survive.

During the year, said Mr. Cockerill, 27 new members had been made. Seventy-one meetings for practice had been held and the best attendance had been made by Mr. E. G. Fenn, who had been present 60 times (applause). The peals rung numbered 17, viz., Stedman Triples 5, Caters 1, Cinques 2, Bob Major 1 (at St. Margaret's, Barking, muffled to the memory of the late Mr. T. Faulkner), and 2 on handbells: Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 2, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Major 1, Royal 1. Mr. Cockerill concluded by extending hearty congratulations to Mr. Winney and the band who rang the peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on October 21st, and to Canon Coleridge on his birthday. They wished him 'Many happy returns' (applause).

Mr. Winney was also asked to reply, which he did in a number of reminiscences.

Referring to Bow bells, Mr. Winney said we lived in an age of advertisement. Bow bells had been rehung on ball bearings, and, he thought, Simpson tuned. He held in his hand a pamphlet which said, 'Restoration of Bow Bells.' That, he considered, was a misnomer. St. Mary Redcliffe Church had recently been restored. His late friend, Jim Hinton, just before he died, said the tenor was the only bell that needed recasting, but eventually nine bells were recast, altering the character of the ring, which were rather heavier and of the same family as Painswick and Fulham, with a rich quality which enabled ringers to ring with their soul. Mr. Winney added that in conversation recently a gentleman remarked that in these days a conductor rarely ventured on a risky 720 of Bob Minor, but their Master made one with 42 singles his last extent in a peal at Milton. 'You risked disaster,' was the comment. He (Mr. Winney) delighted in the bob caller's courage. He was a born six-bell ringer. In thank-

COLLEGE YOUTHS OFFICERS.

The election of officers in the Ancient Society of College Youths took place on Tuesday evening. There was only one nomination for each office as follows: Master, Mr. E. Alexander Young; senior steward, Mr. E. P. Duffield; junior steward, Mr. C. W. Roberts; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill. The trustees are Mr. Challis F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime.

MR. E. A. YOUNG, THE NEW MASTER.

ing the members for their congratulations on the veterans' peal at Hart Street. he said his newsagent read the letter in 'The Ringing World' to him, and when he said it was signed 'Twenty-one,' he (Mr. Winney) blurted out, 'An anonymous person is a liar' (laughter). The newsagent danced round and, said Mr. Winney, 'I then said quietly, "They usually infringe the ninth commandment"' (laughter).

THE CHARM OF RINGING.

Mr. W. Roughton submitted 'The Visitors,' who, he said, they were delighted to welcome, and especially to welcome the presence of those visitors who were 'outside the charmed circle' of ringing. A friend of his once said that to be a good ringer a person must of necessity be a little bit 'cracked'—or, more aptly, have 'bats in the belfry' (laughter). But these people with 'bats in the belfry' had done some very wonderful things and their records were contained in the books of that society. It was very difficult to define in a general way the great charm of bellringing, but one of their oldest members, who died last year and was formerly a Master of the society, very aptly described the art when he wrote, 'Bellringing is a pastime more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, more pleasant than picture palaces, and its reward is more kicks than ha'pence' (laughter). He believed that was true. It was an exercise which created good fellowship and a spirit of comradeship. It brought together and held together all classes and grades of men and bound them into a band of comrades, for in this art they all spoke the same language and thought the same thoughts. He thought it was true to say, as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson once said, 'When you meet a good ringer, be he tinker, tailor, soldier or sailor, you meet a downright good fellow' (applause).

Mr. Roughton went on to build a picture of what he described as a 'robot' figure, comprising some of the characteristics of that ancient society, in the construction of which he drew upon the merits and capabilities of such Youths as Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. A. Young, Major Hesse and Mr. A. R. Macdonald, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Tom Hibbert, Bert Langdon, Bob Newton, and last, but not least, the honorary secretary, Mr. Cockerill, who was the soul of the society. As the voice of this 'robot,' he extended a real warmhearted welcome to the visitors, and coupled with the toast the names of two J.P.s. who had honoured them with their presence—Mr. W. S. London and Councillor J. W. Clunn, the latter having just relinquished the office of Mayor of Gravesend.

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE.

Mr. W. S. London said the society was founded in 1637. He was associated with a business founded in 1690, and he would like to know why they had allowed 245 years to go by before inviting him to one of their dinners (laughter). Their title was the 'Ancient Society of College Youths.' He did not know whether the service they rendered to humanity was from the wisdom of age or the energy that came from youth, and he was too old to advise them. One had to be under 20 in these days in order to tell the rest of the world what it ought to do (laughter). But if he was debarred from advising them, he most sincerely admired them. When they rang the bells they took part in some of the most important events in the life of the nation. There were certain things which appealed to them from the cradle to the grave, but probably nothing more so than the ball and bells. In the former they passed from wool to rubber, to leather, ivory and wood as they went from childhood to tennis, cricket, billiards and lastly to bowls. In the cradle they began with the rattle, which was usually adorned with bells; later they were taken out by relatives and led by reins with bells on the strap. The bell called them to school, where they learnt the meaning of education and spent the rest of their lives trying to find it (laughter). The bells rang out when they entered the marriage state, and again when they were released from it (laughter). There was something very beautiful and very human about the bell. Mr. London concluded by thanking the society for their hospitality and entertainment.

Councillor Clunn expressed his great pleasure in being present to support his old friend Mr. Mitchell. They had been associated in certain work in Gravesend for many years, and he always had the greatest admiration for their Master. He was proud of his county and his town, and it was from the belfries of Kent that many of their foreign friends from overseas had first heard the music of England. It was in his own town that the Duchess of Edinburgh and their dear Queen Alexandra first heard the music of the bells of this country. He belonged to a town that was closely associated with the Church and with the bells, and there had never been a rehanging or recasting of bells in their town to which the Corporation had not subscribed. On the last occasion, when the Master put out an appeal for the addition of two bells to Milton Church, the Corporation gave them 50 guineas, and when the bells of Gravesend were done they gave £100 (applause). He claimed that that was something of which they might be proud, because it showed that the town appreciated the voluntary work that was done by the ringers (hear, hear). Councillor Clunn mentioned that in 1522, when the Bishop made an official visitation to the town of Gravesend, the churchwardens omitted to have the bells rung in his honour, and for that ecclesiastical offence they were cited and fined (laughter). In conclusion, he expressed pleasure in being present to support the Master, and said that when Mr. Mitchell spoke of encouraging youth, he was practising what he was preaching, for as he looked across the table he saw Mr. Mitchell's two boys, who were following in his footsteps. He hoped the time would come when the sons would produce ringers either in the tower at Milton or Gravesend (applause).

PEALS NOT EASILY ARRANGED IN LONDON.

Mr. J. S. Hawkins proposed 'Kindred Societies,' the representatives of which they heartily welcomed. They were delighted to see so many societies present to honour that anniversary. The society was always glad to welcome visiting ringers at their weekly meetings. They were sometimes asked to arrange peals, but if they had to disappoint people in this respect it was not their fault. Peals were not so easily arranged in London as in many provincial districts, but when circumstances permitted they did all they could to oblige visitors (hear, hear).

Mr. Sydney Riches (Bristol United Guilds), who first responded, said he sometimes wondered whether eventually it would be possible to carry on with ringing. Many remarks had been passed in and around Bristol as to what was going to happen to ringing, and if they looked at it carefully they would see that it was the old ones with all their enthusiasm who were carrying on, and that the younger ones were not coming on. It was a problem which they, as societies, had got to face. He thought one primary cause was the lack of specialised training. There was not an abundance of good teachers and they could never have good ringers until they had good teachers. He thought, therefore, that one direction in which they could remedy the position would be by specialised study classes—something outside the ordinary handling of ropes in the tower—the study of the theoretical side, so that they could lead young men on to become good conductors, which would naturally create a greater interest in the art. He hoped the societies in the future would try and fight the growing apathy—it was their responsibility. Mr. Riches went on to speak of the tendency in certain quarters to associate ringers with the public-house. It created a wrong impression, and the societies should do their best to remove this public misconception where it existed. In conclusion, Mr. Riches extended an invitation to the company to the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on January 20th, when it was hoped to arrange for a tour of the restored Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INFLUENCE IN SOUTH WALES.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth Association) also replied. He said the kindred societies all looked up to the College Youths. Fifty-seven years ago a band of College Youths visited Llanstephen, Carmarthenshire, and rang the first peal on the bells. Later they went to Llandaff Cathedral and scored the first peal of Stedman Triples in Wales. One of those youngsters, the conductor, was still alive and well after 42 years. Those visits, said Mr. Jones, had a good deal to do with the foundation, some two years after, of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, which had never since looked back. If they could not do much in the way of ringing higher methods, they had succeeded in bringing into existence many restored rings of bells and new peals of eight (applause). These improvements had largely been carried out through the efforts and influence of the ringers of the Llandaff Association (hear, hear). And what the College Youths did for them in South Wales they did in many other parts of the country. Proceeding, Mr. Jones said he did not agree with the rather pessimistic view of the future taken by Mr. Riches. Thirty-two years ago the bells he was connected with were put in and they had never failed to ring for the Sunday services since (applause). If they visited the church they would see ten or twelve young men in the belfry and there was never a lack of recruits. Where did they get them from? They got the ringers from the church (applause). They got them from the choirboys, the sidesmen and the Church Council. If they looked for them here he believed they would have no difficulty in getting plenty of ringers. Mr. Jones, in conclusion, expressed the thanks of visiting ringers to London for the welcome they always received from the College Youths.

The remaining toast was that of 'The Press,' proposed with characteristic originality by Mr. Tom Hibbert, and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Interspersed between the speeches were songs by Mr. H. Lansberry, handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, which were again a source of great delight, and a touch of Stedman Cinques on handbells by Messrs. A. B. Peck, H. R. Pasmore, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill.

The enjoyable proceedings then terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

STOURBRIDGE.—At St. Thomas' Church on Sunday, November 5th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) with the bells half-muffled before evening service: A. Reynolds 1, L. W. Turner 2, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 3, H. T. Amphlett 4, A. L. Dunn 5, J. W. Smith 6, C. W. Cooper 7, F. W. Gibbs 8. After service with the bells open, 336 Grandsire Triples.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, November 11th, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: P. Ashby (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Haynes (first in the method) 2, C. Hendry (first in the method) 3, M. Hobbs 4, H. Turner (first in the method) 5, J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, R. Twelvetree 8.

RUTLAND BRANCH FORMED.

GENEROUS GIFT TO TOWERS.

The first meeting of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Empingham on Saturday, November 11th, and proved a success. The Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) conducted the Guild form of service, and the Rector, Canon E. E. Law, H.C.F., gave a most appropriate address. Fifty sat down to tea, and, with the exception of about a dozen from Folkingham, Peterborough, Market Deeping, Kettering, Guilsborough, Welford and Northampton, the remainder were clergy and ringers of Rutland.

Canon Law presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell (Tickencote), the Rev. F. J. Taverner (Wing), the Rev. C. C. Aldred (Uppingham), the Rev. W. A. Mandall (Whissendine), Messrs. J. J. Jutson and W. H. Waldron (Peterborough), H. Baxter (Kettering) and the general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black.

Apologies were received from the Ven. A. I. Greaves (Archdeacon of Oakham), Canon Smalley Law, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, Miss Thursfield and Mr. F. Barber, who all sent best wishes for the success of the new branch.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Canon E. E. Law; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. W. Daniels; auditor, the Rev. F. J. W. Taverner; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Stevens and G. Wright; and Branch Committee, Messrs. Harper and C. Lambert and one to be nominated from Oakham belfry.

The next meeting is to be held at Uppingham in January.

A most apt and welcome gift was received from a life honorary member of the Guild, Mr. A. Nunneley Wood, Northampton, comprising a set of books for each tower which joined the branch. These were a copy each of 'The Ringing World,' 'Ropesight,' 'Village Bells,' 'Standard Methods' and 'The Ringers' Handbook.'

These were duly handed to representatives of the ten towers who had joined. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Wood thanking him for his splendid gift.

The collection at the service was for the Belfry Repairs Fund of the Guild and realised 12s. 4d.

The Rev. C. C. Aldred moved a vote of thanks to the Rector of Empingham for the use of the bells and for his address, which was seconded by Mr. Jutson, who added that the Rector was no stranger to the formation of new branches, as when at Peterborough he was one of the movers in the formation of the Peterborough and District Association, which joined with the Central Northants Association in 1924 when the Diocesan Guild was formed, and in 1925, when at Daventry, he also assisted in the formation of the Daventry Branch, and was its hon. treasurer until he moved to Empingham.

It is hoped the enthusiasm shown at this meeting will be maintained and that the members will strongly support the officers, especially the branch secretary, on whom a large share of the work will fall, and that the new branch will prove a lusty infant and eventually grow up to be a big strong branch.

The bells, a splendid ring of six, in good order, were kept going in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

MR. AMOS REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I again ask the favour of your columns to reply to the letters of Messrs. Black and Bigley in your last issue? Regarding Mr. Black's remarks about the 'boot on the other foot' and the 'dog being in my kennel,' it is quite easy to reverse things to cover one's self. He asks what have I done in regard to my proposed new association? If he read my last letter through he should know. He says as long ago as 1925 he talked over with some Rutland men the connecting of Rutland with his Guild, and only dropped the idea through lack of enthusiasm. Why then with enthusiasm still the same should he want to revive it now? He proves my words beyond doubt. He and his advocates did not want Rutland THEN, and do not NOW, only that they fear someone else stepping in and setting up an association there. What is this but 'a dog in a manger'? He says that as Rutland comes in the Peterborough Diocese, he is justified in entering and forming a branch without anyone's permission. As there is no jurisdiction, so likewise are we justified in forming a Rutland Association (or even another in Northants if it came to that) without asking his permission. Mr. Black says his is a Diocesan Guild. I am not so sure about that! Let us see. The P.D.G. was formed in January, 1924, out of the Central Northants Association, the Raunds, Wellingborough and District, and the Peterborough and Oundle District Societies. None of the other bodies, comprising Rutland, Towcester and District, Daventry District and the Brackley Deanery (which, by the way, is another 'piece of virgin soil'), were consulted until afterwards, Daventry one year, Towcester seven years, Rutland ten years and Brackley still not at all. How then can it be a Diocesan Guild? Such it could only be by all the parties agreeing at the time of formation, by mutual consent. Surely to set up a Diocesan Guild out of only half, and expect the other half to agree to the proposal 10 years afterwards is asking for trouble? It certainly is not a very good piece of business!

The recent meeting at Oakham, of which Mr. Black makes mention, I consider is no criterion on the matter of a Rutland Branch of his Guild, seeing that a large proportion of the 70 ringers who turned up

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THE LATE MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.

RANG A PEAL AT PRINCE CONSORT'S DEATH.

The funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., took place on Saturday morning at the City of London Crematorium, Ilford.

Mr. Waghorn's interest in ringing, which began when he was only 16 years of age, was maintained until his death, and to the last he followed keenly through 'The Ringing World' all that happened in the Exercise. Only a few days before he died he discussed with his daughter the veterans' peal at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street.

THE LATE MR. J. WAGHORN, SEN.

Born on January 27th, 1843, Mr. Waghorn commenced ringing at Whitechapel in 1859, and rang his first peal at the death of the Prince Consort in December, 1861. He did not keep a detailed record of his peals, but he had rung about 150 altogether, his last being one of Kent Treble Bob at Liverpool in 1926.

He had rung on every royal occasion since 1860, and had been a member of the old Westminster Abbey ringers, as a result of which he had been present in the Abbey at the coronation of the present King and Queen. He rang there for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and for many other royal events. Among his peals was one at Christ Church, Blackfriars, in 1870, to celebrate the opening by Queen Victoria of Blackfriars Bridge and Holborn Viaduct. Mr. Waghorn visited many parts of the country in pursuit of his favourite hobby, and he was frequently a visitor at meetings of the Central Council. The last ringing function which he attended was the dedication and reopening of Bow bells. He was present on both days and took part in a touch.

He was a member of 20 different associations, and it was his proud boast that he had visited every Cathedral in England.

His last years were spent with his daughter, Mrs. F. Maul, at 35, Winton Avenue, New Southgate, and, as already reported, passed peacefully away on Tuesday, November 7th, full of years and honour.

LIFTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering: T. Barriball 1, W. Brimacombe 2, E. Toulson 3, S. Marks 4, J. Bency 5, S. Pring (first quarter-peal) 6, W. E. Ball (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Derges 8. Rung to commemorate Armistice Sunday. All the above are members of the local band and regular Sunday service ringers.

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were from other dioceses: Leicester, Southwell and Lincoln. Rutland itself, I find out, was hardly 'seen or heard,' only ringers from FIVE towers being present. The only ones from Northants, from what I can gather, were those who went simply out of curiosity to try Oakham's fine peal of bells and to listen to the proceedings of a rather out of the ordinary meeting. Most of these, unless living in Peterborough or possessing their own conveyance, I can imagine having to rush off before the finish to catch the last train at 6.2 p.m. Would they want to do this as a general thing? As for myself, I possess my own means of transport. Neither time nor distance is any object to me. Very often I motor-cycle 50 miles each way to a meeting and above once have done 25 miles on push bike.

Now a word to Mr. Bigley. Whether he thinks my letters should be barred or not, I, or anyone else, have a perfect right to send any matter for publication in 'The Ringing World' if they think fit. Like the forming of a Rutland Association, there is no jurisdiction, and if it irritates Mr. Bigley to see my letters, all I can say is, 'DON'T READ THEM'! For Mr. Bigley to say they should be barred shows that he would prejudice another's rights if he could. I claim the full right of freedom of thought and action. Mr. Bigley says he thinks the time has arrived when my grievance should be made public. I fully agree, and had this been done in 1927 at the annual meeting instead of 'behind the curtains' at a branch meeting by a mere handful of men, it would not have brought trouble in its train. Such matters, I maintain, concern the Guild as a whole and not just one branch of it. For the benefit of your readers, I can assure them that the grievance is purely a personal one and one which should have nothing at all to do with ringing.

PERCY AMOS.

Knox Road, Wellingborough.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. Subscriptions due. Next combined practice, Brownedge, Wednesday, Nov. 15th.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Nov. 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A service, tea and business meeting will be held. All will be heartily welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

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

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condover on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30.—R. R. Pole, Asst Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Earlswood, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Shaw bells (6) available after tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 3.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15, in Parish Hall, Rectory Road. —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 1s. each. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs, numbers. This is the last meeting for 1933. Please attend and make the meeting a success. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Framsden (8) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing at Helmingham (8 bells) at 2.30. Tea at Framsden Mission Room, at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HATHERN, near Loughborough. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 4.30.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Come in crowds and make it a bumper meeting.—A committee meeting will be held in the Vestry.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The November meeting is to be a joint one with the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley District), to be held at Wolvey (6) on Nov. 18th. Tea provided. This is the last meeting of the year. Please turn up and make a successful meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) ready from 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Midwinter, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Good attendance requested. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Longparish, Nov. 18th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Rev. T. Marsden, Longparish Rectory, Whitchurch, Hants. — Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. —G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Church Room. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—St. Mary the Virgin, UPTON GREY.—The peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea (6d.) follows. As accommodation is limited, please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at latest.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held in the small hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. W. Short (Master). Musical programme. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, must be applied for before Tuesday, Nov. 21st, from either of the branch secretaries, or from J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Service 3 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North, East, South and West Branches.—*A combined meeting* of the association at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 o'clock. *Names for tea, please.*—William B. Duncan, John G. W. Harwood, Nolan Golden and Wm. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Secs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. P. Kelsall, 164a, Newcastle Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Nov. 22nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Service at 6. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Staley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. H. Hinchliffe, 7, Richmond Street, Stalybridge, by Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas (combined). Bells (12 and 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at Redcliffe. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Thomas'. Please let me know for tea by 22nd inst. Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol 5.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) will be provided only if sufficient send their names in to Mr. James Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, Yorks, not later than Thursday, Nov. 23rd.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Nov. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Two special meetings will be held as follows: Nov. 25th at Daventry (8) and Dec. 16th at Willoughby (6). Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley St. Michael's on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A card, please, by Thursday, 23rd, if you want tea.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggeswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus and train service. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Sunday, Nov. 26th, at morning service (11.15 a.m.), at which the Mayor and Corporation will be present.

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WELFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the three new bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to eight.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beenham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Guild members 9d. Non-members 1s. Please notify Mr. A. Arlott, Beenham, by Nov. 28th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. As the Vicar has kindly invited the ringers to be his guests, will you please notify me of your intention to be present before Thursday, Nov. 30th, so that arrangements may be made for tea?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our annual social will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Dec. 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Social at 6 p.m. Will all those intending being present please notify Mr. H. Entwhistle, 8, Willow Street, Burnley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 29th?—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. All requiring tea should notify by Nov. 29th Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle. Good attendance requested. — A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Topsham, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Address by the Vicar (Rev. Guy Halliday). Tea 4.45 (free). Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Saturday, Nov. 25th? — R. Brook. Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

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ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Armistice Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Ashbrook 1, Miss D. Lidbetter 2, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 3, C. J. Tricker 4, J. Lee 5, J. W. Euston 6, H. W. Lidbetter 7, H. Brooks 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, Oct. 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Ellis 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, W. Bowden 3, W. J. Ellis 4, E. H. King 5, E. E. Holman 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8.—On October 29th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, E. H. King 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, W. J. Ellis 4, H. Ellis 5, E. E. Holman (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 29th, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Dale 1, J. E. Rootes 2, J. Cross 3, P. Parslow 4, F. Smith 5, F. W. Elliott 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Dover, Kent, and was on a visit to the district.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Bernard Gillatt, sen., 1, A. Thornton 2, J. Bray 3, George Hobbins 4, E. Brittain 5, George W. Moody (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Canon Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, for evening service, on October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): J. H. Hill 1, W. Powell 2, F. Neats 3, A. Hill 4, S. T. Holt 5, D. R. Morris 6, T. W. Lewis 7, J. Hinton, jun., 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, E. Crump 10. Specially arranged for the conductor, from Forest Hill, London, who wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the band for their kindness. It was also a farewell quarter-peal for E. Crump, who is leaving for Birmingham, after many years of useful service.

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