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RINGING AS A SOCIAL FACTOR.

The representative nature of the assembly of ringers in London on Saturday for the 299th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths is typified in the announcement that no fewer than twenty-four of the societies affiliated to the Central Council were represented. And these representatives of the Exercise came from at least twenty-two counties to do honour to the venerable society which now enters upon its three hundredth year. Ancient organisations, like ancient buildings, frequently fall into decay, but with the approach of its tercentenary the Ancient Society seems to have renewed its youth, and it will go forward into this memorable year with the good wishes of every member of the ringing fraternity.

In Saturday evening's proceedings there was one speech which stood out among a number of good speeches. It came from one of the newest ringers in all that big assembly of experienced men, and it created a marked impression, both by its matter and the manner of its delivery. It had a touch of humour and the hall mark of sincerity. The Rev. G. A. Ellison, son of the Rector of London's famous church, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and curate at Sherborne, made the main theme of his reply to a toast an appeal to ringers to interest boys and young men in the art of ringing on two grounds, because they were losing the art of amusing themselves, and for the sake of the discipline which change ringing provides. Mr. Ellison admitted only a very short experience of parish life, but there is no doubt he has quickly put his finger upon one of the things which makes for restlessness among the present generation. Many people in these days do not know how to provide their own amusement; they prefer others to entertain them and, in being entertained, they lack the controlling force which the discipline of study and team work gives.

In filling up gaps in the belfry ringers are apt to look upon it chiefly as an effort to maintain the practice of change ringing, but here is another angle from which they can approach the task. The mental and physical discipline involved in change ringing is fully realised by those who take the art seriously, and Mr. Ellison's speech should provide an additional encouragement for those upon whom devolves the task of maintaining the personnel of the belfry. There is to-day need for young ringers to keep the art alive; and ringing can supply one of the needs of youth—it can teach self-discipline and provide a means of restoring to some extent the decaying art of self-amusement. Ringing can thus become a valuable social factor.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 7
†HAROLD P. READ 2	†WILFRED ANDREWS 8
†REGINALD A. REED 3	†EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 9
†REGINALD C. H. CONOLLY 4	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 10
†WILLIAM M. STONE 5	GEORGE PRESTON 11
†A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 6	HARRY J. GILLARD Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.
† First peal 'inside' on twelve bells. W. E. Cheater's 100th peal.
Rung as a farewell to R. C. H. Conolly, who is leaving the diocese
for Watford.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRED WIGMORE Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
*WALLACE COUSINS 2	JOHN G. AMES 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	*WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 8
GEORGE LADD 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 9
*CLAUDE COUSINS 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

T. ALLRED Treble	R. ALLRED 6
K. WELSBY 2	F. GRINDY 7
*C. RIDYARD 3	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 8
W. JONES 4	J. H. RIDYARD 9
E. YATES 5	*R. JONES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday peal to the Right Hon.
the Earl of Ellesmere.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

BENJAMIN BEEBE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*FRANK MEASURES 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN THOMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First Surprise peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Mavis White-
head, daughter of the 3rd ringer, on her third birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SR... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK FISHER Treble	FRANK RHODES 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL 2	JOE C. MELLOR 6
JOHN TURNER 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY 7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES 4	HENRY H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. C. MELLOR.

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

First peal on the bells after rededication.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHEN L. PARRY Treble	JOHN MEADOWCROFT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*IVAN KAY 6
OGDEN MOORES 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
ALWYN TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Simpson (friend of the conductor), who embarked on the R.M.S. 'Orford' on the same day to return to Adelaide, Australia, after a visit to the old country extending over six months.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
ALFRED BACON 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the Ely Diocesan Association.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HAROLD ASTBURY Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
BRYAN FERNYBOUGH 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN MATTHEWS 4	ERIC B. ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. E. Armitstead), also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Crawley, of Barrow, son of the conductor.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK POSTONS Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 7
FRANK FOX 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

* First peal. Rung for the 18th anniversary of the Armistice. The above band are all ex-Service men except the treble ringer, who kindly stood in at the last moment in place of an ex-Service man who was unable to ring owing to illness.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church on Thursday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Smoothy 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, R. Clements 3, J. Negus 4, L. Flitton 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8. A birthday compliment to A. G. Lilley.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
*ALBERT WORSFOLD 3	BERNARD V. COLLISON 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOHN WILLIAM SMITH 6
KENNETH I. PARDOE 3	CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WILLIAM SMITH.

First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of Armistice.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN V. HARDING ... Treble	*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Ashtead on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
*DEREK M. SHARP 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	HARRY HOSKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* 25th peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	HARRY WAIN 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	*JOHN E. BLAY 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
JOHN V. CROSS 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by GEO. NEWSON.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, of Great Baddow, on the occasion of the christening of their baby daughter.

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.	
*A. ALEC WALKER Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG 2	JACK ROY 6
*HERBERT H. WALKER 3	JAMES HUNT 7
PERCY MERSON 4	*WILLIAM T. JEANES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate 'Remembrance Day.'

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY W. BADGER Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	FREDERICK N. SNEYTON 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Superlative and first attempt.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOSEPH WHITIAKER Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
*KENNETH LEWIS 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
*ALAN J. BROWN 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRED GLEDHILL Treble	†RALPH WILLIAMS 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL 2	HENRY H. SMITH 6
JACK FISHER 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY 7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES 4	FRANK RHODES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the dedication festival of the church. This composition (No. 301, composed March, 1882) is now rung for the first time.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	HAROLD PEARCE 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	†RONALD SQUIRES 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	†WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (426). Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* 400th peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harry Wilde (a respected member of the local company), to Miss Marjory A. Newsome, which was solemnised previously to the peal.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 1st, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, viz., 240 each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire, all called differently. Rung for the patronal festival and in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of the diocese: Alfred Hicks 1, George Brown 2, Reginald Williamson 3, Sidney Munton (conductor) 4, Ronald Coleman 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL Treble	*JESSE HARRISON 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	Cecil C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*MRS. HARRY T. CHANDLER Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4
†REGINALD BOWEN 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 5
TREVOR JONES 3	ROBERT FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal, and first lady to ring a peal in the District. † First peal 'inside.' First peal rung in the District since its name has been changed from Presteigne to Kingston.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with four different callings.

*ERNEST BENION Treble	ARTHUR F. BOYCE 4
*ERIC A. STEVENSON 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
VICTOR M. ORMEROD 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GUNNELL Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb.

LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 3
ALBERT RELFE 2	ARTHUR H. LEWRY 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for A. H. Lewry. It was rung on the 34th anniversary of his parents' wedding.

ELM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	*JOHN WARD 4
ROBERT W. CROFTS 2	LEWIS BUSH 5
HAROLD BURTON 3	RODOLPH WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled for Armistice Day.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. NICHOLAS ... Treble	ALBERT E. EVEREST 4
FREDERICK G. BODMIN 2	JOHN O. WELLER 5
EDWARD E. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London and Westminster, and three 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS HOADLEY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	ALAN BROMLEY 5
EDWIN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury; (3) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD MARCON Treble	*CHARLES MCGUINNESS 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE E. FBIRN 5
FRANK LORD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in 14 methods. First peal in 14 methods in Lincoln District. In this peal there were 172 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles.

BURNLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

WILLIAM MCCLEAVE ... Treble	*WILLIAM GRAY 4
WALTER STEPHENSON 2	HARRY ENTWISTLE 5
*ALSTON GREENWOOD 3	FRED BENTLEY 6

*JOHN TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY ENTWISTLE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the church, which was dedicated in November, 1836, also for the retirement of Mr. Tom Redman, who has been a ringer at this church for 47 years.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SWAIN Treble	ERNEST W. RILEY 4
*ALFRED G. GORDON 2	HAROLD FRADGLEY 5
HAROLD DOUGHTY 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal, at the age of 68. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor rung in the tower by a resident hand of Sunday service ringers. Rung to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Church, 1136-1936.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over)

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RESTORATION FUND GUARANTEED.

The appeal of the Provost and churchwardens of St. Philip's Cathedral Church, Birmingham, for funds for the repair of the bells in time for the Coronation has been assured of success. In a letter to the Press last week the Provost and wardens announce the promise of Sir Charles Hyde to make up the balance of subscriptions to the £2,000 needed, and they express the hope that the work may be completed before the Coronation.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. It was a real pleasure to visit this beautiful church in a charming suburb of the city of Liverpool. The bells of Woolton are equally beautiful, well in keeping with the church, and the going is very good. A representative gathering kept the bells going most of the afternoon and evening to many methods. The Rector of Woolton conducted the service in the church and the Vicar of Gateacre gave the address. The other clergy present were the president of the association (the Rev. A. Scott) and the Rev. J. A. Briggs, of Fazakerley.

The business meeting followed tea, with the Rector of Woolton presiding. The Rector extended a welcome on behalf of the branch to the president on the occasion of his first visit to the branch after his appointment. A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. J. A. Briggs, a member of the association, who has recently joined the staff of the parish of Fazakerley in Liverpool.

The sincere thanks of the branch were extended to Mr. Claude Davies for his hours of labour in making such a success of the annual dinner of the association.

Two new members were admitted.

The President expressed the thanks of the company to the Rector of Woolton for the use of the bells and for his welcome, and to all responsible for a happy and successful meeting.

LADIES' GUILD AT CANTERBURY.

NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE DINNER.

The only factor against an enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild at Canterbury was the weather, although even that did not stop a goodly number attending from far and wide. London sent strong support, and from the other extreme came two from Hastings.

St. Stephen's was the centre of the meeting, but some of the braver souls, under the guidance of Mr. B. Luck, visited the two six-bell towers which were also open, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphage.

A service was held at St. Stephen's, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Barnes). Being a service for ladies, the local ladies' choir and lady organist assisted him in this function. The Guild's new service forms were used.

Tea followed in the Parish Rooms, and was much appreciated. The party of 40 was joined by the Rector.

A message of goodwill and best wishes for an enjoyable meeting was delivered from Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who was sorry that he was unable to be present.

A short business meeting was then held, Mrs. Deal presiding.

Five practising members were elected, i.e., Miss D. Colegate (Sevenoaks, Kent), Miss N. Scopes (Enfield), Miss H. Snowden (Halestead, Essex), Mrs. G. Trendall (Pebmarsh, Essex) and Miss H. Oakshott (Hayes, Kent). One honorary member, Mrs. Shorter, of Walton-on-Thames, was also elected.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Broxbourne, Herts, on Saturday, January 2nd.

Mrs. Fletcher announced that the jubilee anniversary dinner of the Guild would be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 1937, also that the new badges were selling very well.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of St. Stephen's and the other incumbents for the use of the bells at the various churches, to the organist and choir (not forgetting the organ blower), and to the ladies who provided tea. A very hearty vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. B. Luck for all the trouble he had taken in his endeavour to make the meeting a success—including his visit to the railway station.

After the meeting great haste was made to the Cathedral, as the bells were available for only a limited time. Ringing there included rounds, Stedman Cinques, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Triples on the back eight, but about 8 p.m. a rope broke and so 'goodbye' was said to any further operations.

BISHOP'S VISIT.

On Sunday, November 15th, before morning service, on the occasion of the first visit to St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, of the Lord Bishop of Guildford, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Holden 1, W. Faulkner 2, J. Mills 3, W. Holden 4, G. Shotton 5, W. James (conductor) 6.

FOR BEGINNERS.

BACK TO STEDMAN DOUBLES.

What's wrong with Stedman Doubles that it finds very little place in peals? Stedman Triples is a popular method. Of the peals of Triples rung in the first nine months of this year, nearly 40 per cent. were Stedman. Of the peals of Doubles in the same period, only just over 11 per cent. included Stedman, while nearly 60 per cent. consisted of Grandsire only. That does not seem right to us, for it cannot all be due to the fact that many beginners start their peal ringing career with Grandsire Doubles. There must be some other reason. Is it that five-bell method ringers 'funk' it because it has no 'treble' as a guide?

One thing appears certain, that five-bell method ringers ought to give more attention to it. Stedman Doubles is worth ringing, especially as a variant from the plain methods, and should be studied by all those whose opportunities of ringing on higher numbers is limited. For it has this advantage, that when the opportunity comes to ring on a higher number of bells, there should be as little difficulty in ringing Stedman Triples as in going from Grandsire Doubles to Triples—assuming, of course, that Stedman on five bells has been properly mastered. We would like to encourage the ringing of Stedman by beginners.

It is not really a difficult method to learn, even though it has no treble to guide you. The most important thing is to memorise thoroughly the 'Slow' work.

As you know, the extent of changes on three bells is six and Stedman is constructed in groups consisting of six changes. The three bells in front ring these six changes, the others dodge. When the six changes have been completed one of the three bells moves away, and another takes its place.

The 'sixes' are formed in two ways, one being the reverse of the other, but for practical purposes all that the beginner need remember is that they are alternately 'slow' and 'quick.' The 'slow' six is a six into which a fresh bell enters the slow work, which detains it in front for five sixes; a 'quick' six is a six produced by a bell (called the 'quick' bell) running straight in to lead and out again, it being thus in front for that one six only.

The 'slow' work consists of two 'whole turns' (distinguished as 'first' and 'last'), in between which are two 'half turns' (distinguished also as 'first' and 'last'). A whole turn consists of a whole pull at lead, one blow in 2nd's place followed by another whole pull at lead. With only one blow in between them it follows that the whole pulls must be made in opposite ways; that is, if one is handstroke and backstroke, the other must be backstroke and handstroke, and vice versa.

A half turn consists of one blow at lead only—made in the same change as the whole-turn bell strikes one blow in 2nd's. Before, between and after each of these pieces of work 3rd's place is made, and the work occurs in this order, after leaving the dodging in 5-4 (down).

3rd's, first whole turn,
3rd's, first half turn.
3rd's, last half turn,
3rd's, last whole turn,
3rd's, (before dodging 4-5 up).

In the first whole turn lead at back and hand, make a blow in 2nd's, then lead at hand and back.

In the first half turn lead one blow at handstroke.

In the last half turn lead one blow at backstroke.

In the last whole turn lead at hand and back, make a blow in 2nd's and lead at back and hand.

These five sixes show the complete slow work by the 4th:—

	23145	34251	34512	41325	41253
Handstroke	32415	43521	43152	14235	14523
Backstroke	234	453	341	124	415
Handstroke	243	543	314	214	451
Backstroke	423	534	134	241	541
Handstroke	432	354	143	421	514
Backstroke	34251	34512	41325	41253	15432

The way in which a 'quick' bell comes in and out can be observed by examining the work of the 5th in the second column and of the 2nd in the fourth column. These are 'quick' sixes; the others are 'slow' sixes. Notice how, in a quick six, each bell leads a whole pull at hand and back, while a 'slow' six begins and ends with a half pull, causing the two intervening bells to lead at back and hand.

As each bell leaves the front it goes to 4-5, where it has a double dodge up, then it lies a whole pull behind and has a double dodge down. After that it goes into the work in front in 'the opposite way to which it came out.' In other words, if it was a slow bell last time, it returns as a quick bell; if it was quick last time it goes in slow next.

The full extent of 120 is produced by two singles, the first made in either of the first ten sixes and the second by the same two bells 60 changes later. The bell that is already behind, after lying its whole pull, strikes one blow in 4th's, has another whole pull behind

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BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE TAUNTON PROTEST.

The towers of St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton, concerning the ringing at which a protest has been made to the church authorities, are situated about 200 yards apart. We are informed that the agitation against the bells was initiated by a retired military officer who came to reside between the two towers about three years ago.

The St. James' band attempt a peal once in three months, and if the ringing exceeds two hours it is treated as if it were a peal, so far as attempts are concerned, and the three months is allowed to elapse before another attempt is made. The early ringing is done on the King's birthday and St. James' Day, when the bells start at 6.15 a.m. and ring for half an hour. The time is fixed to enable the men to get to their employment at 7 o'clock without 'losing time.'

SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Not knowing anything of the circumstances at Taunton in regard to the objections to ringing, one wonders if the many practices that are held are not often greater causes of annoyance than peals or service ringing. Especially may this be the case with Guild or combined practices.

Quite recently I have had pleasure and appreciation expressed to me on the occasions of ringing for a wedding and for a peal; and questions and obvious displeasure about the ringing at a subsequent combined practice.

The unavoidable bad striking, the constant stopping and starting, the clashing of the bells preceding a ragged finish as the bells are set, is, to my mind, far more likely to cause annoyance and give ground for objections than any well-struck peal. A brass band does not hold its practices in the High Street, and, if we are to make progress in our art and bring young ringers on, we must devise some means of making our practices, especially the long ones, less of a nuisance to those who are enforced listeners.

I venture to make some practical suggestions:—

- (1) Keep learners to lashed bells until they can ring rounds or call changes perfectly.
- (2) Make more use of handbells for learning new methods.
- (3) For Guild and combined practices avoid as far as possible towers in a thickly populated area.
- (4) Try and introduce a means of semi-silencing the bells as at present in use at a certain tower in London.

Wokingham.

W. J. PAICE.

A SUGGESTED 'ARRANGEMENT.'

Sir,—As one who commenced ringing at St. Mary's Church, Taunton, 40 years ago, I am naturally interested in reading in this week's 'Ringing World' the 'Taunton Residents' Protest' for restricting ringing on the bells at St. Mary's and St. James' Churches.

These two towers are practically within a stone's throw of one another, and the petition to restrict the ringing, in my opinion, is not altogether unreasonable, especially on the part of those residents in the vicinity of the two churches:

St. Mary's, 12 bells, tenor 30 cwt. in C.

St. James', 8 bells, tenor 20 cwt. in E flat (or E).

However good the striking, the disconcerting musical effect when these two peals of bells are ringing together can easily be illustrated by two handbell bands ringing at the same time Cinques or Maximus (tenor key C) and Triples or Major (with an E or E flat tenor). Even rounds is sufficient.

Here I would respectfully suggest that some arrangement be made by the two church authorities, in conjunction with the Ringing Master of each tower, whereby the bells, especially for Sunday service, would be rung alternately. Say St. James' in the morning and St. Mary's for the evening service, or vice versa. This I feel sure would avoid a great deal of annoyance.

Regarding peal ringing, the best arrangements where complaints are concerned is to fit silencers to the clappers, as is successfully done elsewhere in thickly populated districts, or brick up the louvers, etc., as you suggest in your leading article in this week's 'Ringing World.'

My Taunton friends will know I offer these suggestions in good faith and in these modern times they are worthy of consideration.

Birmingham.

ALBERT WALKER.

(Continued from previous column.)

strikes another blow in 4th's and then has yet another whole pull behind, following which it dodges in 5-4 (down).

The bell that comes up has one blow in 5th's, a whole pull in 4th's and another blow in 5th's. It then returns to the work in front. As a result of the single both bells go in the same way that they came out.

One other thing, if you are new to Stedman. It is this: The ordinary start of the method is not with the beginning of a 'six.' It begins like Grandsire, and a new six starts with the third change.

12345

21354

23145

32415

The continuation you will find in the figures given above.

THE SUGGESTED 'EDWARD' CORONATION PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to encroach upon your space in order to express my point of view concerning the suggested Edward peal at Westminster Abbey on Coronation Day next year.

Now, sir, since you approve of the proposal, I was dismayed to find you throwing cold water on it, and consider the attitude you adopted in last week's 'Ringing World' to be very regrettable and hardly worthy of your paper.

Apparently you have formed your opinion because of your 'knowing something of the difficulties which would have to be surmounted.' But I contend that even this knowledge is no excuse for letting the matter drop.

Now I assume that opposition to the suggestion will have only two sources, that of the regular Abbey ringers, and that of the authorities or the powers that be. And I am convinced that if the first of these is overcome, the other will automatically fall into line. Maybe this will not be so simple as it sounds, but 'difficulties are made to be overcome,' and I am as yet unconvinced that those which stand in the way of the proposal are insurmountable.

If, then, this reasoning is correct, the thing to do is to win over the opposition which may (I don't say that it will) come from the regular ringers.

I can imagine and sympathise with their perhaps jealous feelings in handing over the bells to a team of Edwards on such an important occasion. But if there is a general approval of the suggestion throughout the Exercise, and this, I think, can only be ascertained through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' then surely not even the jealous regard the regular ringers might have for their position will stand in the way of the peal being attempted.

In conclusion, may I be so bold as to suggest that a compromise could be effected by the Abbey ringers 'ringing them out' immediately after the service for, say, half an hour, and then to let the Edwards carry on?

EDWARD S. T. FARR.

Windsor.

NEW BAND'S PROGRESS.

At Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, before morning service, on Remembrance Sunday, November 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung with bells half-muffled and tenor covering: Ben Grice 1, George Fletcher 3, Percy Hindmarsh 4, Walter E. Fendall 5, Harry Wood 6, Gerald Swallow (conductor) 7, Eric Fletcher 8. This is a new band of young ringers recently formed. The ringers of treble and third have only been ringing a few months. It was the first 720 and first attempt for all except ringers of 5th and 7th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.**

The Devizes Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on November 7th. Representatives attended from Bratton, Bishop's Cannings, Bradford, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Rowde, Southbroom, N. Bradley, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warminster, and visitors were welcomed from Bath, Blagdon, Batheaston and Swindon.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Clarke) conducted the Guild office, Mr. Bowyer officiating as organist. Tea was served at the 17th century cafe, The Three Gables.

At the short meeting which followed, with Mr. E. F. White presiding, sympathetic reference was made to the loss Mr. W. Baxter, of Trowbridge tower, had sustained by the death of his son, and the secretary was asked to send a letter to him expressing the sympathy of the members.

Mr. E. Parker, now residing at Holt, was elected a ringing member of the Guild.

Holy Trinity tower, Bradford, put forward an application for a course of instruction in Stedman Triples, and it was decided to forward this to the hon. general secretary of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were expressed to those who had helped in the success of the meeting.

During the evening Christ Church bells were available, and ringing continued at both towers until 8.30.

Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The next meeting of the branch is due at Warminster on December 5th.

'BURTON' SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As you have already been informed that the method rung at West Wycombe on September 5th was Brighton, and not Burton, it only remains for me formally to rectify my report, which should read: Brighton Surprise Major, first in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

H. WINGROVE.

Dear Sir,—I offer Mr. Baker an apology for unwittingly infringing on his method 'Brighton Surprise,' and to the band whom I misled into calling it Burton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Hertford County Association and any other ringers who care to pay a visit to Hitchin to-morrow have the opportunity of ringing on a lovely eight. A meeting of the association is to be held there and particulars will be found in our notice columns.

The restoration of the bells at Eckington Church, near Sheffield, is to be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, seems to have an inexhaustible supply of 'new' peals of Treble Bob Major. One, heard for the first time, was rung on Saturday at Longwood, Yorks, but it was composed in March, 1882. Nearly 55 years between being composed and rung!

Among the associations and guilds represented at the College Youths' dinner on Saturday, in addition to the members of the society itself and of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association, were resident members of the following: Bath and Wells, Ely, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Guildford, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Llandaff and Monmouth, Middlesex, Midland Counties, North Staffs, Oxford, Peterborough, Salisbury, Scottish, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire.

A peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Poplar, was lost in the last course on Saturday through the clock weights crashing.

The popular hon. treasurer of the College Youths is well known for the large size in pipes which he favours. On Saturday he mounted one so big that he was mistaken for the official saxophone player of the society. No one offered him 'a pipeful o' baccy'—it would have been too expensive.

A peal by Bank officers was to have been attempted at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, but as one of the company, coming from a distance, missed his train, they were short of staff. Happily they were able to enlist the services of a Civil Servant on the spot, and the Middlesex Association gained another peal of Superlative and three new members. The rest of the company feel indebted to E. A. Barnett for standing in at a moment's notice.

The ringers who visited Australia two years ago will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Murray, wife of Mr. James Murray, of Melbourne. She died after only a short illness. Mr. Murray conducted the first peal in Australia, rung at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, in 1890, and nearly 45 years later took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Truly local! Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Chandler rang together in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lyonsall Parish Church, Herefordshire, on October 30th. At this church they were baptised, confirmed, married, learned to handle a bell and rang their first peal.

Mr. George Popnell has now left Tredegar Hospital, where he was detained for some weeks after an accident while crossing a mountain. He is still 'on crutches,' but his many friends will be glad to learn that he is making good progress.

George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, has won distinction. He is nearly 80 and on Saturday rang his first peal of Grandsire Cinques! W. H. Symonds, a member of the Hereford Cathedral band, took part in a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday—his first peal of Stedman, at the age of 72 years. At the age of 68, Joseph Swain, of South Normanton, has rung his first peal. Boys will be boys!

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Basingstoke, recorded in our last issue, was John Chesterman, not Chester as printed.

The ringing at Stratford-on-Avon, recorded last week as for the 50th anniversary of the Vicar's 'induction,' was for the jubilee of his 'ordination.' Canon Melville was appointed Vicar in 1908.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The authorities at Bowden are considering bricking up the louvres. At present the sills are about 3ft. below the smallest bells when raised. Can any reader with similar experience offer suggestions, particularly as to the height necessary? Roughly the louvres are 8ft. wide and 12ft. high, space from frame to roof of tower about 24ft.

D. VINCENT.
6, Stanway Drive, Hale, Cheshire.

A YORKSHIRE VETERAN.

FIRST YORKSHIRE RINGER TO SCORE 400 PEALS.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Queensbury, Yorks, on Saturday, rung for the marriage of Mr. Harry Wilde, a member of the local company, and Miss Marjory A. Newsome, was also notable for the fact that it enabled Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford ('Joe' to his conferees), to achieve a long cherished ambition of his very eventful ringing career, to be the first Yorkshire ringer to ring 400 peals. These are made up of 398 for the Yorkshire Association, one for the Lancashire Association and one for the Shropshire Association.

In spite of his advancing years, Joe rang his bell like a young man and was heartily congratulated by the band on his performance. Although he does not compare with some other stalwarts of the Exercise as regards the number of peals, his total represents a long period of hard toil, and many are the ringers who have been encouraged by his very cheerful word of advice.

In conversation with him after the peal, he said he has never failed to be a subscriber to the weekly ringing paper since one was first published some 55 years ago. Long may he be spared to enjoy the rest he so well deserves.

W. A.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CELEBRATION OF THE 299th ANNIVERSARY.

Twenty-Four Guilds and Associations Represented.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and ringing friends from many parts of the country gathered in London in large numbers on Saturday for the 299th anniversary dinner of the society. Ringing took place at several city churches during the afternoon, and, following the custom of recent years, a service was held at the Church of St. Michael, College Hill. It was at a church (destroyed in the Great Fire) which stood near this site that the first College Youths used to practise.

The church was filled, and the service, which was delayed a quarter of an hour, had to be somewhat curtailed. The Rector (Canon Douglas) officiated, and the address was given by the Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate. He spoke from the words,



MR. E. P. DUFFIELD,
The Retiring Master, Who Presided.

'I will awake the dawn,' Psalm cviii., 2 (R.V.). He said he had asked Canon Coleridge if he would give him some suggestions for the address, and the Canon had given him two cautions. The first was, 'If you don't know anything about bellringing, don't say anything about it,' and the other was, 'Mind you are short.' The speaker went on to speak of the effect of bells at the Armistice and on other public occasions. On the eighth bell at Cripplegate Church, he said, was the inscription, 'Peace and good neighbourhood.' That was a message which they needed more than ever to give the world to-day. They needed to practise them in their own lives and they were the things that men and nations needed.

At the close of the service, in which the hymns, 'O God, our help' and 'All people that on earth do dwell,' were heartily sung, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells in the chancel by J. Thomas, E. H. Lewis, T. Groombridge, jun., and W. A. Cave.

THE DINNER.

Afterwards a company numbering nearly 250 dined together in the Queen's Room of the London Tavern, with an overflow in the ante-room. It was one of the largest gatherings of the long series.

The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), who was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), the Rev. R. French,

M.C. (Rector of Stepney), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Master-Elect of the College Youths), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. G. Turner (Vicar of Cripplegate), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Capt. H. J. Cann (Brookwood), Canon Douglas (St. Michael's, College Hill), the Rev. G. A. Ellison (Sherborne), the Rev. J. Wall (Cornhill), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. W. E. Troke, Mr. H. Tanner (Dean's verger, St. Paul's Cathedral), etc.

Mr. E. A. Young was in the vice-chair, and among those also present were the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the society), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. L. Porter (Junior Steward), Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. H. R. Newton (Trustees). Other old members who attended were Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. J. C. Mitchell, each with a membership of over half a century.

The visitors from outside the London area included Messrs. A. Thompson (hon. secretary, North Staffs Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. Corbett (hon. treasurer, Guildford Diocesan Guild), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), S. Palmer (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian, Central Council), S. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex Association), F. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association), J. A. Trollope (vice-president, Middlesex Association), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. A. J. Wright (Reading), and others from Wrington, Bristol, Reigate, Crayford, Dartford, Chislehurst, Woodford, Guildford, Croydon, Beddington, Brasted, Kettering, Mells, Yeovil, Wilbersey, Poole, Broxbourne, Manchester, Bolton, Ipswich, Reading (St. Laurence's and St. Mary's), Bushey, Enfield, Great Bentley, Hitchin, Cambridge, Eye, Windsor, Thame, Newcastle (Staffs), Sheffield, Derry, Loughborough, Swindon, Caversham, Banstead, St. Albans, Leatherhead, Heston, Wootton Bassett, etc. The London towers, represented by large contingents, included St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Southwark Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry, Ealing, Walthamstow, Barking, Lewisham, etc.

During dinner the Master 'took wine' with the senior past Master (Mr. F. E. Dawe), and with three generations of College Youths, Messrs. T. Groombridge, T. Groombridge, jun., and P. Groombridge (father, son and grandson), who were present. After the repast the loyal toast was drunk and the National Anthem sung.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRICENTENARY.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and remarked succinctly, 'No Church, no Ancient Society.' When twelve months ago they assembled on a similar occasion, he said, they had fresh in their minds the part they, as ringers, had played in celebrating the Royal Jubilee. Within about two months of their gathering they were playing a totally opposite part; they had to perform the sad office of associating themselves with the passing of a beloved monarch. Just as they rose to the occasion in 1935, so they did in 1936, and they were looking forward to playing their part again in 1937 (hear, hear). Another thing which would be exercising their minds, and especially the minds of their officers, during the coming year would be the fit ways and means of celebrating a great event in the life of that Ancient Society. It might interest them to know that already a committee of four had been appointed, whose job it was to consider the manner in which the tercentenary should be celebrated and to make such recommendations as they might think necessary. They would thus see that they were not allowing Time to defeat them in making such preparations as would be adequate to the occasion. They had not forgotten the invitation that was thrown out to them—it was virtually an invitation—two years ago by the Archdeacon of London (to hold a service in St. Paul's Cathedral).

Proceeding, the Master apologised for what he described as 'an unfortunate happening' that afternoon, when, owing to the failure to keep an undertaking by the custodians of the society's property, the regalia and the mace were not available for use at the service, and the service itself was delayed for the service books. This created a good many little difficulties, and he apologised to the Rector of St. Michael's that this not only caused delay in the commencement of the service, but also threw it out of gear. He assured him, however, that it was no fault of the society.

What is the Church? asked the Master, turning more particularly to the toast. He was prepared to recognise that when they proposed that toast they thought of the body ecclesiastic, and they were very pleased to see that body so well represented there by so many influential members of the Church (applause). He could not, however, resist the urge to regard it from a wider viewpoint. One way in which he looked upon the Church was as the guardian of religion. What was religion? He would say religion was a belief in a Higher Authority, which Authority must guide their every course of action and relationship, whether political, social or moral, whether national

or international, so that they came back very nearly to the point where they brought in, as was customary on many such occasions, 'Church and State.' He suggested that if they had a Church which had no 'truck' with the State there was something wrong with the Church, and yet whilst the Church must bring its influence to bear on the affairs of the State—if it did not he thought it was sadly failing—the Church must not be responsible to the State for the conduct of its affairs, and he hoped the day would never come when the State would be allowed to have a voice in guiding the conscience of the Church (applause). They saw to-day totalitarian States where the Church was not its own master; its conscience was controlled by the State; its aims, its allegiances, were subordinated to the ambitions not of a democracy, but of a caucus. A Church such as that was a sham and a mockery; indeed, it was worse than no Church at all, because a Church that did not stand firm on questions of principle would be decidedly harmful. While it gave the impression that it was loyal to its allegiances and principles it was in reality merely the mouthpiece of a kind of propaganda department of the State. He was sure they all hoped that such a state of things would never come to this country of ours (applause). Indeed, they hoped that the time would soon come when these nations would be brought to realise the madness of the policy into which they had allowed themselves to be driven.

In coupling with the toast the name of Canon Perkins, the Master said he was much in their minds on account of his connection with the great Abbey of Westminster. He had not got a peal of twelve bells there, which they thought a church of the importance of Westminster Abbey should have. Perhaps as time went on Canon Perkins would remedy that little defect (laughter and applause).

'UPLIFT' OF THE BELLS.

Canon Perkins said as he went about the country—and his life took him up and down the country a good deal—one of his happiest experiences was to see the way in which the old historical Church of our land was appreciated. Coming from the Abbey—he had heard of other buildings called Abbeys, but he only knew 'The Abbey' (laughter and applause)—he supposed they would expect him to tell them of the plans and projects for the Coronation. He couldn't. Not being the Dean—he had not had proper justice done to him (laughter)—he had to preserve the character, more or less, of an oyster, but he could assure them when May 12th came, although they had not got the twelve bells which the Master hinted they desired, their poor little ring of eight bells would succeed in doing ample justice to the Coronation of King Edward VIII. (applause).

Proceeding, Canon Perkins expressed gratitude to those present for all they were doing for the cause of religion and the spiritual uplift of the country by their work upon the bells. He was brought up as a child at St. Paul's, Redford, he said, and in his boyish way used to take an interest in the eight bells there. As the years had gone on, he had come to realise the wonderful spiritual message the church bells of old England had. Last April it was his privilege to take part in a most memorable service at the ancient foundry in Whitechapel, when eight bells, the replica of the bells of the Abbey, which he loved so dearly, were sent out 6,000 miles away to Victoria in British Columbia. He had been behind the business from the first, for he was closely connected with the Canadian Church, and he assured them that the message of those bells in Victoria Cathedral had been something they had no idea of here in England. Of course, there had been accounts in the Press, and they had probably read the very good account which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' but he had had more information than that. People out there had heard those bells who had heard nothing like it for 40 or 50 years, and had walked up and down the street in Victoria literally crying with joy. Those bells which Mears and Stainbank had turned out so splendidly were going to be a very great spiritual uplift to that community (applause). He thanked Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and he thanked all of them who were engaged in the work as ringers. He hoped they would continue for many a long year up and down the country in this Ringing Isle to deliver the message of the bells—that wondrous message of uplift to the whole community (applause).

ADVICE TO YOUNG RINGERS.

Canon Coleridge, who was received with cheers, in proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' thanked the members for their extremely warm greeting. What struck him more than anything else in the present day, he said, was the tremendous advance there had been in the art of change ringing, in the methods which were rung and in the comparatively new system of ringing spliced methods. He did not forget an occasion, more than 50 years ago, when he met certain College Youths after a practice at Southwark. Most of them were eating tripe and onions (laughter). He met several notable men, and one of them was Murray Hayes. He asked Hayes to tell him what he considered was a ringer at the top of the tree. Hayes replied that it was the ringer who could ring that highest and best of all methods, Stedman Cinques, and ring it properly. 'No man could wish to go any further than that,' Hayes said. He (Canon Coleridge) did not know what Hayes would say if he could have been there that night. Things had changed and they had men who could do most wonderful things, as they were to see a little later in the handbell ringing. Why was that? Because those who so excelled in ringing difficult methods had a right grounding and a right foundation. He wished every young ringer would read and study those most

admirable articles for beginners, which had been appearing every week for some months past, in 'The Ringing World.' If they would only apply themselves and put their whole heart into it, he was certain they would see an immense advance in the practice of the art (hear, hear). It was a most thankless task teaching youngsters, especially in the country, continued Canon Coleridge. He recently received a letter from a brother clergyman, who was working very hard indeed in instructing six-bell ringers round about him. In writing, he said, 'You live in a totally different ringing world to what I do. You associate yourself with men who can ring all sorts of methods, such as Cambridge Royal, and who actually talk about course-ends, and so on. That is your world.' 'It isn't, a bit, as a matter of fact,' commented Canon Coleridge, amid laughter. 'My world,' the writer added, 'is totally different. All I can do is to get them to see that there is a certain method called Grandsire Doubles and they think there is nothing to go for further than that. When they have rung 120 of Doubles they think they are at the top of the tree, and it is a very difficult job to teach them even that.'

Canon Coleridge recalled an incident which recently happened in a country village which he well knows and where Samuel Taylor Coleridge, philosopher and poet, once lived. To the church on the previous Sunday week came an old man, between 75 and 80 years of age, from the next village in order to ring. They put him to ring the tenor. He was rather blind and couldn't read the figures and soon got at sea. One of the ringers called out, 'Here, Bill, you be after me.' 'No I bain't,' he said, 'no I bain't. I knows where I ought to be, but I bain't there' (laughter). There is something good in confessing a fault like that, said Canon Coleridge. It was difficult in the country, but if they could get ringers to read that book by Mr. Dyke, which the Central Council published, and also that wonderful set of articles in 'The Ringing World,' they would get better ringing in every place in England. He hoped the day would come when those articles would appear in book form.

Referring to the demolition of the Church House, Westminster, and particularly to the pulling down of the great hall of the building, to make way for new premises, Canon Coleridge said he never thought that that house would come down so soon. It was less than 50 years ago that they, as young curates, were asked for contributions to build the hall in memory of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. It took many shillings out of their pockets to do it and he never thought a memorial of that kind would disappear so quickly. The whole face of London was changing, and perhaps it was fortunate that the College Youths had not got a Company Hall, otherwise the hand of the destroyer might be upon it. Next year they were keeping their three hundredth anniversary, and those responsible for the arrangements would have a tremendous work to do in getting a place which would accommodate all who would like to come. They would want a bigger church than St. Michael's and a bigger hall to dine in. He wished the Master, the stewards, the secretary and everybody else responsible, success in their efforts, and he wished the society prosperity and every individual member every happiness and blessing. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Cockerill, who was, he said, ever young, and not like an ancient building likely to fall down (laughter and applause).

Mr. Cockerill's health was drunk with musical honours. Following this came the 'exhibition piece' of the evening. The talented handbell band from Bushey rang a touch in five Surprise methods—London, Superlative, Bristol, Ealing and Cambridge. The large audience listened spellbound. After a short false start, the touch was rung in perfect style without a semblance of a trip; indeed, without a noticeable mis-blow. The rhythm was perfect and the pace fast. Timed over one half-minute, the ringing was at the rate of 40 changes a minute. The method changed at every lead, bobs were sprinkled about the touch, but from method to method the bells went as cleanly as if they had been consecutive leads of Bob Major. It was a wonderful exhibition, given, be it remembered, under strained conditions in the presence of a critical audience. Loud cheers greeted the successful conclusion of the touch, which had been rung in the tenseness of an almost breathless hush. The ringers were Henry Hodgetts 1-2, Christopher W. Woolley 3-4, Harold G. Cashmore (conductor) 5-6, Frederick W. Brinklow 7-8.

The following is the touch, which consisted of 352 changes:—

23456		M	W	H
32654	L.B.S.L.B.	2	2	
65324	E.C.E.		1	1
23456	L.C.E.	1	1	

THE PAST YEAR.

Mr. Cockerill was cordially received on rising to reply to the toast of the society. He said letters of apology for absence had been received from the Very Rev. Dr. Matthews, the Revs. Canons Haldane, Sheppard, Alexander and Mozley, the Archdeacon of London, the Rectors of St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) and Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who was 82 and whose health would not allow him to be with them that night. Alderman Pritchett was probably their senior member. They had, continued Mr. Cockerill, to remember 14 members who had passed away since their last annual dinner.

While the company stood in silence, Mr. Cockerill read the following names: Arthur G. Ellis, John Avis, Edward E. Richards, the Rev. Charles A. Clements, the Rev. B. E. Tyrwhitt-Drake, William Davis, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, John W. Rowbotham, Thomas Benney, John Howes, Charles J. Choct, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Henry S. Ellis and Alfred Tarbun, sen.

Continuing, the Hon. Secretary said that during the year 32 new members had been elected and 75 meetings for practice had been held. Seventeen peals had been rung as follows: On tower bells, Stedman Triples 2, Caters 4, Cinques 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 1, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1, Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1. The spliced peals were conducted by Mr. Wilfred Williams. On handbells there had been one peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, rung by the highly talented band who were with them that night (applause). Mr. Cockerill concluded by asking the members to join with him in wishing Canon Coleridge 'many happy returns' of his birthday, which he had celebrated on the previous Tuesday (applause).

Mr. W. Roughton, in proposing 'The Visitors,' suggested that the title of the toast should be either 'Our Guests' or 'Our Friends.' 'A man,' he quoted, 'should keep his friendships in constant repair.' They had friends with them who came to them constantly, and that was one of the nights on which they hoped to repair those friendships; they also hoped to make new friends. Mr. Roughton had a happy word to say about each of the clerical guests who was present, and he added that the visitors that night had seen the College Youths as they were and they had heard the most perfect handbell ringing in the world. He hoped it would result in their taking a good deal more interest in the ringing at their various churches than they had ever done before. It had been a joy to him and he was sure it had been a joy to every ringer. There were no men in the world who had ever been able to do it except these four, and they were all members of the Ancient Society (applause). Those visitors who would like to know more about the society he asked to look at the ancient records which were displayed in the ante-room. They contained the history of the society and were very worth while looking at.

CHANGE RINGING AND CHARACTER.

The Rev. G. A. Ellison, son of the Rector of Cornhill, replied to the toast. Many people, he said, would be surprised that a great society like that, containing so many experts in the art of change ringing, should entertain and ask to speak to them such a very raw beginner in the art as he was. But he must say, for his own part, he was not surprised, because their action was only typical of the kindness and thought which he had received from all bellringers since he started taking an interest in the art just a year ago. Heaven alone knew, he had given ringers enough provocation during the last year (laughter). But despite all his thickheadedness and foolishness he had received nothing but kindness from his fellow-ringers, and he would like to think his presence there that night was symbolic of the fellowship of the bells which united the most experienced with the most inexperienced in one family (hear, hear). He brought to them, continued the speaker, greetings, first from his fellow-ringers at Sherborne, who would be glad to extend the hand of hospitality to them in the tower of Sherborne Abbey, and from his father, the Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, who regretted very much that he was unable to be present. He (the speaker) personally regretted it, because there were not many things he could do better than his father, but if his father had been there, he (the speaker) would have been able to remind him that, whereas when he was a curate at St. Mary Abbot's he attained only to the heights of call changes, he could struggle through a plain course of Grand sire Triples (laughter and applause).

Continuing, Mr. Ellison said he hoped they would not think him impertinent if he made an appeal to them to do as much as they could to interest boys and young men in the art of change ringing (hear, hear). 'I have had a very small experience of parish life,' proceeded the speaker, 'but of one thing I am certain, that one of the great dangers to character to-day is that people are losing the art of amusing themselves (hear, hear). If they have a leisure hour they want to see what is being done for them, on the wireless or in the cinema. I believe that the discipline of change ringing, the thoroughness which it inculcates in the people who practise it, and the team spirit which pervades the whole of the art, are things which are necessary to character and are necessary to all our young people to-day (hear, hear, and applause). I believe, whenever you can persuade a young man to learn this great art, which I, for one year, have been practising with the greatest joy in the world, you will be doing a very great service to the youth of the country, as well as preserving this great native art for the future' (applause).

In proposing 'Kindred Societies,' the Vice-Chairman said he did so by virtue of the fact that he was the immediate Past Master of the Society. He liked to think that these toasts had come down to them from the early days of the society and that, as he stood there as vice-chairman, many of his predecessors had also stood there and voiced the same sentiments. Immediately in front of them they had their tercentenary, and, looking back down the centuries, they must be thankful to those who had steered the society through the shoals and rocks with such skilful hands. He liked to think that their founder, Lord Brevelon, sitting, perhaps, somewhere near where they were assembled, had said to his friend, Sir Clifford Clifton, 'Now, Cliff, we must have a feast, we must get out a programme. I will

propose a toast to His Majesty, Charles I., and the State and Church, and I think you, Cliff, should toast the ringing brethren.' He did not suppose they would call them 'kindred societies' in those days, but he was sure they would always remember their ringing friends, despite those little difficulties which all societies must have. But difficulties were the salt of a society, said Mr. Young, so long as they were met by opposite forces and a sense of brotherhood. Thus they met that night and sent out their greetings to kindred societies. It would be difficult to say how many societies were represented there that evening, but they felt with them in the aspirations and struggles and joined in wishing them the best of luck, joy and success (applause). There were very few societies older than their own, but they thought that night of all the little village societies and of those great guilds and associations which were linked together under the Parliament of Ringers, the Central Council. They were fortunate that in their Senior Steward and Master-Elect, Mr. Lewis, they had the President of the Council (applause). It was a great honour to them to have him as a member and an officer of their society (applause).

OTHER PEBBLES ON THE BEACH.

Mr. Lewis, in acknowledging the toast, said that in that day's issue of 'The Times,' at the bottom of the ecclesiastical news, it was announced that 'the Ancient Society of College Youths, the association of bellringers, will hold a service at St. Michael's, when handbells will be rung.' No doubt some members of the society believed everything they saw in print, and, if so, they now knew that the Ancient Society was the association of bellringers. At the same time, by their kindness in honouring that toast, the society did realise that there were a few other pebbles on the beach (laughter), that there were one or two other societies up and down the country, and on behalf of those societies he thanked them for having honoured the toast. He could not say he actually represented every ringing society or association in the country, but he did represent nearly the whole of the larger associations. The number was somewhere about 50, affiliated to the Central Council, and he understood that 24 of them were represented in that room (applause). He noticed that there were representatives from the far ends of the country. From the west they had a representative who could teach them how to handle a rope, even with one hand when the needs of nature demanded it (laughter), and there was someone there from Wales. They had also got a representative of the Scottish Association, who, as far as he knew, was the only change ringer who, to use a good old Scottish term, was a 'residenter' in the county of Argyll. He thanked the College Youths for the welcome they extended to kindred societies year by year, and he would like to thank them particularly this year for the wonderful example of handbell ringing they had given them. He thought it ought to be a lesson to the country members. A fortnight ago, speaking at Liverpool, he pleaded for a much greater use of handbells, because he believed it was fairly easy for a band to attain a moderate degree of striking on handbells, and, having got that, to have something to aim at in the tower. He hoped the country members would go home with that marvellous rhythm in their ears. Apart from the intricacy of the methods, the rhythm was about as perfect as it could be (applause). He hoped it would encourage others to do something like it and apply rhythm to the tower bells (applause).

Mr. L. Porter submitted 'The Press,' which, he said, had everything in its power to 'make us or break us.' He appealed to the national and local Press, in dealing with things relating to ringing, to be guided by the technique which they could obtain from ringers so that their reports of ringers' achievements might be accurate. With regard to their own ringing paper, they were all agreed, he said, that such a journal was necessary in the interests and progress of the art. He appealed to the Editor to give them what they wanted, and he was certain that ringers would not only subscribe to the paper, but do all they could to encourage others to do the same. He appealed to ringers, whatever their views, to give the ringing paper that support which had been asked for times out of number.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in replying, spoke of the excellent 'press' which ringing was now receiving generally. Referring to the proposer's appeal to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to give ringers what they wanted, he said he was always ready to do that if ringers themselves really knew what they wanted. The trouble, so far as he was concerned, was that nearly everybody who wrote to him on the subject wanted something different (laughter), and the Editor could only use his discretion and give the readers that which he believed would interest the greatest number (hear, hear).

The proceedings ended with Auld Lang Syne sung with linked hands. The musical programme included two songs by Mr. Reginald Johnson, 'Ol' Man River' and 'I travel the road,' and handbell solos by Mrs. Hughes, rendered in her inimitable style. Her first item was 'Serenade,' a very delightful piece, written specially for her handbells by Mr. F. G. Haskins, organist of Chingford Parish Church, and publicly performed for the first time. Mrs. Hughes followed this with 'If I might come to you' (W. H. Squire), and, as an encore, played the ever popular 'Land of hope and glory.' Afterwards Mrs. Hughes was presented with a bouquet by the Master, who spoke of the appreciation they had of what Mrs. Hughes did for their entertainment year after year. Mrs. Hughes graciously acknowledged the gift. The accompanist was Miss Olive Peake.

The election of officers for the tercentenary year takes place next Tuesday.

RESTORATION IN BRISTOL

CLIFTON BELLS REOPENED AFTER LONG SILENCE.

The eight bells of Clifton Parish Church have been restored. They were rededicated by the Ven. W. Welchman (Archdeacon of Bristol) in the presence of a large congregation.

During the service, immediately after the rededication ceremony, the bells were heard again, after a silence of eight years, rounds and 'Queen's' being rung by the local band. The bells were rung again after the service for about half an hour, the opening touch being three courses of Stedman Triples by the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: P. G. Leaker 1, E. Guise 2, J. Thomas 3, P. C. Williams 4, J. A. Burford 5, H. W. Knight 6, S. H. Wood 7, H. S. Gregory 8.

Refreshments were served in the Parish Hall afterwards, and tributes paid to Mr. H. S. Gregory for his work in connection with the restoration scheme and the formation of a young band to ring the bells, also to Messrs. Menzies and Stainbank (who were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes) and Mr. J. Thomas for the excellent way in which the work had been carried out.

The existing oak frame has been strengthened, the tenor (weighing 13 cwt.) recast, and the whole peal retuned and rehung on ball bearings. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired and everyone is most pleased with their improved tone.

A local band of communicant members of the congregation has been formed under the captaincy of Mr. H. S. Gregory, with Mr. Stephen H. Wood as instructor.

The bells have been rung regularly for the Sunday services since the reopening, and a start has now been made with change ringing. It is almost 21 years since the bells were last rung for the Sunday morning service.

TWO GUILDS AT BINSTED

A joint quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and Ladies' Guild (Southern District) was held at Binsted on Saturday, November 7th, when, in spite of a very stormy day and an awkward locality to reach, 22 members were present, representing Aldershot, Blackmoor, Binsted, Petersfield, Seale, Soberton, Worplesdon and two unattached. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon and later in the evening, the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Guild's service was held in church, at which the Vicar of Binsted (the Rev. F. A. W. Wilkinson) officiated, and gave an interesting and somewhat amusing address. Tea was provided in the Parish Institute, where the party was very cordially welcomed by Mrs. L. Ogilvy, of Binsted Wyck.

After tea the business meeting of the two districts took place. In the absence of the Alton and Petersfield District's chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) owing to illness, the Vicar of Binsted kindly took the chair.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. E. Bassett) expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of Miss H. F. Mills (ladies' secretary), also due to illness.

The next meeting of the Southern District (Ladies' Guild) was fixed for Shalford.

Mr. W. G. Lawrence (Froyle), Mr. E. Smith and Mr. J. Perris (Petersfield) were elected ringing members, and Mr. R. G. Cross (Long Sutton) an unattached member of the Winchester Guild.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded and ringing was then resumed.

DATE TOUCHES OF MINOR.

Little Bob Minor is useful for obtaining lengths of Minor, which are divisible by eight, but not by twelve. Thus a 720 of Plain Bob can be reduced to 496 by ringing one lead of Little Bob in place of the three middle leads of Plain Bob in eight out of the twelve courses:

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45632 *	36425
— 45326	62354
	25643
— 45263	— 25436
32645 *	
24356	— 25364
	56243
— 24563	64532
35624 *	43625
— 35246	32456
— 35462	
24635 *	Repeated
43256	

Produced by ringing one lead of Little Bob. The number of changes for this year is obtained by adding this to two complete 720's.

The date touch was rung on Martinmas Day, at St. Martin's Church, Brasted, Kent, and consisted of 496 Plain and Little Bob spliced, 720 St. Clement's Bob and 720 Oxford Bob: G. W. Davey 1, Miss D. Colegate 2, A. Barker 3, C. W. Towner 4, P. W. Budgen 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6.

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LATE NOTICE.—HITCHIN TO-MORROW, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.15. Short service 6.30. Everyone welcome. Learners encouraged. 'Rounds to Surprise.' A lovely eight, so don't be late! —Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwt.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers will be made welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, Nov. 21st (NOT Nov. 14th as originally fixed). Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nominations for district officers 1937 must be made at this meeting. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, instead of Leigh, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The bells will be available at 2.45. Tea will be arranged. —A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good turn up is requested. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. —S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. St. Peter Mancroft bells available 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael at Coslany from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s., at The Curat House at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, November 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. W. Wilde, 28, Holland Street, Denton.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

THE PLACE—BUSHEY HEATH.—The date, Saturday, November 21st. The time, 3.30 till 6. Tea, 6; meeting after. 7.15 till 8.30, Oxhey. The association, Herts. Nearest station, Bushey. Coaches from and to London stop near church.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swithland on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Usual service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., Rhodene, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale to-morrow, Saturday, November 21st. The tower will be open at 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to members and friends to attend.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, November 21st. Usual arrangements. On Bristol bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The diocesan collection will be presented at the Cathedral on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready at 6.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KIRBYMOORSIDE, Nr. York.—The ring of 6 bells which has been recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Whitby on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 5.30 p.m.

BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.—Practice night has been changed to Thursday, commencing November 26th. Help of visiting ringers appreciated.

RUSHDEN CHURCH, HERTS.—The ring of five (tenor 6½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of St. Albans on Friday, November 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the School at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible, and not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D., Vicar of Otterton. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 23rd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley Branch.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers will be very welcome.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Nominations for district officers will be required at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 28th, at St. Giles', Oxford. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All those requiring tea (1s. per head) please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Miss M. Reynolds, Dis. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. each). Meeting in the School Room at 6 o'clock. The Rev. A. Scott will conduct the service. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Colley, 14, Ashbourne Road, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Herne on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, free, by kind invitation of Herne ringers. If you are coming, please send your names in to Mr. C. Hadlow, Hicks Forstal Farm, Sturry, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Pye Street, Bishops Stortford.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.—The ring of 10 (tenor 23 cwt.) has been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice has been arranged at Drayton (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting at Seale on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Jubilee Room, 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, November 28th. Begin 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon Kieth, R.D. Tea in the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting. The bells at Corfe Mullen will be available from 2.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to W. Claydon, Hon. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than November 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, November 28th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. For tea, please notify not later than Tuesday, November 24th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 28th. Bells from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in the National School 5.30, free. Please send card before the 25th. All ringers welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at New Alresford, Hants, on Saturday, November 28th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea at 4.30. No charge will be made. All welcome. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting will be held at Halvergate (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3 p.m. Nearest station, Reedham. Please send names or numbers for tea.—G. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea must send in their names to Miss Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds, 6, by November 26th. Business meetings following tea.—E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by November 23rd?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The bells at the Cathedral will be open after the meeting. Will you please let me have the numbers for tea by Wednesday, November 25th, so that adequate arrangements may be made?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting to be held at Olveston on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Coalpit Heath on Monday, November 23rd, at 7.15 p.m. Annual meeting of above branch to be held at Warmley, December 19th.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, November 25th?—E. J. Butler, Div. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH, IPSWICH.—A new peal board with eight panels will be dedicated and unveiled by the president of the Central Council (E. H. Lewis, Esq.) on Saturday, November 28th, at 4.30 p.m. St. Margaret's (8) and St. Matthew's (6) bells will also be available.—G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, December 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Institute at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, December 5th (not the 12th as originally fixed). Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Mary Wallis Hall. Nominations of district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by December 3rd.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Measham on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea in Church Room, followed by meeting. Will all members and visitors requiring tea kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 2nd? All ringers heartily welcomed. Let us have a good finish to 1936.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Buller Hall, free to members. Bands and visitors please notify me by November 30th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by December 1st certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at ninepence each for all those who notify directly Mr. A. J. Hubbie, 3, Mark Road, Wednesbury, not later than Tuesday, December 1st, and not to myself.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (free), in the Schoolroom. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 1st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tower open after 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Surprise practices at the R.C. Church will be discontinued after December 10th until further notice.—R. Lathbury, Castle Street, Cambridge. Phone 4494.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall, by kind invitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m. Applications for tea tickets to be received not later than Monday, December 7th, by Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon. Will those accepting invitation to tea say whether or not they are able to attend the social?

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Special method, Cambridge Court Bob. Meat tea, 1s. each to members, at Express Dairy, High Street, at 5 o'clock. Please advise me, without fail, by December 3rd. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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