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**OXFORD'S BICENTENARY.**

Oxford is this month to celebrate a bicentenary that will help to remind ringers that this seat of learning has a long history in the art of change ringing. For two hundred years at least there are records of change ringing in Oxford, although it is fairly safe to surmise that the art was well known there for the best part of a century before that. The rival 'Varsity town of Cambridge can offer more definite evidence of the practice of change ringing in the last half of the seventeenth century, but it is more than likely that the art was equally established at Oxford even in those early days. One of the grounds for the contention is the name of the method which has been known as Oxford Treble Bob from the time when Fabian Stedman published the first books on ringing; and of other methods which were described as 'Oxford methods,' suggesting that they originated in Oxford. But be that as it may, there were undoubtedly change ringers in Oxford in the early eighteenth century, and they had, even in those days, plenty of bells on which they could practise. But definite records are lacking until the year 1733, when, according to Hearne, an Oxford diarist, Oxford men rang the bells at Christ Church in an endeavour to imitate some London ringers, who on a recent visit had done some 'most surprisingly fine' ringing. The Oxford men, remarks the chronicler, 'were soon out and made poor work of it in comparison of the others.'

These men had nothing to do with the University, but belonged to the town. Whether they had actually formed themselves into a society we are unable to say—perhaps the Oxford Society can tell us—but they were the foundation upon which the Oxford Society was ultimately built. There are very few ringing organisations with a two hundred years' long pedigree; and those who can claim it, however humble, are entitled to the respect and admiration of ringers to-day. It is these societies which sowed what later generations reaped; which during the early days of the art laboriously kept it alive and which produced the men who dug and delved to enrich the knowledge of those who followed them. Ringers of to-day owe more to the men of these old societies than most people realise. They formed the centres through which knowledge could be circulated and if sometimes they rather jealously guarded their 'secrets,' it was only by the aid of such societies that progress could be made. Even the rivalries between them helped to advance change ringing, not alone by the competition which existed to set up new standards of peal ringing, but by the endeavours of, shall we call them, the more 'brainy' ones to provide new and better compositions. How far

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the ringers of Oxford in the eighteenth century contributed to the general stock of knowledge we are unable to say. There are no outstanding names like Stedman, or Annable, or Reeves or Shipway, but that is of no moment. What matters is that for two hundred years there have been ringing activities in Oxford, and throughout that time—more in some periods, less in others—the art of change ringing must have radiated and added to the sum of knowledge and interest that slowly but surely spread throughout the country. The members of the Oxford Society do well to remind us of these things, as they do by celebrating the bicentenary of Oxford's recorded ringing performances.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
ALFRED E. FITSTOW ... .. 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 10
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Vicar of Great St. Mary's, the Rev. E. C. Essex, M.A., and in honour of the golden wedding, celebrated on August 9th, of the Rev. A. H. P. and Mrs. Boughley.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3	HENRY PRING ... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Arranged for the ringers of 2 (Evesham), 4 (Newport, Mon) and 5 (Bridgend).

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 7
*LEWIS SNELL ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 8
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 9
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 5	*FRANK DEWEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method on the bells.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Saturday afternoon, September 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): Miss M. P. Kingdon (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss J. E. Kingdon (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Denyer 3, H. Rance 4, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 5, S. Petter 6. Rung in honour of Mr. P. H. Kingdon (brother of ringers of treble and 2nd) being ordained deacon at Oxford on Sunday, September 24th. The ringers were afterwards entertained at Maybury Wood, Woking, by Mrs. Kingdon. The Misses Kingdon and Messrs. Rance and Petter are members of the Worpleston band.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 6
JOHN BURLS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	HENRY SIMMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung to celebrate the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the town of Dartford.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THÉ-CONFESSOR.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 5
JOHN J. WEBB ... 2	*FRANCIS EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells, also in the county. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the treble man's wedding day. He conducted the first peal in this tower in 1908, this being the first on six bells rung in Radnorshire.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Monday, September 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*P.C. JOHN MULLINER ... Treble	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 5
P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 2	SUPT. FREDK. R. WILLIAMS ... 6
*P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	*P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 7
*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.  
 \* First peal in the method. The above are all members of Manchester City Police Force.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 6
JOHN W. SYKES ... 3	AMBORN WILSON ... 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 398).

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 2	AMBORN WILSON ... 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... 3	JOHN MARSHALL ... 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 397). Conducted by JAMES BENNETT  
 These two peals were specially arranged for Mr. J. Bennett, of London, this being his first attempt for Oxford as conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. REDDIF ... 5
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

First peal in the method as conductor.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... Treble	*FRANK E. O. HANSFORD ... 5
GEORGE SIBLEY ... 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3	S. PERCY MERSON ... 7
S. VICTOR CRABB ... 4	S. GEORGE COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by S. PERCY MERSON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER R. HUGHES ... Treble	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
JOHN C. ADAMS ... 3	BERT HORTON ... 7
THOMAS J. ELTON ... 4	*ALFRED ADAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Taylor and Co.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

W. H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.  
 First in the method as conductor.

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CHESTER, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
WALTER THOMAS ... .. 3	*THOMAS GUEST ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal on eight bells.

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*HENRY G. KERLEY ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE ... .. 2	*ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 7
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... .. 4	*CHARLES H. LATHEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to Miss M. White.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN NASH ... .. Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WORTH.

First peal of Major on the bells.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE A. SPENCER ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 136). Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES

TIMBERSCOME, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.)

*HENRY W. LLOYD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	*JACK ROY ... .. 7
*WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 4	PERCY MERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Major. The treble ringer had not previously struck a blow in Major.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR PEAKE ... .. Treble	BRYAN FERNYHOUGH ... .. 5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... .. 2	ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 6
REGINALD HARPER ... .. 3	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 7
JOSEPH A. COOKE ... .. 4	ROBERT MOSELEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

First peal as conductor.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 5
*MAURICE LOVELL ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 6
*VINCENT OVENS ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 7
EDWARD C. COOKE ... .. 4	GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major and rung at the first attempt. Arranged for Mr. A. G. Mason, of London.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD ... .. 5
HARRY THORPE ... .. 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 6
ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 3	ARTHUR MACKERRAS ... .. 7
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM HOLMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY TAYLOR ... .. Treble	RICHARD C. CLARK ... .. 5
HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 2	LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 7
HARRY ALLEN ... .. 4	EDWARD KEMP ... .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Thurlow, son of the Rector of Widford, and Miss Sheldrake.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS  
AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY E. CLARK ... .. Treble	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. J. Powell, recently instituted to the living of the above parish, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Master of the College Youths and hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, the band wishing him 'many happy returns' and thanking him for his kind entertainment after the peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERIC A. CAMFIELD ... .. Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal.

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**SIX BELL PEAL.**

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 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, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Arranged for R. V. JOHNSON, of Crawley, Sussex, who was on holiday in the district.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5367 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

PERCY L. HARRISON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, September 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7-8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9-10
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5-6	JOHN NEAL ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Referees—MORRIS J. MORRIS and ALBERT WALKER.

F. E. HAYNES has now rung each pair 'in hand' to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT ADESM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2	GEORGE GREEN ... 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4	ERNEST BRIGHT ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 50th peal this year. These peals have been rung with 85 ringers.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, September 16th, at Reigate. Various methods were rung on the eight and ten bells during the afternoon, and tea was provided at Mark Dean's Restaurant. At the business meeting, Mr. L. A. Tidy (Ringing Master) presided.

It was proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at St. John's, Redhill, the method to be Grandsire Triples and Mr. G. Hoad conductor.

The secretary announced there would be a ringing meeting at Buckland early in October, by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk), notice of which is given in our notice columns, also that the next bi-monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Nov. 18th. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. All enjoyed the fine toned peal of bells and good belfry.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At St. Mary's Church, Worpleston, on September 6th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells muffled, by W. H. Viggers 1, W. Denyer 2, H. Rance (first 720 inside) 3, E. Sherwood 4, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 5, S. Petter 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mrs. G. Chandler (wife of Mr. George Chandler and sister of Miss K. Avenell, two local ringers), who was interred at Pirbright the same day.

**LANCASHIRE'S NEW RING OF EIGHT.**

DEDICATION AND RINGERS' OPENING AT STRETFORD.

On Thursday, September 14th, the new peal of eight bells at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, those who assisted in the service being the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association) and the Rev. E. W. Horrocks, Rector of Stretford and Rural Dean. Members of the local band rang for the dedication, and the visiting ringers had the pleasure of trying the bells after the service.

On Saturday, September 16th, the day of the presentation of Stretford of its Charter of Incorporation, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the new bells by ringers from eight towers within the Lancashire Association. The ringing of the peal covered the time of the actual presentation of the Charter by the Earl of Derby.

By invitation of the Rector, a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) and the Manchester Branch was held as a ringers' opening of the new peal on Saturday, September 23rd. The bells were set going about 3 o'clock, and various methods were rung until service time, the 'service touch' being rung by members of the Ladies' Guild.

The service, which was attended by more than a hundred ringers and friends, was conducted by the curate (the Rev. S. B. Stirrup), the lesson being read by Canon Elsee, who also delivered the address, in the course of which he referred to the history of Stretford Church. There were records, he said, of a chapel being on or near the site of the present church 400 years ago. About 1780 an open market was held near to the church, and the time for closing the stalls was signified by the ringing of the church bell. The nave and tower of the new church were built in 1842, and there was one bell, which is now the tenor of the present peal. In 1870 five more bells were added, making up the old peal of six. These were given by Henry Hayes, of Myrtle Lodge, Stretford. Now, the preacher continued, we come to 1933, when another very generous gift to the church has increased the old peal of six to a very beautiful peal of eight.

The whole of the cost of the latter work has been borne by the nephews and nieces of Ada Alice Ridge, in affectionate remembrance of her life-long association with the church.

After the service tea was served in the Church Institute, provided by the donors of the bells. Members of the Mothers' Union and wives of the local ringers presided at the tables, and the whole of the 120 seats, with the exception of one or two, were filled.

The Rector after tea referred to the generosity of the relatives of the late Mrs. Ridge, and said it would give him great pleasure to be able to convey to them the thanks of all present. Canon Elsee then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donors, not only, as he said, from those present, but from the Lancashire Association. The gift of the bells meant much to the association as a whole. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Mothers' Union and the ringers' wives who had so capably arranged and served the tea; and to the Rector and local ringers for the invitation to Stretford and the general arrangements of the day.

In welcoming the Ladies' Guild, Canon Elsee said it gave him very great pleasure to see them there, and it said much for their enthusiasm to see so many of them, some of whom he knew had travelled long distances to order to attend.

Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham), speaking on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, seconded the votes of thanks, and said how pleased they were to have been received in such a way. Mr. C. Ollie (branch president) heartily endorsed the votes of thanks on behalf of the Manchester Branch.

The ladies then adjourned to another room to hold their business meeting, whilst the remainder of the assembly, before returning to the tower, listened to a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells.

Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, and the twelve members present came from the following places: Ashton-under-Lyne, Arncliffe (Leeds), Bolton, Dore, Handsworth (Sheffield), Nottingham, Flixton, Todmorden, Walkden and Manchester. Several of the ladies renewed their membership with the Guild, and Miss Thompson (Manchester) was elected a new member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Guild at Rotherham in February.

At the tower in the evening it soon became a case of 'queue up and wait your turn.' No time was wasted, however, and the bells were kept merrily ringing until a late hour, many old acquaintances being renewed during the period of waiting.

Thirty-five towers were represented at the meeting during the day. The work done to the bells includes recasting and rebanging in a new frame, with the addition of two new bells. The weight of the tenor is now given at 11½ cwt.

Mr. Wilfred Moss, chief ringer at Stretford, is to be congratulated on the able manner in which he has carried out the arrangements during these memorable days that have been held in Stretford, which is now the latest but not the least of the notable boroughs of Lancashire.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are also to be congratulated on the perfect manner in which they have carried out the work of restoration, the tone and 'go' of the bells being everything that could be desired.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## THE DUFFIELD MEMORIAL.

The second general quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday at Ripley, Derbyshire, and the bells of the Parish Church (8) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various standard and Surprise methods. Members and friends came from each branch of the association, viz., Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham. The committee met in the church room, and carried out their usual routine and other duties. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the president, through a severe cold, Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer) was voted to the chair at this and the following general meeting.

Regarding the Duffield memorial bell to the late president, Sir A. P. Heywood, it was decided to meet the balance owing from the interest of invested funds, and so settle the account.

The hon. treasurer reported that this would leave no further funds for bell restoration schemes, and as the association was not paying its way in the general funds, the appeals from Tutbury and Sileby would have to be left over until January, by which time it is trusted those members whose subscriptions were still outstanding would pay up and so put the funds in a sound financial condition.

Mr. Colin Harrison read over the full draft of suggested new rules, and, after a lengthy discussion, the matter was left to come again before the committee in January. In the meantime, local secretaries are asked to put these proposals before all members possible so that the whole draft may be completed and passed at the next annual meeting.

Tea was served at 5 p.m., and about 40 members sat down. The general meeting followed, and Mr. William E. White presided, supported by the Rev. Groome-Merrilees, Vicar of Theddingworth, Mr. G. T. Hales, churchwarden of Ripley, and Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary. Mr. White read a letter from the Rev. E. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley, in which the writer regretted his inability to be present and wishing the members good cheer. The Chairman asked the local members present to convey to the Vicar appreciation of his interest and regrets on the knowledge that he was shortly leaving Ripley. The Chairman also welcomed the churchwarden (an hon. member of the M.C.A.), and the latter replied in a few kind words of welcome to the members, and trusted all would enjoy Ripley bells.

Mr. Colin Harrison read an address from the president, Mr. E. D. Taylor, commenting on the past quarter's work. This showed that 27 peals had been rung, including Wigston Surprise Major, a new method rung for the first time at Wigston Magna. The Leicester branch had rung seven handbell peals of Caters and Cinques, and a peal of Bob Major had been rung by a band comprised of all employees of Loughborough bellfoundry. Doubles and Minor peals were conspicuous by their absence! Two valued members had been lost by death—Mr. Arthur Waters, of Earl Shilton, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

New members proposed since last meeting, viz., eight honorary, six ringing, two rejoins, five life members, were duly confirmed in their election.

The members were informed of the committee's decision regarding the new rules.

In concluding the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the presence of the Rev. Groome-Merrilees, and the latter replied.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Ripley and the local committee were duly passed, when the members adjourned for further ringing and social intercourse.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SPLENDID MEETING AT PHILLACK.

A splendid meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Phillack on Saturday, September 23rd, when about sixty ringers attended, including Dr. J. Symons (president) and Miss Symons, Messrs. W. Wood and W. H. Southard (vice-presidents), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Thomas (Edmonton) and Mr. A. W. Brighton (London). The delightful ring of eight, cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1929, were kept going during the afternoon, and the method ringing accomplished was Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The service was conducted and address given by the Vicar (the Rev. Butler-Reeve), and the full simplified chair was present. A bountiful tea was provided in the Parish Hall, and the usual vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Symons, seconded by Col. Jerram.

A feature of the meeting was the handbell ringing done immediately after tea, as this is so seldom heard in Cornwall. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Dr. J. Symons 1-2, A. W. Brighton 3-4, J. Thomas 5-6, A. S. Roberts 7-8, and this was followed by tune playing by J. Thomas 1-2-3-4 and A. W. Brighton 5-6-7-8. Those present were delighted with the performances and showed their appreciation by prolonged clapping. Mr. John Thomas then 'rang' a course of Grandsire Triples and one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the piano, which amazed many who consider method ringing a most difficult thing. It is certain that these items did change ringing in Cornwall a great deal of good. Dr. Symons took the opportunity of explaining to the call-change ringers the difference between odd and even bellringing.

Mr. R. J. Rule (Tuckingmill) was elected branch secretary.

## DEATH OF MR. F. G. NEWMAN.

## AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

A well-known London member of the Ancient Society of College Youths passed away on Monday of last week, in the person of Mr. Frederick George Newman, who was 73 years of age.

Mr. Newman was born at Mereworth, Kent, on October 31st, 1859. He came of a ringing family, and a cousin still rings at the church in his native village. Mr. Newman could handle a bell when he was nine years old, and he early developed into a good ringer and a safe bob caller. Church bellringing was his passion, but he was also a born dancer. He was an excellent penman, and in his latter years, when illness incapacitated him from walking, spent much of his time in writing peal records. For some time he was in Whips Cross Hospital, from which he was discharged in May last year, being incurably afflicted with dropsy.

Mr. Newman rang his first peal at Frittenden. This was Bob Triples. His last was Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on December 27th, 1924. Altogether he had taken part in 227 peals, of which he had conducted a considerable number.

The funeral took place on Friday at Chingford Mount, the mourners including the widow, the stepdaughter, two sisters and neighbours, and at the close of the committal service Mr. C. F. Winney, the one ringer present, rang a handbell thrice in slow time over the grave, in farewell to an old comrade of the belfry. There were five wreaths, one from his widow and Doris being in the shape of a bell with rope attached, all carried out in flowers. Another bore the inscription, 'A lover of campanology,' two were from the deceased's sisters and one from neighbours.

When ringing at St. Paul's, writes Mr. Winney, Fred Newman was one of the few men who could set each of the four back bells in one pull from back-stroke. At that time the tenor could be pulled off by one person with the double rope.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## THE MASTER INDISPOSED.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Earls Colne on Saturday, September 23rd, when, despite inclement weather conditions, 37 members were present from 13 parishes: Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Dummow, Halstead, Kelvedon, Colne Engaine, Springfield, Braintree, Wickham St. Paul's, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Gestingthorpe and Clacton-on-Sea. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening various methods up to and including London Surprise Major were rung.

Service was conducted by the Rev. F. B. Rowley, priest-in-charge of the parish, and the special lesson (Numbers x.) was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell). Preaching from the text, 'Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy,' the Rev. F. B. Rowley spoke on the use of bells and their meaning, and remarked that he was rather struck with the ringers' form of service which they had been using.

Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Village Hall. This had been very nicely prepared by Mrs. Ridgwell, Mrs. Claydon, Mrs. Bowhill, Mrs. Laver, Mrs. French and Mrs. Bartholomew. The Rev. F. B. Rowley presided.

Previous to the commencement of the business meeting, which followed the tea, the district secretary said he was very sorry that Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the association, was unable to be present. No doubt most of them were aware that he had been indisposed for some time, and, so far, there had been little improvement. Mr. Ridgwell then read a letter he had received from Mr. Howard, in which the writer expressed regret that he was unable to attend the meeting, and conveyed his best wishes for an enjoyable time.

Mr. H. G. Herbert, of Sudbury, was elected a non-resident ringer member. It was also agreed that the annual meeting of the division be held at Dummow on November 11th.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. B. Rowley for his excellent address and for attending the tea. He also thanked Mr. Wenden for his services as organist, and the ladies for so kindly preparing the tea.

In seconding, the district secretary thanked the Rev. F. B. Rowley personally for all he had done.

The Rev. F. B. Rowley, responding, said that nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to be with them on that occasion. He was very pleased to see so many ringers present on such a wet afternoon. It seemed to him that ringers of to-day were as content to sit down to a nice cup of tea as the old ringers of years ago were to something a little stronger (laughter). He also would like to thank the ladies for the excellent tea they had prepared, and for the nice way they had served it.

A number of the ringers subsequently indulged in handbell ringing, whilst others returned to the tower, where ringing was carried on until about 8.30.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Thursday, September 28th, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Blaker 1, E. W. Pye 2, R. D. Ward 3, E. D. Smith 4, J. Moule 5, F. Hull 6, E. E. Holman (conductor) 7, P. J. Daw 8.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEW BRANCH FOR RUTLAND TO BE FORMED.**

At a special general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held at Oakham on September 23rd, it was decided to establish a new branch for Rutlandshire. Over seventy ringers attended the meeting, and five branches of the Guild were represented, those present including Mr. F. Wilford (Master), the Rev. R. C. Thursfield (president of Kettering Branch), Canon E. E. Law (Empingham), the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell (Tickencote), the Rev. J. H. Woods (Glaston), the Rev. A. B. Westcott (Corby), Miss Thursfield (hon. secretary, Northants Branch, Ladies' Guild), Messrs. F. Barber, H. Baxter and W. H. Waldron (branch secretaries) and Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary). An apology was received from Mr. S. F. Millward (auditor).

Preston, Wing, Whissendine, Glaston, Empingham and Oakham belfries were the Rutland towers represented, and ringers from a wide area were present from Corby, Kettering, Leicester, Peterborough, Rugby, Melton Mowbray, Wigston, Bourne, Market Deeping, Warkton, Cranford, Isham, Northampton, Burton Latimer, Rothwell, Desborough and Wellingborough.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Fraser), and the collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £1 0s. 3d. Tea was served in the Women's Institute Room, after which Canon E. E. Law presided at a meeting, which considered the suggested formation of a branch of the Guild in Rutland.

The Master briefly stated the objects of the Guild, which now has nine branches and nearly 1,100 members.

After some discussion, the Rutland ringers present were asked to vote on a proposition: 'That the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers be formed,' and this was carried.

The first meeting to elect officers, etc., is to be held at Empingham on Saturday, November 4th, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. R. G. Black moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Oakham for the use of the bells and for conducting service; to the organist, the caterers and to Mr. W. E. Higgs, Oakham, who had made the arrangements.

The splendid ring of eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.) was much appreciated by the visitors, who made good use of them during the afternoon and evening, from rounds for the less advanced to London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

**RINGING TOURS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should like to say through 'The Ringing World' that our experience of touring ringers does not fit in with the remarks made by a Northants ringer.

Quite recently a touring band obtained permission to attempt their first peal on our bells. This being granted, they immediately invited two members of our local band to stand in and asked them to name the method.

They were also given permission to attempt the last peal of the tour a week later. For this attempt they invited three members of the local band to stand in, again giving the locals choice of method.

W. BIBBY.

Frodsham.

**RINGING TOURS v. DOG IN THE MANGER.**

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'A Voice from Northants,' seems to have bitten off more than he can chew. As a ringer who has done a fair amount of spadework and also taken part in a few ringing tours, I think I may fairly claim to speak from a rather wide experience. I would remind your correspondent that it is not necessary when on a tour to be always carrying passengers or helping lame ducks over a stile. Most visiting ringers prefer something else. They can always be accommodated with the lame ducks nearer home. One does not have far to go to see them swimming around, but, Mr. Editor, how difficult it is for one to see the other fellow's point of view? Now I can quite understand the difficulties of Mr. Hogarth's district, having toured through there a few years ago, but may I point out to him that all Surprise ringers have, like himself, to start at the bottom and gradually to work upwards, often after a lot of practice and also expense. One would think it a more courteous act to ask visitors to ring either in a touch or peal attempt than to want local men to butt in. But to return to 'A Voice from Northants.' He appears to tar all Surprise ringers with the same brush, but to him I for one can give the lie direct. Having just rung my 50th peal this year, I find they have been rung with 85 different ringers. That alone speaks for itself and needs no further comment from me. One could say a great deal more from experience, which, to my mind, is the best teacher of all.

W. KEEBLE.

A lengthy letter on the Cumberland tour from Mr. E. Jennings is held over owing to pressure on our space.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The condition of the bell frame and the ringing chamber floor has made it necessary to cancel the meeting of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Andover.

'Enquirer' asks if any reader can supply him with information regarding the church and derelict peal of eight situated on Lundy Island.

'Is ringing dying out?' Mr. A. Castle of Elham, Kent, is prompted to ask this question from the fact that in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' no fewer than 68 meetings were advertised.

A tablet recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th last year will be unveiled and dedicated in the Cathedral belfry on Saturday, October 14th, at 4 p.m. Canon McLaren will perform the ceremony.

The three large bells at Falmouth Parish Church, Cornwall, have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank into eight, the treble weighing 3 cwt. and tenor 8½ cwt. Unfortunately, they have been only hung for chiming.

Two trebles are being added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to the ring of six at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, and are to be dedicated on October 14th. This will make Cornwall's 31st octave.

The meeting of the Lancashire Association which was to have been held at Poulton on October 14th has been postponed to the 28th.

He will be 80 years old next month, but last Saturday that physical wonder of the Exercise, Mr. James George, rang the 50 cwt. tenor at Southwark Cathedral in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which was lost in the last course, through a misunderstanding, after four hours! Mr. George was as fit at the end as he was at the start. Many ringers would like to know the secret of his apparently perpetual youth.

## REV. H. LAW JAMES MEMORIAL FUND.

### FINAL LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount already acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' £108 14s. 6d.: Mr. S. H. Wood, 10s.; the Rev. E. B. James, £5 5s.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, 2s. 6d.; Lancashire Association, £2 2s.; Mr. T. Law, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. B. Massey, 5s.; Mr. H. C. Reeks, 5s.; Mr. G. Johnson, 5s.; Mr. J. T. Rickman, £1; Bob (Chester), 2s. 6d.; St. Mary's Society, Handsworth, 5s.; J. Richardson, 10s. 6d.; Anon., £1; T. Brothwell, 5s.; E. Wagstaff, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Hairs, 5s.; Scotherne, per Mr. S. Cade, 4s.; Branstons, per Mr. J. Canham, 5s.; Mr. G. Worth, 4s. 6d.; Mr. C. W. Smith, 5s.; Suffolk Guild, 5s.; Mr. J. C. G. Haggard, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. Mee, 1s.; Middlesex County and London Diocesan Guild £2 2s.; Rev. Canon G. W. Jendwine, £5; Grantham, per Mr. E. Nidd, £1 11s. 6d.; Haxey, 1s. 6d.; Nettleham, 2s.; Anon., 5s.; Anon., 2s.; Mrs. L. A. East, 2s. 6d.; Metheringham, 12s.; A. M. G., 10s.; Bigby Meeting, £1 3s. 6d.; H. M. Day, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. C. B. Chester, 2s. 6d.; the Rev. G. H. Clark, £1 1s.; E. P. Duffield (second donation), 5s.; grant from branch of the L.D.G., £10 10s.; collection at Gainsborough, £1 16s. 6d.; Mr. J. W. Wood, 3s. 6d.; Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild, 12s. 6d.; collected at Ladies' Guild meeting at Bardney, 17s. 6d.; District Meeting at Navenby, 10s.; grant from Eastern Branch of the L.D.G., £3 3s.; collection at Barton-on-Humber, 13s. 6d.; Mrs. R. Richardson, 10s.; Central Council of Church Bellringers, £5 5s.; Surfleet Parish Memorial Committee, £3 3s. 10d.; grant from Southern Branch of the L.D.G., £3 3s.; Mrs. E. Marriott, 5s.; collection at Friskney, 13s. 6d.; Mr. J. R. Sharman, 5s.; Blankney, per Mr. F. W. Stokes, £1 9s. 6d.; bank interest, 8s. 5d.; grant from the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the L.D.G., to complete the fund, £6 17s. 3d. Total £176 0s. 6d.

Expenditure: Messrs. John Taylor and Co., £170 3s.; faculty, £3 3s.; advertising in 'The Ringing World,' £1 12s.; printing, £1 2s. 6d.; total £176 0s. 6d.

The committee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who have so kindly helped in any way to bring the above scheme to such a successful conclusion.

R. RICHARDSON, Master.

## ONE HUNDRED AND ONE NOT OUT.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Areley Kings, Worcs, on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 720 Oxford Rob Minor: Jas. Reynolds 1, Chas. Beaman 2, Thos. Eleox 3, Egbert Coley 4, George Butler 5, Henry Martin (Birkenhead) 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. The above touches were rung and the bells 'fired' on the occasion of the 101st birthday of Mrs. Mary Bullock, a much respected parishioner, and cousin of Mr. H. Martin. The venerable lady is fairly well in health and is able to walk about her garden.

## CHANGE RINGING IN H.M. PRISONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last week's issue, in the report of a lecture given by Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, of Winchester, it was stated that the performance of change ringing was believed to be the first given in one of H.M.'s prisons.

An Armley band rang a course of Grandsire Caters in H.M. Prison, Leeds, many years ago.

JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.



## PREJUDICE IN HIGH PLACES.

### THE NEEDS OF COUNTRY PARISHES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst absolutely agreeing with your article and the letter of R. H., there is prejudice and prejudice. I fear that many people reading your article will read into it their own ideas that all old work should be scrapped and replaced with new. That this was not intended I know, but there are those who will undoubtedly use the article to express their own interpretation of it.

There are thousands of ringers who definitely dislike many modern bells, as compared with those cast before modern tuning methods were thought of. There is a mellowness about a ring of good old bells that one seldom hears in a new one. Doubtless an individual modern bell is in tune with itself which an old one may or may not be. But the effect of the whole ring may have a very definite jarring effect.

Further, in country places I very much doubt the wisdom of ball bearings on any except heavy bells, whilst the ultra modern stay appears to have been invented solely for the purpose of adding considerably to the cost of repairs. Incumbents have to think not only of the greatest efficiency, but also of primary and future cost.

Bellfounders are not philanthropists, but essentially business men. They are out to get work at the cheapest cost to themselves; primary efficiency is essential or they wouldn't get it; but obviously the more they can deal in 'stock' fittings the better for them. They are all ringers and have devised out of their experience the best fittings they can think of. They are perfectly honest in their advice, but do they all really think far enough into the requirements of the individual parish?

It appears to me that a crack ringing church in London requires something totally different to an isolated country parish, exposed to westerly gales of sea wind. In the former, have, by all means, every modern contrivance you can think of. In the latter many of them are an absolute curse. A stay, for instance, must be able to be knocked up by any village carpenter.

As an example of difference of opinion, I quote the difficulties of a Vicar who has a parish near me on the sea coast in a very wild part. He has three old bells, one a mediæval. He wants six and a new frame. The local antiquarian Rural Dean says that he must have an oak frame (in these days when it is impossible to get any but green oak) and must keep his present bells (one of them is slightly cracked).

He consulted a bellfounder, who said he must have a STEEL frame, ball bearings and scrap all the old bells. If he wanted to keep the mediæval bell, put it in a museum. He then consulted me. Now the two good bells have a beautiful tone, especially the mediæval. I, knowing nothing of what had previously been said, gave my vote solid for an iron frame and consult a different bellfounder whom I mentioned with a view to a splice. He then informed me of the above, and I left him scratching his head. Possibly he'll take the advice of the antiquarian, in which case no one will be able or want to ring his bells in the inside of five years.

Possibly he'll take the advice of the bellfounder, in which case he'll have a scaling and painting job to do at least every two years and have to send away every time a stay is broken.

I doubt if I am of sufficient importance for him to take mine, but I think in the end he'd be better satisfied if he did.

May I conclude by reminding you that I absolutely agree with your remarks; but not with the interpretation which may in some quarters be put on them, that everything should be left in the hands of the bellfounder. I do not suppose for a moment you can find space for this letter, and I write it more for a plea for more long-sighted consideration of the requirements of individual parishes than at present obtains in the ranks of 'crack' ringers of 'crack' churches than anything else.

C. F. J.

## ANCIENT BELL FRAMES.

### THE VIEWS OF THE S.P.A.B.

Dear Sir,—I have read the leading article of Friday, September 15th, in 'The Ringing World.' Although I know more than one 'eminent ecclesiastical architect' who might be the one referred to by you, other of your readers not being so fortunate may associate the opinions you mention to the wrong person or even to this society. Since I know there used to be prejudice against the society I serve because of their care for, and interest in, bells and bell cages, I desire your permission again to make the society's relationship in this matter clear in your paper.

The sound of ringing bells is delightful, and those who enjoy this sound with me are grateful to the Exercise that gives us this pleasure. The delight in the sound of ringing bells is of a kind like to the delight to be had in unspoiled English country; and for that matter it is like the pleasure to be had from the knowledge and the view of the ancient buildings which add a human grace to this country. Both are æsthetic pleasures (forgive the word). That there should be in any minds an idea that the pleasures to be had from a good ring of bells and those provided by a nobly built and fortunately preserved tower conflict, shows stupidity; for the promotion of fine bellringing and the preservation of fine towers equally serve the living generations of mankind.

Nothing is more damaging to an ancient tower than to force the ringing of heavily going bells in a weak frame, neither is there any pleasure to the ringers, nor would those outside, knowing the condition, wish to hear this laboured music.

It is important, therefore, that bell cages should be properly designed, not only as to the arrangement of the bells, but as to the form and weight of the cage, and as to the means whereby the loads it has to take are transmitted to the walls of the tower. In advising on such matters three principles seem to stand out and guide my society.

1. The preservation of the tower, the preservation of ancient cages and of old bells, and, if possible, of all that pertains to an example of ancient bellhanging.

2. When it is necessary make a new cage for an old ring in an old tower. As far as the sound of the bells and the structure of the tower is concerned, provided the design of the cage is good, it does not really matter what material is used for that cage.

3. As the whole pleasure of bellringing and hearing the music is æsthetic, so in the hanging of bells also there should be no æsthetic offence.

If difference exists between the approach of this society to the subject of bellringing and the approach of those who are enthusiastic performers, it appears to me that it lies in the fact that some bellringers have not considered, or, if they have considered, have not accepted, the third of the above enumerated principles.

A man, who fully enjoys the sound of ringing bells, the tower from which the sound comes and contemplating the village and meadows over which the sound travels, is shocked if he learns that the ancient tower has suffered a brutal treatment at the hand of a bellhanger, and this though no structural injury is done to the walls. An apple may look rosy red and attractive, but the knowledge that it is tunnelled with the brown tracks of a maggot takes æsthetic pleasure from the contemplation of its coloured beauty; for as great a part of that pleasure is in knowing as it is in seeing or hearing. It is thus with a mediæval church tower when the unsympathetic merchant of steel has forced his unwanted and unneeded wares there; and this when, in fact, materials of the old kind will efficiently serve. There is no reason at all why modern knowledge of construction should not be decently applied to the benefit of an ancient building in the matter of bellhanging as in others, and it is for its thoughtful, rather than its excessive and boastful application, that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings appeals.

It is unseemly to replace the decaying stonework of a traceried window with a metal casting of what has disappeared, it is usually unseemly and disagreeable even to use in such a position a casting made in modern synthetic stone; when such things are done, everyone agrees that the mellowing work of our forefathers is insulted; yet the exaggerated idolater of 'Progress and Modernity' would doubtless build a perfectly logical argument why these materials are better than any that have preceded them; as in some respects and on some occasions they are.

I cannot believe your readers who so much enjoy the beauty of bells and the sound they make will be unsympathetic to, or will be unable to understand, the kindred love of beauty felt by the members of this society. If they do understand these things, or even if they do no more than see that there may be something in them, the society would ask all bellringers to join with it in preserving ancient church towers, ancient bells, ancient bell cages, and when alterations have to be made, or repairs are to be done, that they should urge, as part of the object of these works, the preservation of the character and 'being' of the single unit that is the church, the tower, the bells and the cage.

A. R. POWYS, Secretary, S.P.A.B.  
Member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The September meeting of Leeds and District Society was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, September 30th. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and continued in use (except for a break for the tea and meeting) until 9 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schoolroom in the evening, with the president in the chair. One new member was elected, viz., Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe, of Brighouse.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Birstall on October 28th. Mr. Senior proposed and Mr. Armitage seconded that the best thanks of the society be accorded the churchwardens and the local company for the day's meeting and arrangements.—Mr. Morris replied for the local company, who promised to inform the churchwardens of the vote.

There is at present no Vicar at Holbeck. Before the meeting was declared closed, a well-struck course of Bob Royal was rung on handbells.

## GOLDEN WEDDING AND A JUBILEE.

To mark the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bevan and also Mr. Bevan's completion of 50 years as a ringer at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 720 Bob Minor on Thursday, September 28th, at St. Martin's Church, conducted by Mr. Bevan's son: W. Norton 1. R. Bevan 2. J. Payton (first 720 'inside') 3. F. Smith 4. E. Bondfield 5. T. Bevan (first 720 as conductor) 6.

## DEVON GUILD AT WIDECOMBE.

### SUCCESSFUL BRANCH MEETING.

The South-West Branch of the Devon Guild held a district meeting at Widecombe-in-the-Moor on Saturday, September 30th, with a record attendance of 66 members and friends, including visitors from Mid-Devon and Exeter Branches. Bands came from the three Plymouth churches and from Walkhampton and Petertavy. The Rev. E. C. Wood (Vicar) conducted a short service in the church, which was tastefully decorated for harvest festival. In his address of welcome the Vicar drew an apt analogy between the ancient custom of the priests sounding their trumpets and the bellringers of the present time.



WIDECOMBE'S STATELY TOWER.

At the Northfield Cafe, the Rev. F. W. Moore, chairman of the branch, conducted the meeting, which was preceded by a bountiful tea. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. W. H. Marsh and the late Mrs. Dankes, wife of the Archdeacon of Plymouth.

Four new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Meavy on January 20th, 1934. It was announced that the restored bells at Meavy were to be dedicated on the following Wednesday.

Mr. E. W. Marsh, branch secretary, gave a brief resumé of the proposed alterations to the Guild rules to enable members to understand the changes proposed by the committee.

In conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindly welcome, also to the organist and choir, was acknowledged by the Vicar. Two or three bands visited Buckland-in-the-Moor after the meeting, where the church possesses a bright toned ring of eight in first rate going order.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

For the first time in the 57 years' history of the Lancashire Association the annual meeting was held at Lancaster. A fair company started to arrive soon after 10 a.m., while others called at different towers as they passed on their way, all reaching the Priory Church at a few minutes to 4, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Pollard). Tea was taken at a cafe nearby, and the business meeting held at the Church House.

The president (Canon H. J. Elsce) opened the meeting with prayer and afterwards read the committee's report. Each member present had a copy of the balance sheet. The auditors, not being able to be present, sent a report, which was read from the chair.

The next business was the election of officers for two years. Three nominations were sent in for vice-president and three for treasurer. No less than 585 voting cards were returned out of 800 sent out, and the returning officer (Mr. J. H. Banks) declared the result to be in favour of Mr. T. B. Worsley as vice-president and Mr. C. I. Davies as treasurer.

Rochdale was chosen for the next annual meeting, and votes of thanks were passed to Canon Pollard and others for the service, the ringers for having all ready and the officers who retired by rotation. The president was thanked for taking the chair and also congratulated on passing another birthday earlier in the month.

The committee, in the course of their report, said: The number of members was returned at 1,573, of which number 1,163 reside in the county. The financial side shows a gain of £13 3s. 0½d. on the year's working, while the peals, which range from Minor in one method to Bob Maximus, numbered 154. This does not tally with the Central Council analysis, as we finish our year on August 31st. We have lost seven members through death, also five among honorary and non-resident members. Mention is made of the successful experiment of a supper at Liverpool, and the second one, which is to be held at Bolton on October 21st.

Mr. P. Crook afterwards was busy selling tickets for the latter event, which promises to be highly successful.

## HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

### MELTHAM REGAIN CUP AFTER 12 YEARS.

The Halifax and District Association held a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at New Mill, Huddersfield, on Saturday week. It had been previously arranged to ring 600 changes any method, with three leads practice.

The draw was made as follows: 1 Liversedge, Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 2 Shelley (No. 2), Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 3 Meltham, Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 4 Holmfirth, Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 5 Stainland, Kent Treble Bob Minor; 6 Shelley (No. 1), Oxford Treble Bob Minor; 7 Friezland, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Some excellent ringing was heard during the afternoon. The judges, Mr. W. Idle (Batley) and Mr. H. Biltcliffe (New Mill), gave their decision as follows:—

	Faults	Penalty	Total
Liversedge ... ..	136	10	146
Shelley, No. 2 ... ..	246	20	266
Meltham ... ..	99	0	99
Holmfirth ... ..	94	10	104
Stainland ... ..	176	0	176
Shelley, No. 1 ... ..	117	10	127
Friezland ... ..	185	0	185

No. 3, Meltham, were declared winners of the cup.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Edwards, presented the cup to Mr. E. Whiteley, the Meltham conductor. He congratulated them, but he, as a novice, thought they all had rung well. He was reminded that it was 12 years since Meltham had won the cup before. It was a coincidence that it was at New Mill, and that his brother was Vicar at the time. He thought they would have to have a Vicar with another name to prevent Meltham winning the cup there. He said he felt sorry for Holmfirth losing the cup owing to the penalty of an overpull.

A large number sat down to an enjoyable tea. The meeting followed, when ringing had ceased. Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) was chairman.

Mr. E. Whiteley (Meltham) proposed thanks to the Vicar and to the churchwardens for the use of bells.

The Vicar, in reply, made reference to a gentleman who had lived in the vicinity, who said that when the bells were rung it always rained. It would appertain that day, but he thought that the rain was very welcome on this occasion.

## AUTHORSHIP OF A PEAL.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. J. A. Burford has pointed out to me that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Tewkesbury Abbey on November 12th, 1932, is given as composed by T. B. Worsley, but that the same composition was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, October 4th, 1913, composed by F. Dench.

In the Peal Book of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association both peals will be recorded as being composed by F. Dench.

EDGAR GUISE, General Hon. Secretary.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****VISIT TO HOWDEN.**

A very pleasant and successful general meeting of the association was held at Howden on Sept. 16th, when some 70 members were present from a wide area. What a transformation, Howden, 1929-1933! The fire of 1929, disastrous and regrettable as it was, proved the means of providing Howden with a truly magnificent peal—surely one of Taylor's best peals of eight—and conditions that are ideal in the ringing chamber. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and many were the remarks of admiration expressed at the fine quality and go of the bells.

At the meeting of the General Committee held in the afternoon, Mr. J. W. Addison, who has been secretary of the Northern Division for a number of years, was elected Ringing Master of that division, and Mr. E. Hudson, of 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, near Ripon, was elected secretary. Ripon was chosen as the place for the next meeting, which is the annual one, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the General Committee at Leeds on December 2nd.

A splendid tea was served in the old Bishop's Palace, formerly the residence of the Bishops of Durham, and the business meeting was held on the lawn with the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. Waring, Vicar of Howden. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. W. Addison, G. Lewis, W. Barton, J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson and H. N. Imeson.

In proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Canon Marshall alluded to the beautiful peal of bells they now had in Howden, and said how grateful they were to the Vicar for providing such a glorious day and for extending so hearty a welcome. He added that possibly something would be done in time to soften the sound of the bells outside.

In a racy reply, the Rev. A. Waring said he had no idea he was clerk of the weather, and thus responsible for the glorious day, but he was very pleased indeed to welcome the association to Howden, and hoped they had all enjoyed their visit. He advised the members not to pay too much heed to those people who complained of the noise of the bells, as neurotic people were to be found in any parish. They had a few even in Howden. When the bells were silent following the fire, people exclaimed, 'If only we could hear the sound of the bells again,' and now, when they had the bells, there were still a few who complained about the noise of them. However, he would bear in mind Canon Marshall's suggestion, and see what could be done. He offered his personal congratulations to Canon Marshall on his appointment as a Canon of Ripon, and said how pleased he would be to welcome the association to Howden again.

Mr. S. F. Palmer proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and this was acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Thompson, of the local company.

The President drew the attention of members to the date of the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held at York on October 14th, and hoped they would support the dinner again this year as they had done in the past.

This concluded the business.

Further ringing brought to a close a most enjoyable and pleasant meeting.

**EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS MEETING.****'SPLICED' AND 'MIXED' RINGING.**

Punctually at the advertised time a strong band assembled at Amersham for the East Berks and South Bucks meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but owing to an interment (even the skies shed a tear), the visitors could not start off with their usual speed. The tenor was carefully 'toll'd' up, the other five being raised in peal in the following 'modes,' Stoke, Chalfont, Past Grand, Eggle and Spot. Something a little more musical being fancied, a course of Cambridge was rung. Rounds were also accomplished, including 2.1.3.4.5.6 and 1.3.2.4.5.6, non-conducted, in both fast and slow time.

The feast (not of Stephen) was even better than usual. Perhaps this was due to the presence of the P.G. Some ten different methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, ranging from Original to London Surprise, and including five Surprise methods. Kent and Oxford were spliced, Cambridge and London were mixed (a bit more than was intended), but the real brain testers were the 'Hot Bob' touches. One member of the 'firing squad' did not put in an appearance. Was it the 'stormy weather' that called the 'Bob at home'? There were some 'postcards' left in the 'middle,' too.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

On Thursday, September 21st, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, Glos. a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, J. O. Eden 3, H. L. Cooke 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. G. Cook 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Grace Dorothy Bond, daughter of Mr. F. W. Bond, and Mr. William A. Richmond, of Bristol, which took place at the Parish Church the previous day. Also to commemorate the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

**OXFORD SOCIETY.****BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.**

This month the Oxford Society is to hold a bicentenary celebration. The event is one of considerable interest and recalls the fact that the City of Oxford, with its many peals of bells, has, for at least two hundred years, been a centre of change-ringing.

Late in the 17th century there must have been an active band of change ringers in Oxford, although, unfortunately, no written records exist. But the method known as Oxford Treble Bob has been practised since about 1677, and this takes its name as some think either because it was first rung in Oxford or because it was invented by a native of that city.

However, from the year 1733 onwards there is a continuous record of change ringing performances, as the following historical notes, quoted from Hearue, a contemporary Oxford historian, will prove:—

MAY 24th, 1733.

On Whit-Sunday last (May 13th) came to Oxford on foot 15 ringers from London and the day before came on horseback one Mr. Skelton about 14 or 15 years ago a Commoner of Queens College, Oxford, and an excellent ringer. The next day being Monday, May 14th, the Oxford Ringers gave them a short peal at Magdalen College as they did in the Evening at Christ Church, the Londoners laying still that day, that they might refresh themselves after the fatigue of their journey. The day after (being Tuesday, May 15th) the Londoners rang a peal admirably well at New College of about 1500 changes from a little before 11 o'clock in the morning till 12, and in the evening they did the same at Christ Church. On Wednesday, May 16th, they (the Londoners) began to ring at Christ Church in the morning a quarter or more before 12 and they rang till 2 most incomparably well: when the gudgeons being bad, the biggest bell (that is, the tenth) fell down, but not through the loft, otherwise they proposed to have rang 5040 changes. In the evening they rang the 8 bells at Magdalen College, but 2 or 3 ropes breaking, they could not proceed above 4 an hour. On Thursday, May 17th, they began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes viz. 5040 changes there. They began a little before 12 and rang about 4 of an hour when one of the ropes broke and so they were stopped. Afterwards they dined at the Weavers beyond Friar Bacon's Study, and some (if not all) of them stopping over to Ifley, they rang the six bells there (the 700 changes upon them). The next day Friday the 18th they were resolved to ring the above mentioned number of 5040 changes upon New College ten bells as they had begun to do before. Accordingly they began a little before 12 in the morning and rang full 2 hours wanting 2 minutes when one of the ropes broke and put a stop to the peal for which all were very sorry as they were at the fall of the great bell at Christ Church, for their ringing at both places as well as elsewhere was most surprisingly fine without the least fault from beginning to end; such as never was before in Oxford and 'tis a scandal that the bells should be not in good order. Saturday, May 19th, they went out of town. On Tuesday, May 22nd, the great bell at Christ Church was got up again and in the evening the Oxford men rang all 10 and endeavoured to imitate the Londoners, but they were soon out and made poor work of it in comparison of the others.

JANUARY 1st, 1734.

Christ Church ten bells being now in good order, yesterday some select Oxford Ringers rang them all for a wager. They were to have 6 trials and if upon the 6th trial, they did not do it, they were to loose. Yesterday they began, being the first trial, just as 12 o'clock and finished the whole, 27 minutes after 3 o'clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford. The Oxford Ringers yesterday made many mistakes so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it 3 quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed 52 faults in their ringing, 9 of which were very considerable ones. However, take it altogether 'twas excellent ringing and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and Student of Christ Church, who broke in upon the ringers to their great disappointment.

APRIL 17th, 1734.

On January 1st last as I have noted a company of select Oxford ringers rang 5040 cator changes upon Christ Church ten bells. The very same company undertook to ring 6876 changes upon the same bells on Easter Monday last being April 15th. They agreed to begin at 10 o'clock exactly in the morning and some of them sent notice of it a few days before to me. Accordingly they raised the bells and put them in order at 10 o'clock that morning and at a quarter or a little more after ten, they began the changes and continued them until above a quarter after one in the afternoon, when the rope of the 9th Bell somehow or other happening to twist, the ringer of that Bell, Arthur Lloyd, was out and thereupon they all stopt of a sudden (and so they sank the Bells) which accident I was very sorry for. For indeed they rang so excellently well, that I was even

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**BIG BEN AND THE B.B.C.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Regarding the remarks of your correspondent under the above heading in your issue of the 15th inst., or course it sounds 'very ridiculous to those who know that Big Ben only strikes the hours.'

But the point is that nine out of ten people do not, and it is an understood fact that the ordinary man in the street thinks of Big Ben as the clock. So long as this is so, I think the B.B.C. is quite right in causing the announcement to be made in the form it is.

It is quite likely that the authorities at Broadcasting House are also cognisant of the superior knowledge displayed by your correspondent, but prefer, in consideration of their audience, to refer to the clock as 'Big Ben.'

Curiously enough, a correspondent in this week's 'Radio Times' complains of the B.B.C. announcements as being too precise, giving as his reason the fact that the ordinary listener desires to be spoken to as an ordinary being and not as though he were an encyclopedia.—Yours truly,

C. BRETT-SMITH.

**SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.**

On Wednesday, September 27th, to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. Thomas Lingard, of Christ Church, Pendlebury, eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples: P. Green 1, W. Wallwork 2, N. Tompkins (conductor) 3, T. Lingard 4, O. Seddon 5, A. Wallwork 6, J. Kershaw 7, N. Bryan 8.

Mr. Lingard, who has been a ringer for 60 years, was the recipient of congratulations and good wishes from the local ringers and many other friends.

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ravished with it, and though they did not quite come up to the Londoners, who rang without fault, yet 'twas really so admirable, that I could observe but six faults, besides the grand one (which was the seventh and put them out) in all their ringing, which six faults however, had they performed the whole, I should have looked upon as so inconsiderate that I should have thought the Peal might have been said to be rung without faults. They rang 4800 changes which was 240 less than they rang before and wanted 2076 of the whole 6876, which notwithstanding had not that misfortune happened, they would certainly have performed without difficulty. As I went on purpose to be as nice as possible in my observations and was present from beginning to end, choosing to be as private as I could, standing for the most part in Cowley Street, which goes from Ch.Ch. to Tilham Bridge. I was as critical as possibly I could be and as I went without any manner of partiality to judge fairly of the matter and to pass over no faults, I must say that I could discover but six faults and that what they did was admirable, much to their honour and credit.

MAY 2nd, 1734.

Yesterday an attempt was made upon New College Bells of 6876 changes. They began a quarter before ten in the morning and rang very well till four minutes past 12, when Mr. Brickland a school master of St. Michael's Parish missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them and sunk the bells, which is a pity, for 'twas really very true ringing excepting five faults which I observed (for I heard all the time tho 'twas very wet all the while, in that part of the Parks on the East side of Wadham College where I was very private) one of which five faults was the treble that was rung by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the above said Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several beforehand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now because Mr. Broughton (who otherwise should have rung) was attending as Barber. Excepting this Broughton and Mr. George, the ringers were all the same as those mentioned under January 24th last, Mr. George's hands being not quite recovered of some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15th last, Mr. Nash, a Cabinet Maker, who is an excellent ringer, supplied his place and rang the 3rd bell so they were as follows:—

Mr. Hearne the 1st or Treble, Mr. Vickers the 2nd, Mr. Nash the 3rd, Mr. Terry the 4th, Mr. Brickland the 5th, Mr. Yate the 6th, Mr. Smith the 7th, Mr. Barnes the 8th, Mr. Lloyd the 9th, Mr. Benwell the 10th or Tenor. When I mentioned afterwards my observation to the said Mr. Smith, he told me that though he rung himself yet he minded the faults also himself upon which I asked him how many there were. He said three before that which stopped them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness. They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3475 changes which wanted 3401 of the number proposed.

(To be continued.)

**NOTICE.**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer and Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Martin on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, October 10th.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., Council House, Timsbury, near Bath.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Willesden, Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me? These bells have recently been recast and rehung in modern fittings.—E. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting to be held at Bampton on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Talbot Hotel.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A bye-meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish on Saturday, October 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 7th. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Gaywood's Rooms, at 5.15 p.m. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6) and St. Alphege (6) bells available.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Tickets for Jubilee Dinner (3s. 6d.) are available, early application necessary.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? Tea 1s. each, members 6d. All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 7th. Short service at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by tea at the Townhead Tea Rooms. (Tea is by kind invitation of the St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh.) All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the North Norfolk and West Norfolk Branches of the above association will be held at Elmham on Saturday, October 7th. Please advise W. B. Duncan, Reepham, Norfolk, or myself, if coming.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Youlgrave on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to an error, the branch meeting will not be held at Moorside, but will be at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Willesden on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5.30 p.m.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnhurst.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, October 7th, instead of September 30th, as per calendar.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambs, and R. C. Sharpe, Newmarket, Dis. Secs.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Staveley (eight bells) on Saturday, Oct. 7th. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Walsingham, on Saturday, October 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Bells (8) available. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, October 7th. Arrangements as usual.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kelston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting (important) at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Andover, arranged for October 7th, is cancelled, owing to condition of the bell frame and ringing chamber floor.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

**CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTER.**—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). Frame repaired and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by Right Rev. E. J. Palmer, Assistant Bishop of Gloucester, on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. Bells available during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.

**WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.**—St. Mary's Church.—The ring of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.), recast, frame repaired, and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Archdeacon of Hastings on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson) a joint meeting of the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Branches will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 10th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m. 'Sing-song and chin-chin' in St. John's Hall from 7.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—A general meeting will be held at Palgrave on October 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m., also at Eye (8) and Diss (8). Tea in the School at 4.30 for members of Suffolk Guild or Norwich Association who send their names by October 10th to H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note, a combined practice will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Tuesday, October 10th, for Surprise methods, commencing 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses paid to members up to 2s. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—The next meeting is arranged to take place at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringers—learners and otherwise—cordially welcome. This tower is easy of access, can be reached easiest by bus. What about it? A postcard by previous Wednesday, please.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Oct. 11th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (by invitation of the wardens). Service 6.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Liverpool, 4. A hearty welcome to all.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at 1s. per head, for members notifying me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th. Meeting commences 5.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Usual arrangements. All those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous. — Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD**.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 11th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me by Oct. 11th?—E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Hoping to have a good turn up.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation, to those who let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 10th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Upham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Number for tea by Oct. 12th. Netley bells unavailable.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30 (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Service at 5.30. All Saints', Hastings, bells available from 6.30. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know before the 11th inst.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. 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.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell, near Woking, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all members make an effort to attend this meeting?—K. Eastes, Holly Brox, Ottershaw, Surrey.

**OXFORD SOCIETY.**—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Bedwelty on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alterryn View, Newport, Mon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at The White Cot Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The second annual dinner will be held at the Co-operative Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Dinner 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d., now ready, from Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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

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