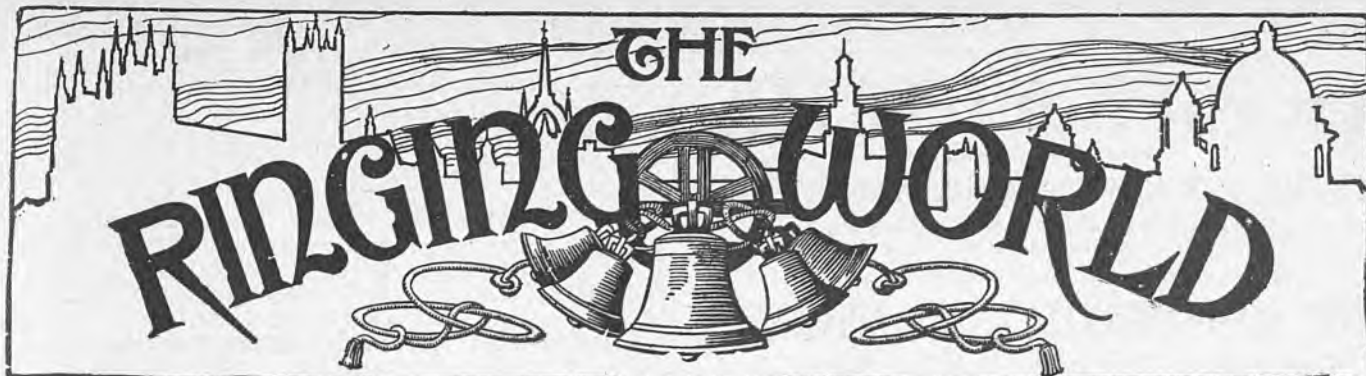


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A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

The formation of a National Guild of Ringers, which was advocated at a recent meeting of three associations at Kingston, is no new proposal, but it has never yet met with any wide acceptance. Fifty years ago it was discussed in influential quarters and indirectly produced the Central Council. At intervals since that time a national association has found advocates, but there has never been any serious effort made to organise a guild upon such a widespread basis. Nor do we think in these days it would meet with any general support. There are, of course, arguments that can be put in favour of a national association, otherwise supporters of the scheme would have no ground for the project, but we think there are many more reasons for favouring the present system, which has grown up out of the experience of years. There is little that a national association could do that cannot already be done, and done at least as effectively.

We think it is very doubtful if a national association could create or maintain the same interest in the art of ringing or give it the place it now occupies in connection with the Church, as do the diocesan guilds and the county associations. It is admitted that there are already difficulties in interesting the individual ringer in the existing organisations which are more or less decentralised; it would be infinitely more difficult to retain his interest in an organisation in whose welfare he would feel much more remotely concerned, and in whose affairs he could have so little voice. A territorial or diocesan organisation provides a kind of local connection for the ringer which would be almost entirely absent if it had a national basis. We think it would loosen rather than strengthen the ties which now exist among ringers, and we doubt if a national association would ever be strong enough to represent ringers in the same numbers that the Central Council can now do, and its voice would therefore be no more authoritative than that of the Council.

The one advantage which a national association would provide would be its avoidance of that overlapping which now exists in some areas, although this seems, in these days, to present few difficulties. If the country could be parcelled out so that no ringing organisation overlapped its neighbour, a certain amount of organisation would probably be saved; and a small individual gain might be the saving to some ringers of a subscription to another society when visiting a new area for a peal. The true test, however, of whether a national society would be likely to be a success is whether there is any desire for it. Up to the present such a proposal has never got beyond the stage of suggestion; and we think ringers would re-

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in 1 three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*THOMAS F. KING 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR 8
†WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	JAMES H. SHEPPARD 10
FRANK BENNETT 5	*GILBERT H. HARDING 11
WILLIAM A. CAVE 6	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Treble Twelve. First
peal of Treble Twelve in the county and by the Guild.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	RALPH COLES 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 9
WILLIAM WELLING 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 10
WALTER F. JUDGE 5	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 11
EDWARD R. COLES 6	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLES
Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new clinic by H.R.H.
the Princess Royal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 6
*FRED HAYES 2	†PERCY NEWTON 7
*RALPH COLES 3	†HARRY WINGROVE 8
†WILLIAM HENLEY 4	†F. DONALD BOREHAM 9
†LEONARD STILWELL 5	*EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on
ten bells. First peal of Royal in Bucks.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

E. RALPH MACKRILL Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 6
ERNEST J. KING 2	JOHN G. NASH 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES 3	ROY K. MOWFORTH 8
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 4	*F. DONALD BOREHAM 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

GEORGE MARRINER 1	treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2		*JOHN W. EUSTON 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3		DANIEL D. COOPER 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4		WILLIAM T. BEESON 9
THOMAS J. LOCK 5		ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

* First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Painswick Surprise Royal and rung at the first attempt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 1	treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2		*GEORGE SAYER 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3		*CLIFFORD BIRD 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4		HENRY TOOKE 9
RUSSELL W. CURSON 5		WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method on ten bells. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Norwich to open the new City Hall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*EDWARD J. HARDY 1	treble	NORMAN H. MANNING 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2		THOMAS W. WYATT 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 3		THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 4		FREDERICK W. WICKS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY GOLDING 1	treble	HORACE L. WAITE 5
*JOE HOBBS 2		WALTER AYRE 6
†WILLIAM C. HUGHES 3		A. PATRICK CANNON 7
‡WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 4		WILLIAM J. RANDALL Tenor

Composed by F. DRNCH. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

* First peal on eight and first attempt 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY CARTER 1	treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
†CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2		*CYRIL SAYWARD 6
*BASIL REDGWELL 3		WALTER ARNOLD 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4		*ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING 1	treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
FRED HARTMAN 2		RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 3		*HARRY PYE 7
*JOHN BEST 4		PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Rung in memory of the composer, for the sixth anniversary of his death. This composition contains no bobs.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS D. BISHOP 1	treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 5
EDMUND MOUNTER 2		JOHN E. LYDDIARD 6
DENNIS G. BROWN 3		JACK DAFTERS 7
THOMAS H. CULVER 4		FREDERICK E. PITMAN Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRANK LORD 1	treble	JACK BRAY 5
PHILIP BARNES 2		ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 6
FRED JEFFERY 3		ERNEST BRITTAIN 7
FRED LACEY 4		HAROLD JUDD Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT 1	treble	HAROLD SMITH 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 2		*CHARLES R. BLUNT 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 3		BARNABAS G. KEY 7
DONALD F. FERGUSON 4		OLIVER HINES Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Cotton.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT 1	treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5
MISS ELSIE RISIEN 2		WILLIAM LAMBELL 6
MISS MARJORIE FIELD 3		ALFRED H. WEBB 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4		WILLIAM GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY 1	treble	HARRY WILD 5
PAUL BIRKETT 2		ALBERT PICKLES 6
EDGAR WHITELEY 3		WILLIAM AMBLER 7
EDGAR DRAKE 4		SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (203). Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Gregson, a member of the local company, on attaining his 80th birthday.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 5
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2	JAMES W. MELDRUM ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*JOHN W. GARDNER ... 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	*GEORGE MORE 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. A 15th birthday compliment to Dennis Bowyer, brother of the treble ringer.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES E. BASSETT Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
KEITH HART 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER H. RAXTER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
ALLEN MORGAN 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
RICHARD A. POST 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOTTRILL Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
W. ERNEST RAWSON 2	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
*JOHN E. ADAMS 3	†ERIC B. BOWLEY ... 7
*J. TERRY SMITH 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
*ROBERT C. HEAZEL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the bells, 1888-1938.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	BERT HORTON 5
*HOWARD HOWELL 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 6
*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
JAMES PAGETT 2	RICHARD W. DRAGE ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	CHARLES BLUNT 7
DONALD FERGUSON 4	CYRIL HAINES Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD STEELE Treble	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 5
ALAN D. STEEL 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
*NORMAN SARGEANT 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
WILLIAM CARNWELL 4	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. A compliment to Mr. Henry Carnwell, who has completed 50 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at the Parish Church, Kingsley, Staffs.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 4
HOWARD HOWELL 2	HAROLD SMITH 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the society.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two different extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL 4
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, College Exercise, Oxford, Capel, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL Treble	WILFRED TIBBLE 4
JOHN THOMAS WHITE 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
MOSES PERRY 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the birth of the first child (a daughter) of the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Dickenson) and Mrs. Dickenson.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

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HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
HARRY ASHTON 9-10	

Composed by JOHN WORTH.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

'CATHEDRAL CHIMES.'

ARCHDEACON'S DISLIKE OF SUBSTITUTION FOR REAL BELLS.

'Synthetic bells' have been installed at Holy Trinity Church, Cheltenham. The installation is the gift of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Mervyn Glass) and Mrs. Glass as a token of their happy association with the parish extending over many years and in thankfulness for the peaceful outcome of the recent international crisis.

In his sermon following the dedication, the Archdeacon of Cheltenham (the Ven. F. W. Sears), who is a ringer at his own church at Leckhampton, spoke of 'synthetic bells' as a very uncomfortable name, saying he preferred the more pleasant term 'cathedral chimes.' Remarkable on its being the first installation of its kind in the diocese of Gloucester, he said that as a bellringer and chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the Diocesan Association, he had to confess he did not like the substitution of synthetic bells for the real article.

'At the same time,' he said, 'I recognise quite fully it is impossible to install bells in every church, not only by reason of the costliness of the work, but because in very many cases the towers were not built for bells and would not stand the installation.'

'It would be impossible here, and it is good in cases such as this that this wonderful modern invention should make it possible for people to be summoned to church by the musical and cheerful sound of chimes rather than by the doleful and often unmusical sound of a single bell being tolled.'

'At the same time, as a ringer, I do hope that this wonderful invention may not in course of time supplant the more ancient craft of bellringing, which is a fine English possession. The art of change ringing is indeed an art which demands a great deal of time, hard work, discipline and practice. It is not every man who can ring changes, any more than play the organ or piano. Change ringing was discovered in England and is to be found, I believe, in no other country.'

Canon Sears contrasted that service with one for the dedication of returned and rehung bells in a little Cotswold church in which he had been engaged on the previous evening. But there was in common the connection with the thought of peace, for the old bells, cast in 1697 and 1707, bore the respective inscriptions, 'God grant us peace' and 'God send us peace.'

Those inscriptions and others throughout the Cotswolds and the country were evidence that the English, although in the past so often at war, were really a peaceful people.

'May it be,' he said, 'we are at the beginning of a new era, when disputes may be settled round the conference table and not by the slaughter of innocent and helpless people. Nothing is ever settled by force. War never settles anything, but breeds more war in the long run.'

At present recordings are to be used of St. Margaret's, Westminster, York Minster, Bow Bells, St. Martin's, and other chimes. These will be added to, with bell recordings of such well-known hymns as 'Abide with me.' The present proposal is that after the 'repertoire' has been demonstrated each selected record should be used as standard over a considerable period.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH AT YARMOUTH.

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, October 22nd. There was a very good attendance of members. Ringing was delayed at the outset owing to the tenor rope breaking while the bell was being pulled up, much to the disgust of 'Herbert,' the steeplekeeper. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Aitken), with Dr. Hayden Hare at the organ. The Vicar, in his address, asked all ringers to attend the church services more regularly.

Tea was held at Hill's Restaurant, 35 members being present. A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by Mr. J. W. Lee (branch chairman), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (branch secretary) and Mr. H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk Branch).

It was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the branch annual meeting, at Lowestoft on the last Saturday in February.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for all the kindness he has always given to the association and for the use of the bells for the meeting, also to Dr. Hayden Hare for his services at the organ.

Ringling was afterwards resumed, the methods rung being Kent Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, Double Norwich Royal and Major, Kent and Plain Bob Royal and Major, and Cambridge Major. Members attended from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Beccles, Thetford, Lowestoft, Barsham, Reedham, Norton, Acle, Happisburgh, Gressenhall and Gorleston.

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PEAL NOTES.

A NEW SURPRISE ROYAL METHOD.

Peals in new Surprise Royal methods are not very frequently rung, but last Saturday another was added to the list when Painswick, a method by the Rev. E. Banks James, was attempted for the first time. It is an extension of the Major of the same name, of which only two or three peals have been rung.

It is a method which Mr. Alan Pink was responsible for 'putting on the map,' and it was to his enterprise that last Saturday's peal of Royal was attempted. He made all the arrangements and then was moved to Oxford, so that he was unable to take part. Nevertheless, he completed the band, supplied the necessary diagrams and handed the conducting over to Mr. Bert Harman, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, under whose auspices the peal was rung. It was a matter of real regret to everyone concerned that Mr. Pink was not in the peal.

It was no mean performance, for it was rung at the first attempt without previous practice. Moreover, only two of the band had rung the Major—and they had forgotten all about it. In general construction the Major and Royal have a strong resemblance, but in detail they differ considerably, as, of course, they must do when two extra bells are introduced.

At Gresford, Denbighshire, on Saturday, a peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in memory of the late Mr. Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford, Cheshire, on the sixth anniversary of his death. One of his compositions, which contains no bobs, was rung, the interchange of the methods while the treble is above fourth's place effecting the transposition of the bells.

Mr. Wilde, who at the time of his death was 63 years of age, was among the most enterprising of ringers and composers. He rang and called peals in a great variety of methods from five to twelve bells, but he had a special interest in Minor methods, and for the last ten years before his death he and a small band of fellow-ringers from the Chester Branch of the Chester Guild met every Tuesday for Minor ringing. When he was smitten by his final illness, the band were intent upon ringing an extent of each of the Surprise methods in the Central Council Collection.

Mr. Wilde was a member of the Central Council for the 20 years before his death.

After the peal on Saturday, the ringers were kindly provided with tea by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

The first peal of Treble Twelve in Wiltshire and by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was rung at Trowbridge on October 26th by a mixed band, including four members of the local company. It was called by Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and Mr. Sam Hector, who was one of six who rang their first peal of Treble Twelve, has now rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

After many years' absence from the peal columns, the name of Mr. James Pagett, of Derby, appears again as the treble ringer to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Netherseale on October 25th. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Cotton's daughter, Joan.

Mr. Harry Gregson, a member of the company at Holy Trinity Church, Queensbury, Bradford, has just attained his 80th birthday, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a compliment to him on October 26th.

In honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Norwich on Saturday, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, whose bells could be heard in the background on the 'wireless' during talks given in the evening upon the day's events in the East Anglian city.

A royal visit to High Wycombe on Saturday was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Cinques at All Saints' Church, where only three days before Mr. Fred Hayes called the first peal of Royal in Buckinghamshire, and all the ringers except Mr. W. H. Fussell, who rang the treble, got a 'decoration' of some kind for a 'first.'

Bill had a good week last week—he has had several this year. On Tuesday he rang a peal of Cambridge Minor, on Wednesday a peal of Bob Royal, on Saturday a peal of Stedman Cinques. By the way, it seems almost incredible that no peal of Royal should have been rung in Bucks until last week.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on Saturday, was a compliment to Dennis Bowyer, brother of Miss Sylvia Bowyer, on his fifteenth birthday.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob at Anstey last Saturday, arranged to enable Messrs. J. E. Adams and J. T. Smith to ring their first peal of Major, was made possible by the kindness of Mr. W. E. Rawson, who stood in at the last moment.



THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

After having been 'out of business' for three to four months, the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association opened up again on Saturday with a peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples at St. John's, Worcester. It was the first in the method by all the band and on the bells, and was rung to Holt's Ten-part composition of Grandsire. The only other peal of St. Clement's Triples rung by the association was at Upton-on-Severn in 1932.

This peal is an interesting reminder that even Triples ringers need not stagnate. At St. John's, Worcester, and at Claines they ring, besides Grandsire and Stedman, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Court Bob and Darlaston Bob Triples.

An Oxford Guild band went down to Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, on Saturday, and brought back a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A GLORIOUS FAILURE RECALLED.

The jubilee of the bells at Brentwood, Essex, erected in 1888, was celebrated with a peal of Bristol Surprise Major on Saturday.

It was at Brentwood on March 26th, 1894, that a band of Royal Cumberland Youths lost a peal of Double Norwich Major after ringing 13,072 changes, out of 13,440, in 8 hours 15 minutes. It was a broken rope that put an end to the performance. Three weeks later, however, they rang the peal at Romford in 8 hours 16 minutes. Messrs. Charles Wilkins and Albert Pittam survive out of that band.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was rung at Trysull on Thursday week. It was also the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

On Saturday four of them took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Broughton, and two of this number, including the conductor, Mr. B. G. Key, rang their first peal of Oxford Treble Eight.

The peal at Woodbridge on October 22nd was Yorkshire Surprise Major, not Superlative as published in our last issue.

Mr. Pat Cannon is pushing on with his 'tower grabbing.' At Hemel Hempstead on October 20th he rang a peal in his one hundredth tower, spread over twenty counties.

Northop, where, as recorded in our last issue, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on October 22nd, is in Flintshire, and not Cheshire as printed.

Mr. Peter Laffin, of Stockport, rang his 200th peal on October 27th when he took part in a handbell peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. A brother of the late Mr. Percy Laffin, of Birmingham, Mr. Peter Laffin is hon. librarian of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and his peals include a notable number of handbell performances.

Mr. Henry Carnwell last month completed 50 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at Kingsley, Staffs. At Uttroeter, on Saturday, colleagues in the North Staffs Association rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in his honour.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Isleworth on Saturday enabled Mr. Donald Boreham, of High Wycombe, to complete the series in the method from Minor to Maximus. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss Olive Ashbrook, who took part in it, and also to another member of the local band, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds.

In a note in this column recently, it was stated that Mr. C. Sharples, of Blackpool, had been trying since 1914 to get a peal of London Surprise Major. That was not correct. Although he memorised the method as long ago as 1914, he had never tried to ring a course of it until March of last year, and he rang the peal at the first attempt at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, on October 7th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A CONTRAST IN MEETINGS.

A very gratifying meeting of the Eye Branch of the Suffolk Guild was held at Redgrave, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. C. N. Stevens. Ringers attended from the following parishes: Diss, Garboldisham, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Ufford, Yaxley, Redgrave, Rickinghall, Wattisfield, Gressenhall, Earl Stouham, Mendlesham, Stowupland, Thorndon, Palgrave, Maldon (Essex), Stoke Ash, Chevington, Fornham All Saints', Great Barton, Hepworth, Marlesford, Great Glemham, Hacheston and Mistley.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector, who gave an interesting address. Between forty and fifty ringers sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by the Rector and Mrs. Stevens, and a short meeting followed, at which the Rector was elected an honorary member.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford, who said how pleased he was to see so many young ringers present. He thought this was a good augury for the district.

A correspondent contrasts this successful meeting with the last branch meeting held at Eye some six years ago. Then, there were not sufficient ringers present to ring the eight bells. On this occasion, however, with only three rings of six available, 45 ringers attended from 21 parishes, and with no train or bus service to help them.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Eye, in January—providing the bells are available.

CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells muffled at St. Gregory's Church, Beckington, on October 7th, in memory of the late Miss L. Aldis, who passed away at the age of 103 years: C. V. Wingrove 1, E. H. Nash 2, W. J. Biggs 3, H. G. Warry 4, K. E. Moon (conductor) 5, E. J. Humphries 6.

A VILLAGE EFFORT.**CHAWTON PEOPLE RESTORE THE CHURCH BELLS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Chawton on October 22nd. The Rector of Chawton (the Rev. H. White) attended and showed the party the interesting things connecting Jane Austen, the authoress, with the old-world village. Ringers were present from Alton, Aldershot, Blackmoor, Bramley, Liss, Petersfield, Privett and Steep. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to the standard methods, and the Guild's service was held in church.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rector presided. He extended a welcome to the company and told them how the people of the Village Hall recently collected over £83 to have the bells restored and the frame made safe. The whole of the amount was given locally, although the inhabitants number something under 300. He thought this was an achievement to be proud of, and it had made a fitting memorial to the late King George V. A tablet suitably inscribed is in the church porch.

The Rector of Chawton and the Rev. H. W. Gooch (Rector of Liss) were elected honorary members of the Guild.

It was announced that the annual meeting would take place at Petersfield on January 28th, and that an evening meeting would be arranged before then to take place at St. Peter's Church, Liss.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Chawton, the organist and the caterers.

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The 15th annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild was held on Saturday, October 22nd. Tea, served in the Court House, was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Howden. In the absence of the Rector, who was unable to be present, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. G. H. Perman, who welcomed the ringers on behalf of the Rector.

The financial statement was adopted and the officers elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. Ernest Brett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton.

After the business meeting some wonderful Bob Major was rung on handbells, and tune ringing by Messrs. H. Alford and J. S. Hawkins was much enjoyed.

On Sunday evening, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, R. W. Green 3, P. E. Clark 4, E. F. Pryor 5, A. C. Darnell (conductor) 6, E. Brett 7, U. W. Wildney 8.

A NEW PEAL AT NORTHREPPS.**PEAL INCREASED TO SIX.**

There was a large congregation at Northrepps Church on Sunday morning, October 23rd, for the dedication of the new treble bell which has been added to the peal of five. This is the completion of the work begun by the Rev. C. H. Winter in 1936, which involved the rehanging of the bells on a steel frame, the addition of a new treble, both the work of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and sundry repairs to the tower. The total cost has been £407 4s.

In his sermon, the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Blyth), after referring to the part which bells play in the various services of the church, said that though change ringing was a most fascinating hobby, it must not stop there. Ringers, like the organist, give their time, their skill and their knowledge of the art to the glory of God and the services of His Church. The new bell bears the name 'Gabriel,' for as the Archangel brought the message of the Incarnation to the Mother of our Lord, so the church bells give to all who hear them the same message that 'God hath visited His people,' and call them to lift up their hearts in worship.

The Rector, the churchwardens and the Church Council, led by the crossbearer and choir, proceeded to the tower, where the new bell was dedicated and special prayers offered. Then the bell was raised and the six were rung in rounds by the local band, while the procession returned to their places.

After service the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung by C. Pooley (Northrepps) 1, W. Holden (Cromer) 2, the Rev. E. W. Blyth (Northrepps) 3, H. Carter (Aylsham) 4, W. R. West (Blandford) 5, G. Bailey (Wroxham) (conductor) 6. In the afternoon the local ringers were joined by ringers from Glandford, Wroxham, Hevingham, Newmarket, Paston, Norwich, Mulbarton, Aylsham, Buxton, Cromer, Aylmerton and Espirigam, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Double Court were rung, and all expressed pleasure at the smooth running of the bells.

SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS CENTENARY.

To celebrate the centenary of the Southampton Docks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, at noon on Wednesday, October 12th, by a band representing the towers of North Stoneham, Bishopstoke and St. Mary's, Southampton: J. Faithfull, jun. 1, J. Faithfull, sen. (conductor) 2, L. M. Squires 3, G. Pullinger 4, C. Fray 5, R. Linter 6, G. Williams 7, R. A. Reed 8, H. P. Reed 9, J. Elliott 10. It was the first attempt for a quarter-peal of Caters by the ringers of treble and 6th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow is the 301st anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. J. A. Trollope's book, 'The College Youths,' is the fascinating story of this old society and should be read by every ringer. It can be obtained post free for 5s. 6d. from the office of 'The Ringing World.'

It is reported that two light peals of bells are to be placed in churches in the neighbourhood of Sydney, Australia—a ring of six at St. James' Church, Turramurra; and a peal of eight (tenor 7½ cwt.) at St. Michael's Church, Vancjause.

Mr. Melcolm R. Taylor, a Hobart ringer, who returned to Tasmania earlier this year after a business stay of about three years in this country, was married on September 24th to Miss Belle Cameron, of Hobart.

During the earlier part of his stay in England, Mr. Taylor rang at Crayford and took part in one peal there.

Doncaster Parish Church bells are now silent, and no further ringing will take place on them until they have been repaired. The local ringers will be glad if any of our readers can inform them if their bells are the last of Lord Grimthorpe's design to be restored to perfect tune.

RINGING FOR BROADCAST SERVICES.

B.B.C.'s REPLY TO PROTEST.

The B.B.C. have explained their attitude with regard to the ringing before a broadcast service in a letter, written on behalf of the North Regional Director, to Mr. S. Harrison, of Leicester, in reply to his protest against the curtailment of the period allotted to ringing before a service at Macclesfield Church on October 16th. Mr. Harrison says: 'Nearly half the time allotted to the bells was interrupted by the announcer's remarks on the history of the church. I immediately sent a protest to the B.B.C. In my letter I made the suggestion that announcements such as these could quite easily be made after the service, as there is nearly always an interlude of several minutes. I also asked for a ten-minute broadcast of bells before religious services. The B.B.C. have sent me the letter enclosed, which may be interesting to your readers.'

'In the last issue of "The Ringing World" there is an account of the same thing happening at St. Olave's, Hart Street. I think the only way to get over this trouble is for ringers to send a mass protest to the B.B.C. every time this happens.'

B.B.C.'s VIEW.

The reply from the North Regional Director on October 28th was as follows:—

'With reference to your letter of October 16th about the bells preceding the Macclesfield service. The circumstances were that a new type of announcement (giving some details about the church—in the case of the more interesting churches) was being tried. This took about 45 seconds, leaving four and a half minutes for the bells before the service began. This preliminary period, whether it be the ringing of the bells or an organ voluntary, is meant to be, not a demonstration of bellringing nor a broadcast of organ playing, but to produce a proper atmosphere for the service. We have had broadcasts of bells as such quite separately. Nobody could pretend that justice could be done to them in these few introductory moments.'

'With regard to getting into the method, there is, of course, no reason why the ringing should not start before the time of the broadcast and be taken in full swing—as long as it ends at the agreed time.'

We regret you should feel that justice was not done to the bellringers on this occasion, but this will explain how we view the matter.'

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

FOUNDERS' DESCRIPTION.

The Liverpool Cathedral Committee in their current 'Quarterly Bulletin' publish an article by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have been entrusted with the task of casting the Cathedral bells. In this he says:—

'Now that the great tower is nearing completion, thoughts turn to the bells which it will house 235ft. above street level. No tower in the world contains a ring of bells so high above the ground. Further, it will be the largest tower in the world to contain a ringing peal of bells.'

The ringing peal will consist of 13 bells, the tenor being 80 cwt. in A flat and the treble 10 cwt. The tenor will be 6ft. 4in. in diameter and its wheel 9ft. 8in. The total weight of the bells will be 330½ cwt., say 16½ tons. The reason for the thirteenth bell, a sharp second, is that it will make practice ringing possible on a correct octave in a lighter key, E flat. It would not always be possible to ring the larger eight on a practice night.

These bells will form the greatest ringing peal in the world, the next three heaviest twelve-bell rings being at Exeter Cathedral, tenor about 72 cwt.; St. Paul's Cathedral, tenor about 62 cwt.; York Minster, tenor about 60 cwt. They will be hung in specially made self-aligning ball bearings and it will be possible to ring the tenor single-handed.

The bells will hang in a reinforced concrete radial frame, in which each bell swings to the centre, the ropes falling direct in a perfect circle of minimum diameter.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—43.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Coming of ringing stock, Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, of Erith, Kent, took to the art as a duck takes to water. His grandfather was tower-keeper and captain at St. John-the-Baptist's Church for many years, and so was his father. Upon the latter's death in 1931 Mr. F. J. Cullum succeeded him and carries on the good work in the third generation. Born on March 17th, 1899, Mr. Cullum was taught to ring during the war years, and the late Mr. Edwin Barnett called his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Crayford, on December 26th, 1917. In March of the next year Mr. Cullum joined the Royal Navy as an electrical artificer and served until February, 1919. Then in March, 1920, he went to sea in the Merchant Service and served for four and a half years.

At the beginning of his career, therefore, Mr. Cullum had few opportunities for peal ringing, but in February, 1919, he rang his first peal as conductor, calling Holt's ten-part. It was his fifth peal in all and five of the party rang their first peal, it being also the first peal by the local band. In subsequent years his ringing was confined to the short periods he was home from sea, but his time was not wasted. He studied the art in theory, and such was his keenness that, in his spare time, he pricked out from start to finish Davies' Transposition of Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples. He owes a lot of his early knowledge to his father, who would spend hours in the evenings pricking out touches with him.

Mr. Cullum in later years has taken an active part in ringing many new methods for the first time or for the first time for the Kent County Association. Among the first peals for the Kent Association in which he has rung have been College Major, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Oxford, Spliced Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major, Cam Treble Bob Royal, Little Bob Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Pudsey Surprise Major, Rutland Surprise Major, Premier Surprise Major, Painswick Surprise Major and Crayford Surprise Major, and he called for the Kent County Association for the first time Ipswich Surprise Major, Staffordshire Surprise Major, Erith Surprise Major, Wheatley Surprise Major and Lessness Surprise Major. He also called the first and up to now the only peal of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative) for the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Among other interesting performances have been an 11,008 Double Norwich Major at Erith on February 26th, 1927, and a 'Frederick' peal of Stedman Triples, which he called at Rainham, Kent, on September 8th, 1928. Mr. Cullum has rung altogether 295 peals on eight, ten and twelve bells, of which he has called 102; and of these 268 have been for the Kent County Association, of which he has conducted 98. No fewer than 130 of his peals have been rung on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, and he has called exactly half of these.

Mr. Cullum is one of the representatives of the Lewisham District on the Central Committee of the Kent Association.

PEALS AT MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the leading article of 'The Ringing World,' published on August 26th, 1938, under the heading 'Belfry Records,' is the following: 'Frequently it happens that a claim is made for some first performance upon a ring of bells, only to find it promptly demolished by the discovery that the thing had already been done by an earlier band.' A peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Marksbury, Somerset, on May 18th, 1937, is claimed as the first peal on the bells. I find from the 'Bell News' that a peal of Bob Minor, seven different 720's, was rung there just over 28 years ago, namely, on October 16th, 1909. It was conducted by Albert E. Seers and rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The above will help the conductor to correct the 1937 peal.

Bath.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

THE NORTH STAFFS INCIDENT.

CLERICAL SECRETARY'S REPLY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As my name has been mentioned in your paper, may I ask the courtesy of your columns to place a few facts before your readers with regard to the question which has arisen in the North Staffordshire Association. About two years ago I was approached by the lay secretary, who asked my advice as the clerical secretary, with regard to holding an annual dinner. My advice to him then was, by all means hold the dinner, but under no circumstances should intoxicants be permitted, as this would cause grave concern and possible disruption in the association, as some of the clergy held very strong views with regard to this matter. My advice, if it had been taken, would have prevented the present situation. The lay secretary never approached me again on this matter until last week, when he told me of the decision of his committee. As the clerical secretary of the association, I should, at least, have had the opportunity of placing my views before the committee. I have never received any notification of a committee meeting, and the two letters that I wrote to him have never been answered or acknowledged, and no invitation was given to me last year to the annual dinner, which was held on licensed premises.

To say the least of it, this is very discourteous to the representative of the clergy. As I have not had the opportunity of meeting the committee or discussing the matter with the members of the association, how can I be called a dictator? Surely the dictatorship is on the other side. The only information of what was taking place was received through the complaints of a local incumbent. So as to be in a position to express the opinion of the clergy of the association, I wrote a fortnight ago to them all and asked their opinion as to whether they were in favour of the annual dinner being held on licensed premises or no. The voting was as follows: 13 were against, three were for and three were willing to vote either way. The remaining three out of the total of 22 have not answered. I think that you will agree with me that the advice I tendered to the lay secretary was the correct one. I am quite certain that every bellringer in the association, who now realises the opinion of the incumbents concerned, will gladly follow their lead and abide by their wishes in the matter.

The clergy feel that the annual dinner must be one in which all sections of the association can conscientiously take part, otherwise it loses its value and breaks up the fellowship that ought to be found in every association. They feel, too, it should be an occasion at which the youngest bellringer would be able to meet the other members under the happiest circumstances and so be encouraged to become a regular ringer. If licensed premises were used, the clergy are strongly of the opinion that many parents would object, and they themselves, because of their spiritual responsibilities over their flock, could not give their permission for it.

My own personal experience as a prison chaplain has assured me of the wisdom of their opinion, as I found many young delinquents' first beginnings of crime have been due to such gatherings in licensed houses. Surely our work, as a Church, must never be one in which temptation is put before our young members, and may we always remember that it is our duty, as bellringers, to call men to Christ and to put the highest ideals before them. I trust that this will end the controversy.

F. DOUGLAS GARDNER.

Bucknall, Staffs.

A ROYAL COMMEMORATION.

NEW BELL AT ST. PAUL'S WALDEN.

The installation of a new bell augmenting a peal from a ring of five to a ring of six is very often only of local interest, but the installation of a new treble at St. Paul's Walden, Herts, can truly be said to have a wider significance, for the bell in question commemorates the Coronation of their Majesties the King and Queen, and it was at this church that Queen Elizabeth was baptised.

The new bell was dedicated during morning service on Sunday last by the Bishop of Bedford, who, at the same time, dedicated a British Legion banner and consecrated the churchyard extension—the lesson was read by the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of the Queen, who was also christened at the church. Amongst those present were the Rev. H. T. Valentine, who was Vicar at St. Paul's Walden from 1889-1906; Major Guy M. Kindersley, O.B.E., M.P. for Hitchin, churchwarden, and Mrs. Kindersley; the Rural Dean, and Mr. Paul L. Taylor, representing John Taylor and Co., to whom was entrusted the work of augmenting the peal.

The bell bears the following inscription round the shoulder:—

A.M.D.G. IN MEM. CORON^{IS} GEORGH^{II} VI R.I. FID. DEF.
ET ELIZABETHÆ R. 12.V.1937 A.D.

The royal cipher GR and ER, in between which is an ornamental cross, appears on the waist.

Alterations and additions have been made to the existing oak bell-frame so that the new bell could be accommodated at the same level as the old five, and everyone present at the opening was delighted with the results achieved.

The former peal of five consisted of two bells by Briant, of Hertford, and three by Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks, the tenor weighing approximately 12 cwt.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF FAMOUS RING.

Dedication Ceremony Recalled.

Last Tuesday, November 1st, was the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of the ring of twelve bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. Very few there are to-day who were present on that memorable occasion, but one of them was Mr. F. E. Dawe, now residing at Woking, who at that time was just entering upon his long and, for many years, energetic career as a ringer. Just ten years after the events recalled below he was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he is the only member who has served in that office five times. In the following article, Mr. Dawe retells the story of that eventful day, when St. Paul's Cathedral bells first sounded over the city of London:—

Sixty years ago! Yes, I well remember standing in St. Paul's Churchyard, at the corner of Ludgate Hill, on that Friday afternoon, All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878. I was then just learning to handle a bell, and it afterwards transpired that Mr. Challis F. Winney must at that moment have been very near me in the crowd. We were then almost unknown to each other, for we were both learning on the light ring of eight at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Wilton Road, Pimlico, the dedication of which had taken place a month before, viz., Wednesday, October 2nd, 1878. Mr. W. D. Smith, who later on succeeded me in the chair of the College Youths, was also outside St. Paul's Cathedral, and we are, I think, the only three ringers surviving who were there on that great occasion.

COLLEGE YOUTHS CONSULTED.

But let me start at the beginning. The 16 bells (with their famous 15th century lettering) in the central tower of Worcester Cathedral were put up in 1869, and shortly afterwards—early in the seventies—a project was put forward for a ring of 10 or 12 for St. Paul's Cathedral. The then Sir Edmund Beckett (previously Mr. E. B. Denison), who afterwards became Lord Grimthorpe, was chosen as chairman of the Bells Committee, and towards the end of 1877 this committee—or, at least, a portion of it, which included Dr. John Stainer, the Cathedral organist—met at the King's Head, Winchester Street, Southwark, to confer at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths with a select few of the most prominent members of that society.

Sir Edmund Beckett was always opposed to rings of twelve, but greatly in favour of ten, as he considered the two extra trebles a mistake, and openly declared that all peals sounded better without them. He further maintained that the 'lower ten' at Worcester Cathedral (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat) were the grandest ringing peal in England.

It was at this meeting that Canon Cattley, who was present from Worcester Cathedral, asked the question: 'If we give you a ring of twelve, with a tenor bell of three tons, will you guarantee the men to ring them?' This was instantly answered in the affirmative by Matthew A. Wood, George A. Muskett (the then secretary) and others, and Sir Edmund, as chairman, caused the order to be given to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, for the present ring of twelve, with a three-ton tenor in D flat! Mr. Taylor, sen., told me personally five years afterwards that although the firm let Sir Edmund have his own way with the Burton-on-Trent bells and those at other places, knowing full well St. Paul's bells would be much too heavy for D flat, he (Mr. Taylor) purposely 'made a mistake' and altered the key to B flat! Sir Edmund was very wroth about it, and announced something to the effect that 'the bells were not according to contract, and would be thrown back on the founders' hands'! However, science, reason and commonsense prevailed, and they were accepted. I am indebted to Mr. Taylor, sen., and the late Mr. John W. Taylor for this information, as for many other particulars as to cost, etc.

THE COST.

The bells were erected in the north-west tower of the Cathedral during the year 1878, at a cost of a little over £2,800. In addition, there was a large amount spent in preparing the tower to receive the bells. According to the paper, the 'Builder,' this amounted to exactly £1,000. The ringing chamber and additional staircase, together with the flooring in the apartment beneath, probably amounted to another £300 or £400.

Each bell was the gift of a different city company, together with the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who joined in the donation, the tenor bell of 62 cwt. in B flat being given by the Corporation. Each bell bears the name of the master of the company who gave it at the time of vote. The Ellacombe chiming hammers were also installed.

In September of that year one of two short 'touches' of Stedman Cinques were brought round on the bells before the clappers were put in to see if everything was correct, and then one evening in October, without any notification to the outer world, a few 'rounds' were rung after the clappers were fixed, and as a further test the same evening Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., turned all the clappers over on the wrong side in order to note the effect! Finally, the bells were officially opened on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1st, 1878, by a picked band of 13 men of the College Youths, with two 'reserves,' of whom the ringer of the 9th and the 'strapper' for the tenor (S. Reeves) were the last survivors, Edwin Horrex (9th man) actually being the last to depart from us some 13 years ago.

Drawings were made in the ringing chamber and other parts of the Cathedral at the moment of dedication by special artists of the 'Illustrated London News,' the 'Graphic' and other well-known

picture papers, and of these I still have copies in my possession—the striking figure of George Muskett being well in the foreground! Flash lamps had not been invented in those days! Of course, the daily and weekly newspapers were full of such an historic event, but I think the 'Times' and the 'Guardian' gave the best reports. The latter had a graphic account of the scene, from which I take the following:—

THE SERVICE.

The November air was cold and chill, yet anyone approaching St. Paul's on All Saints' afternoon would have been struck with the unwonted stir in the open space around the Cathedral, and on entering the church itself, not only the vast area under the dome, but almost



THE BELL TOWER OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

the whole length of the nave, was seen to be closely packed with people. It was evident that the dedication of the bells had interest not only for Londoners, but very many had travelled up from long distances to hear the bells ring out for the first time from the Cathedral of the Metropolis.

In his sermon upon the first verse of the last of the Psalms, the Rev. J. Povah mentioned the influence bells had upon the architecture of churches, the omission for 200 years to realise Wren's design of placing a ring in one of the western towers, and the consequent inability of the Cathedral authorities, even when the news came of Nelson's great victory and death at Trafalgar, to give voice to the nation's joy or sorrow except by the tolling of a single great bell.

Considering the thousands in sight who could not hear a word of the sermon, it might, perhaps, have been 'taken as read,' but that did not seem to occur to the preacher, though an occasional note from the belfry, where the bells were being pulled up with the clappers lashed, and set at backstroke ready for the opening peal, might have reminded him. The thought occurred that the bells might have spoken with fine and solemn effect during the service itself had it been so ordered, and the immense congregation might thus have been made participators in their solemn dedication.

But a less ceremonial was decided on. Evensong concluded, the choir, the Cathedral clergy and the Bishop of London made their way in procession through the dense mass of people to the south-western corner of the building, Dr. Stainer, the organist, leading the way, and Mr. Hodge playing the 'War March of the Priests' in Mendelssohn's music to 'Athalie.' The procession passed through the door and wended their way up what is known as the 'geometrical staircase,' and thence across to the north-west tower, there to be lost to sight or hearing of all but a few privileged persons, who followed the choir and clergy, not, indeed, to the ringing chamber, where the dedication took place, but to an ante-chamber immediately below, and separated from it by a wooden floor; through which the prayers and hymns were audible.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

The Bishop of London, with the Rev. F. H. Fisher (Vicar of Fulham, a well-known ringer) as his chaplain, Dean Church, Bishop Piers Cloughton (Archdeacon of London) and eight other Reverend Canons, with organist and choristers, threaded their way in surplices up the narrow winding staircase, and, forming a group in the centre of the ringing chamber, took their appointed part in a form of service which had been printed and circulated.

This was much in the usual form now used on such occasions.

Many bellringers were present from great distances, and amongst them were Mr. Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Devon; the Rev. H. A. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, Devon; the Rev. Canon Cattley, of Worcester Cathedral; the Rev. Augustus Sutton and Sir Edmund Beckett; also the Rev. H. E. Haweis, LL.D., a great advocate for the continental system of carillons, and well known as a writer of letters to papers that admitted of no controversy!

A hymn was then sung, 'When morning gilds the skies.' There is an allusion to 'the sweet church bell' in its second stanza, and its tune, if not actually bell-like, has an exceptionally constant motion of the parts which might bear distant comparison to the rhythm of chimes. The Collect for St. Paul's Day having been read, the Bishop of London gave the usual blessing to the little kneeling congregation, above which rose the stalwart forms of the ringers leaning on their ropes.

There was a moment's pause, then the Bishop of London gave the word 'Go!' to the circle of ringers; thirteen pairs of strong arms began to pull in concert, and down came a shower of music, bright, soft and mellow. The bells had spoken. In and around the ringing chamber, to which the few persons invited were now admitted, men's tongues were loosened in delight, as the twelve bells, swinging this way and that, again and again ran down the gamut, not as yet disporting in changes, but trying their voices in a plain round peal. The ringers were thirteen men of the College Youths, two to the tenor bell; stalwart fellows all, many well advanced in years, and visibly possessed of that power of concentrated attention to work in hand, without which a man cannot be a good bellringer, and by means of which alone great and pleasing results can be achieved by a plurality of workers. Each man, stripped to his shirt, stood on a small square platform with his foot in a leathern strap; to the tenor there was a branched rope, and one of its ringers stood on the platform, and the other on the floor of the chamber. Up rushed the ropes through the ceiling for the back-strokes; and down again danced the coloured 'sallies' for the hand-strokes, each rope having a red cushion on the floor for it to fall upon. In a few minutes the head ringer gave a word of command, and the ringing came to a first period. 'Well stopped!' exclaimed Dr. Stainer with delight; but it was a premature congratulation, for the tenor hesitated in the hands of his two ringers, and instead of leaning to rest on his stay, as a good bell should, came swinging round again, and spoke twice alone, thus breaking the neatness of the first performance, but giving the thousands of listeners an opportunity of hearing his voice clear of competition. He is a rich, sonorous fellow, filling the air with his big B flat, and fit in every way to play the part of a perpetual pedal to the ever-varying melodies of his lighter companions in ringing, or to be 'turned in' for a 'touch' of a more advanced character.

After the first stop a consultation between Dr. Stainer and the chief ringer resulted in fixing the programme of 'changes.'

Then followed in the report an explanation to the public as to change ringing, which finished by saying that from the great mental application required it is always sure to lead to steady and quiet behaviour, and that one mistake generally brings the whole thing to grief, it being almost impossible for the conductor to put a careless ringer in his place again.

THE FIRST RINGERS.

The ringing went on for over an hour. The air was clear, and the night fine; hundreds stood in St. Paul's Churchyard listening.

The names of the first ringers, who stood in the following order, were: H. W. Haley, sen. 1, H. C. Haley, jun. 2, W. Cooter 3, J. Pettit 4, G. Mash 5, J. R. Haworth 6, G. Ferris 7, J. Dwight 8, E. Horrex 9, G. A. Muskett 10, M. A. Wood 11, J. M. Hayes with S. Reeves 12. G. Dorrington and W. Jones were the reserves. I personally knew and respected every one of these splendid old fellows, and my old friends, C. F. Winney and W. D. Smith, shared the same pleasure and privilege.

On that occasion a splendid clock, striking the half-hours, and still a valuable asset to the ringing chamber, was given by the Rev. Robert R. Green, the then Dean's verger.

The last touch of that historic evening was about 1,000 changes of Stedman Cinques, and it was during this that an amusing thing

happened. An excellent 'spread' had been provided for the ringers, but, tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ascalon, the choir found their way thither, and fondly imagined that it was for them! When the ringers came down it was 'all gone'—another example of how we used to be 'pushed out' in days gone by.

One interesting fact remains on record, that when the bells were 'fired' on that important occasion, the striking was 'true as a hair,' and not the careless and ragged exhibition to which we are so often treated at various places nowadays. The 'opening' into rounds again was most accurately done, and it was justly admitted by all the critics outside to be of 'the very best'! This shows how easily heavy bells can be handled by good and experienced ringers.

I well recollect the ropes used there during the first twelve months. They were very bad, coarse and unsuitable—certainly some of the worst I have ever seen or handled!

At first the bells were only rung on special occasions, and nearly two years elapsed before the Dean and Chapter entered into an arrangement with the College Youths to have them rung regularly for divine service twice every Sunday, as at present.

The first occasion on which I rang at St. Paul's was on Christmas Day, 1879, when I deputised for Henry Haley.

It is also noteworthy that for months after the dedication, the usual mass of correspondence continued to appear in the newspapers about the 'new bells,' both 'for' and 'against,' mainly by that class of well-to-do 'know nothings' who usually wish to air and ventilate their opinion on matters they do not quite understand. Thank goodness, discussions on 'Simpson tuning' did not exist then. I well remember that at all the subsequent practice nights (once a month) Lord Tom Noddy was sure to be present in some shape or form!

PEALS AT ST. PAUL'S.

During these 60 years, 14 peals have been rung on the bells, all by the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz., ten of Stedman Cinques, three of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and one of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, this last having been called by Mr. Alfred Peck, the present secretary of the society, who rang the tenor single-handed! The first peal was a 5,014 of Stedman Cinques on December 10th, 1881, in 4 hours 17 minutes, conducted by the late Mr. James Pettit, and I have never heard better ringing than in this peal.

No further peal was rung on the bells until 1894, when a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung, with Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and W. Prime ringing the tenor. Mr. Cockerill was the first to turn the tenor in alone, this being in 1896. Mr. E. P. O'Meara kept the bell lubricated during this peal. Sir Arthur Heywood afterwards gave a dinner at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, for all those who had taken part in the first three peals, the principal toast being 'The single-handed tenorman.' Mr. Bob Newton was the first to ring St. Paul's tenor to a peal of Maximus single-handed and call the peal as well.

All the peals have been recorded by the authorities in the ringing chamber in a manner never observed in the other 1,100 towers I have visited. The walls are prepared in 'panel' fashion, and the records are painted thereon. I rang the 9th in the first peal of Maximus, and Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. D. Smith also took part in this peal. Mention may also be made of the ill-fated attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which I was calling on April 13th, 1912, and which for some unknown reason was never allowed to be completed. After 3 hours 55 minutes, and only the last course to ring, the tenor dropped in amongst the others and caused disaster, when success seemed assured.

A CONTRAST IN BELL OPENINGS.

The above story of the dedication of St. Paul's bells clearly depicts what an impressive ceremony a properly constituted 'opening' should be. Since that event I have taken part in or been present on several such occasions, but have noticed with regret that in later years there has been a tendency to do the thing on more 'up-to-date' lines—especially as a result of the unfortunate 'notices' in your valuable paper, which read 'all ringers heartily welcome.' This remark, however kindly intended, ought to read 'All competent bellringers welcome,' for we have had most distressing instances where the inhabitants near at hand have been rendered absolutely frantic by the outrageous din they have had to endure for three or four hours after the service, tending to make the parishioners regret the installation of new bells rather than to receive them rapturously!

The last and most glaring instance I remember was at the opening of an important ring of twelve, when the Cathedral was crowded to overflowing by a gigantic congregation, and the only decent ringing was a very short touch by the Cathedral band during the service! After that we had better draw a heavy veil over the 'ringing' during the afternoon and evening. Over 300 'ringers' answered the invitation to be present from all the eight, six, five and four-bell towers for many miles round. How some such people can have the nerve to 'lay-hold,' anywhere from treble to tenor, on a heavy ring of twelve, when they are utterly unable to ring rounds properly at home, leaves me entirely speechless. Young lads and even girls, who have never yet managed to 'master' a bell properly at home, thrust themselves well forward when the order is 'a few rounds'! Again, you have ringers who, perchance, ring fairly well on six and eight at their home tower, who turn up in large numbers with the open avowal that they have come to 'ave a pull.' When you hear that remark it is always the signal for displaying all the sympathy good strikers can offer towards the heavily taxed residents near at hand! What should be an impressive ceremony is thus turned into an objectionable fiasco.

F. E. DAWE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S PROTEST TO THE B.B.O.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on October 22nd. The bells were kept in motion from 3 p.m. until 8.30, except for an interval for service, tea and business meeting. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. T. Prentice (curate), and Mr. E. Arnold was the organist.

Tea was served in Sutton's Hall, where 56 ringers did justice to the good things provided by their generous hosts, the Holy Trinity (Dartford) band. Other guests included the churchwardens, the secretary of the Parochial Council and that good friend of the Dartford ringers, Mr. J. Lack, who had been invited to preside by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Elliot-Mitchell).

The Rev. G. T. Prentice extended to the association the Vicar's, churchwardens' and ringers' welcome to Dartford in a happy speech that delighted his listeners.

The election of six members was ratified and the annual report and financial statement adopted. A request that this report be made available for circulation among the members led the chairman to ask if these district meetings were empowered to incur the expense of printing them.

Learning that they were not, Mr. Lack thereupon undertook to prepare 100 copies for free distribution to interested members—a generous offer that received enthusiastic acceptance and sincere thanks.

Messrs. A. G. Hill and T. Groombridge, sen., were re-elected district secretary and Ringing Master respectively, without other nominations. The selection of two representatives on the Management Committee necessitated a ballot, Messrs. F. J. Cullum (Erith), E. Barnett (Crayford) and W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) being the nominations. Voting resulted in the reappointment of the retiring members, Messrs. F. J. Cullum and E. Barnett.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was selected as the place of next meeting.

It was unanimously decided that a letter be sent to the B.B.O. protesting against that body's disdainful attitude towards the ringing arranged to introduce their broadcast church services.

The district secretary was also instructed to convey to Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe) the members' sympathy and concern at his indisposition.

A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. G. T. Prentice for the service, the churchwardens for their welcome and presence at the meeting, to the organist for his services, to the local ringers for their generous hospitality, and to Mr. R. A. Jenkins (local secretary) for his ready aid in arranging for the tea and meeting.—This was carried with applause.

Mr. Powell (churchwarden) replied on behalf of Holy Trinity's clergy and congregation, Mr. Nettlingham (secretary) on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, and Mr. J. E. Bailey on behalf of the ringers.

The chairman was accorded a vociferous vote of thanks for his genial presidential labours.

The members indulged in further ringing on handbells and in the tower, and all the 65 who attended were in full agreement that a happy conjunction of men (and women!), time, place and chairman had resulted in a very successful meeting.

A 'RINGER'S DAY' AT GAINSBOROUGH.**BELL RESTORATION CELEBRATED.**

To celebrate the recent restoration of the Parish Church bells, a 'ringers' day' was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells, a fine ring of eight, with tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E, have been recently rehung on ball bearings, with new fittings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. New ropes have also been provided and the ringing room redecorated. About 30 ringers were present from Blyton, Doncaster, Lea, Lincoln, Retford, Sheffield, Treeton, Upton and Willingham, together with the local ringers, and the bells were utilised throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. E. A. Whitworth), who gave a short address.

Among the visitors present were Mr. J. H. Brothwell, of Treeton, Mr. S. F. Palmer and Mr. J. Thorpe, from Sheffield Cathedral, and two former Gainsborough ringers, Mr. C. A. Hewitt and Mr. E. Dalingwater.

A broken stay on the third bell caused a short halt during the evening, but several of the experts rang the bell to various touches minus this fitting. The ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGER CELEBRATES 76th BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Charles Forfitt, of the St. Peter's company, Bournemouth, celebrated his 76th birthday by ringing the 5th to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples before evensong on October 23rd: P. W. Witham 1, F. S. Bacon 2, F. S. Beaumont 3, E. S. Warner 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, H. Roberts 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8. Mr. Bacon hails from Kent and Mr. Warner from Portsmouth Cathedral, members of the service band standing out to enable them to ring.

NOTICES.**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—**

The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Magnus-the-Martyr, St. Clement Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, will be available for ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Sandown Corner House at 5.15 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1939 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Double Court and Double Norwich. Also Rounds, etc., for local beginners. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Telephone, Larkwood 1959.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45. This is the first meeting since the restoration of the church, and is also arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Over Wallop on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. C. Shadwell, Over Wallop.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., 6d. each. I should appreciate it if all outstanding 1938 subscriptions are paid before or at this meeting.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford (8 bells, available 2-9 p.m.) on Saturday, November 5th.—H. S. Hinkins and K. W. Maver, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be a joint meeting of the Nottingham and Derby Districts at Duffield on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the Bridge Inn. Please come and make a good party for some handbell ringing with our friend, J. Pagett. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, November 5th. Hoddesdon tower at 3 p.m. Service at Broxbourne Church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Welcome. All are welcome at the Welcome.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh Church on Saturday, November 5th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, nr. Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Rd., Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Leicester District and Hinckley District) **AND THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Lutterworth on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Local Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The first meeting of the new year of the above district will be held at Gosforth, All Saints' (10 bells), on Saturday, November 5th, at 3 p.m.—Jack Roach, Hon. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Fenham, Newcastle, 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Twynning (6 bells) on Nov. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield (6 bells) on Saturday, November 5th, from 6 p.m. till 9. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.—The ring of eight bells, which have been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated on Sunday next, the 6th inst., at the evening service, 6.30 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, November 6th, 10 a.m.; practice, November 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for Nov.: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 8th, 7.30 p.m. (elections); St. Magnus', Thames Street, 10th & 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 15th, 7.30 p.m.; *St. Mary le-Bow, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Secretary, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Northampton Branch) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (South Mid-

land District).—A combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Northampton, on Saturday, November 12th. Names for tea to 16, St. Peter's Street, not later than November 9th. Preacher, Rev. G. P. H. Rowson.—J. C. Dean and S. Thursfield, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge (St. Mary's R.C.) on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Tower open 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The peal, recently augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be available for the first district meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, and I must ask you to 'play the game' and let me know. Remember, it's an opening of a new peal. May I expect 10—or 100? Committee members please make an effort to attend, as I have business for you.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Golding, 10, Alma Rd., Hemel Hempstead, by the previous Thursday? Beds ringers please note.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8 bells) on Saturday, November 12th, to inaugurate the new Eastern District. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should notify Miss S. Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Monday, November 7th. Excellent bus service from Ipswich. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business and election of officers for 1939. Private coach from Owen's Garage, Shaw Street, Worcester, 2.30. Return fare 1s. 3d. Please notify me seats required and numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 8th.—G. E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held about 4. Arrangements have been made for tea to provide for those who send their names before the Wednesday previous to the meeting, to Mr. R. Barlow, 2, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom. Come if you can, or you will be missed by yours truly.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rowley Regis, near Birmingham, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Clifton Reynes on Saturday, November 12th. Ring up 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers who require tea please inform me by the 10th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Brislington Parish Church on Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Please notify for tea.—W. H. Thomas, Branch Sec., 45, Clyde Road, Bristol 6.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Newton, South View, Crofton, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, November 10th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chelford on November 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all desiring tea, please inform Mr. C. H. Taylor, Yew Tree Cottage, Chelford.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Watlingbury on November 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cafe, Watlingbury, at 5.30. It is several years since the association visited this tower. Come and try these bells. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to all who send word to Mr. T. Heskeith, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, not later than Thursday, November 10th. Please make an effort to make this meeting successful.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells), on Saturday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than November 7th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem (6 bells) on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than November 9th? Tea 1s. 3d. Annual committee meeting after tea.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on November 12th, but will be transferred to the Parish Church tower after tea. Interested ringers please note.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Winthorpe (6 bells), near Newark, on November 12th. Please do your best to be present, and send me a card for tea by Wednesday, the 9th.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, November 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports now ready.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) & **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern Branch).—Combined meeting at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meetings 5.15 in the Parish Hall. Notifications by Thursday, 17th. Everybody welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—SS. Peter and Paul's, Wantage. Re-dedication of bells (8), after rehanging by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, November 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Please send a card if you are staying to tea to A. V. Gibbs, Trinder Road, Wantage, Berks.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', High Street, on Saturday, November 26th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 3.30, All Saints', and at other churches in the evening as announced. Ringers wishing to attend and requiring tea, please notify by November 22nd to E. J. B. Morton, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 11, Water Eaton Road, Oxford.

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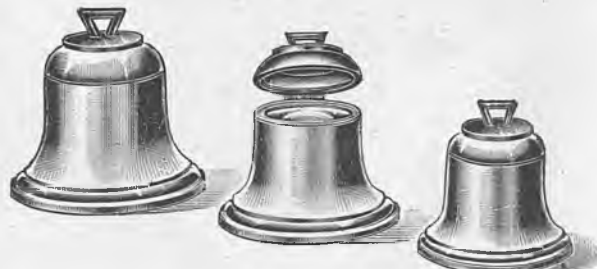
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