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## SECRETARIAL POSTS.

The difficulties of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association in securing a successor to their secretary, who finds it necessary to give up the reins of office, is no new thing in ringing organisations, although in this case the 'disease' seems to have appeared in an aggravated form. Those who will readily accept honorary secretarial office are very rarely, if ever, to be found; rather is it necessary to bring heavy pressure to bear to fill these posts when occasion arises. To follow a man of exceptional ability and enthusiasm is, of course, always a difficult task, and it is probably the fear of comparative failure of achievement that, in such cases, influences many men in rejecting election. That may be the reason why the Worcestershire district referred to has not been able to find a member ready to step into the shoes of Mr. G. E. Large. And yet there is every inducement to a new secretary. He would have an excellent start; the branch is in an efficient and flourishing condition, and has gathered a momentum which should carry a new official with it if he is prepared to do the work. It might be different if the branch had fallen to low water mark and needed an extraordinary effort of initiative and energy to get it going. It does seem surprising that, even in face of a possibility of being left without a secretary, a branch of twenty-six towers with some 200 members cannot produce one member ready to shoulder the work and responsibility of such an office.

But the Worcestershire Association is not the only one in which there is, from time to time, difficulty in finding officers for the executive posts. Many secretaries, and other officers for that matter, carry on from year to year simply from loyalty to their association, and, because they are ready to do this, sometimes against their private inclinations, members find it easier to press them to continue than to persuade someone else to take up the office. But this is not to say that the best interests of an association would be served by pitchforking into the duties an individual without any sort of qualifications. There have been instances where this kind of action has had rather dire results. The things most needed in a secretary are intelligence, tact and a reasonable aptitude for conducting business affairs. There can be no association that has not, in every district, some few members qualified for such work, and they ought to consider it a duty, if not a privilege, to undertake it when necessity arises. Personal reluctance to assume responsibility ought not always to be allowed to stand in the way. The more ringers know about the methods of running their own ringing organisation, the better it must be for their asso-

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ciation. and while criticism is seldom heard of the way in which affairs are handled — the criticisms, if any, usually come from the secretaries upon the apathetic attitude of members—a good deal more might be done for the good of ringing if a greater number of ringers had a more intimate knowledge of association work. It is easy to let the 'willing horses' carry on, but it shows a lack of appreciation of responsibility when no one can be found to shoulder a job that means giving up a little time and thought, but which, in the end, often provides a great deal of pleasure and the making of many friends.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS... .. 3
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 10
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
EDWIN R. GOATE... .. 2	C. FREDERICK SAYER ... .. 8
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 9
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 4	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 10
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 11
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. 6	WILLIAM C. CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

First peal of Oxford Maximus by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 9th and his father and daughter.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5074 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILKINSON ... .. Treble	EDGAR SHARRATT, JUN. ... 6
*ALFRED RIDER ... .. 2	*GEORGE E. PLANT ... .. 7
†FRANK BILLING ... .. 3	JOHN RIDER ... .. 8
†JACK BALL ... .. 4	EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... .. 9
EDWIN SHARRATT ... .. 5	EDGAR SHARRATT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD,

Conducted by JOHN RIDER

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. All are local Sunday service ringers.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*JOHN SANDERS ... .. 1	*ALFRED HOWKINS ... .. 6
*ROWLAND TYSOE ... .. 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
†LESLIE HANSELL ... .. 3	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 8
*ALBAN J. KENDALL ... .. 4	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 9
†WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... .. 5	JOHN DRYDEN ... .. 10

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Denys,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 1	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 8
*ALBERT FORD ... .. 4	*RICHARD BENSON ... .. 9
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5	*FRANK YATES ... .. 10

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWIN AVERY ... .. 1	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 2	GEORGE KING ... .. 6
LESLIE JARVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 7
FREDERICK MORGAN ... .. 4	†ALBERT SMITH ... .. 10

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's start in ringing.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Chiswick, W.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. 1	*FRANK D. BISHOP ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANKS ... .. 6
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	†THOMAS H. MANNING ... .. 7
ROBERT G. HEAZEL ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 10

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 1	HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 5
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 2	HARRY W. SIMMONDS ... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
†MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 10

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First 'true' peal of Treble Bob Major. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for harvest festival at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes): J. Chatley 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, G. E. Debenham 3, H. G. Mason 4, E. J. Gale (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 5, G. W. Debenham 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Hull 8, F. Kirk 9, J. Watson (first quarter-peal) 10.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. 1	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 5
*MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 7
KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 10

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

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

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 1	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	JOHN R. BREAKEY ... .. 6
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREAKEY ... .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. 10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung for the Armistice.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BASS ... .. 1	RALPH MOORS ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	HAROLD HART ... .. 6
JOHN PAGETT ... .. 3	BERNARD A. HOFORD ... .. 7
JOSEPH SOUTHALL ... .. 4	PERCY RICHARDS ... .. 10

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. T. Whitehouse and Miss L. Pearsall on the occasion of their wedding.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 1	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	CYRIL WANDER ... .. 6
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 3	ALAN RICHARDSON ... .. 7
*ALBERT H. FRITH ... .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 10

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

\* First peal 'inside.'

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Unitarian Church,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1	WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... .. 5
CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 7
*JOHN HASSELL ... .. 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method at first attempt. Rung as a compliment to C. Ollier on his 75th birthday, and to F. Reynolds on his 19th birthday.

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## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2	HARRY PARKES ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

The conductor's first attempt to call a Surprise peal.

## MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5
JOHN HASSELL ... 2	JOSEPH WILSON ... 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... 7
CHARLES OLLIER ... 4	DAVID VINCENT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gabriel Lindoff and Master Alan N. Brown.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK ROOPE ... Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 5
WALTER ELSEY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	CHARLES W. LOOME ... 7
FREDERICK C. ROPE ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method for the association, on the bells and by all the band, except the ringer of the sixth.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	JOHN COOK ... 6
THOMAS ADAMS ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 4	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Parker, an old Sussex friend, and Mrs. Parker, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORTH ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*JOHN M. GAYFORD ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
†ARTHUR HUBBLE ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

OWEN NEWSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 4
ALFRED J. FORD ... 2	HENRY J. VINCE ... 5
ALDERMAN LING ... 3	ARTHUR E. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

## RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

F. LAWRENCE ... Treble	C. HAYTINGS ... 4
T. BENNETT ... 2	A. GRIFFIN ... 5
C. HALLING ... 3	J. HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

The quarterly peal for the branch.

## LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. REES ... Treble	C. H. HAWKINS ... 4
*MISS R. O. ROBERTS ... 2	E. PARMENTER ... 5
S. V. REES ... 3	W. ROBBINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. V. REES.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the appointment of Canon D. M. Jones as Archdeacon of Carmarthen and as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Parmenter.

## NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4
JACK BAILEY ... 2	*WM. JOHN DUMOLO ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal in five methods.

## ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM A. KITSON ... 4
ALFRED T. KITSON ... 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 5
*REV. C. G. LITTLEHALES ... 3	REGINALD W. DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## MARHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes;

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS ... Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 5
FRED MATTHEWS, SEN. ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

Rung in commemoration of the Armistice.



FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, viz.:—

1. Handley, Allendale, Milton and Wearmouth.
2. Stamford, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale.
3. Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick and Hexham.
4. London, Wells and Cuneceastre.
5. Munden, Chester, Alnwick and Newcastle.
6. Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre.
7. Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4
*CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in 32 methods away from the treble. The greatest number of Surprise methods in seven extents for the Guild and in the County.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Carter's, Stedman, St. Alphage, New Doubles, St. Vedast, St. Osmund, St. Bartholomew, Reading, Union, Place Bob, Antelope, Chase, St. Dunstan's, London Singles, Canterbury, April Day, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Grandsire, each extent called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

MAURICE BATTEN ... .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
HUBERT SMITH ... .. 2	HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 5
HERBERT GROVES ... .. 3	WILLIAM RUTTLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

Rung in the above order and believed to be the greatest number of methods ever included in a peal of Doubles. Specially rung as a compliment to William Ruttley on the occasion of his completion of 50 years' unbroken service as a ringer at Evershot Church.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JACK MOORE ... .. Treble	*FRANK WHITING ... .. 4
LEONARD BOSKITT ... .. 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 5
ARTHUR SHORRY ... .. 3	*SIDNEY READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

\* First peal.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each a different composition, all 5-6's at back.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*PHILIP LOWE ... .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 4
†EDGAR RAPLEY ... .. 2	HENRY WEAVER ... .. 5
†CECIL LONGHURST ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED C. BLAKE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE LILLY ... .. 4
*SIDNEY A. THOMAS ... .. 2	*E. F. GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 3	REGINALD A. DARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

RAYMOND GRANT ... .. Treble	W. J. GEAR ... .. 4
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2	J. G. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
WYNDHAM LEWIS ... .. 3	FRED SYMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. G. WILLIAMS.

The bells were half-muffled in commemoration of Armistice Day.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eight six-scores each of New Bob, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and ten six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALEXANDER W. HUTLEY ... Treble	CECIL C. WRIGHT ... .. 4
†NORMAN A. ONER ... .. 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 5
EDWIN S. SMITH ... .. 3	ALAN W. BETSWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in five methods by all the band.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS VAUGHAN ... .. Treble	BERNARD H. DAVIES ... .. 4
*LEONARD H. HART ... .. 2	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 5
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 3	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

\* First peal 'inside.' Arranged and rung for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church and the back six bells, which took place on November 13th, 1838.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Court Bob and Hereward Bob; (2) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (3) Plain and Double Bob; (4) Double Court and Oxford Bob; (5) Wavertree and College Single; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Childwall and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal in more than seven methods. There were 108 changes of method.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM DENMAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE ... .. 4
EDGAR RAPLEY ... .. 2	CECIL LONGHURST ... .. 5
*FREDERICK ROBERTS ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in five methods.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

KENT RINGERS IN DEVON.

On Saturday, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church, Honiton Clist, Devon, by F. W. Budgen 1, A. C. Selley 2, D. M. Sharp (conductor) 3, E. H. Oxenham 4, A. Lovering 5, G. V. Murphy 6, H. Pook 7, V. N. Burrow 8. One half of the band were from Crayford and Brasted, Kent, and it was rung previous to a visit to Exeter Cathedral for practice.

## BELL DEDICATIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter from my friend, Mr. Williams, in your issue of the 11th inst., I am still on the surface, but certainly am of opinion that he is the one 'out of his depth.' Any criticism of the Winchester Guild or of himself was the very last of my thoughts, so I am sure he will read this in the same friendly spirit in which he has written. If he reads the last paragraph of my account of St. Paul's bells opening again, he will see that I purposely refrained from mentioning where the opening took place, and there appears no reflection in any shape or form upon the Guild, of which he is the able Master, or upon any of its officers, for what I was speaking about is not the fault of any guild or association, but depicts events in the 'up-to-date' age we are now in. There are plenty of chances afforded to the learners nowadays, but surely not on such a great and important occasion, when a large congregation would expect to hear good ringing.

Mr. Williams seems to hint that I am speaking disparagingly of the Guild. Nothing of the kind; also he infers that I am unmindful of the kindly manner in which I have always been received. I need hardly assure you that that is distinctly not the case. Surely any reasonable criticism is not a debatable matter in such a case. Some of the rising generation have, I know, openly declared their intention of 'showing the old 'uns how things should be done'!

For a long time past I have consulted some of the older and prominent members of the Exercise, and the general opinion is that, with a few splendid exceptions, the high standard of correct and accurate 'striking' has not been maintained in recent years. Surely there was no harm in making a comparison between what an 'opening' should be like and the reverse?

I have, for well over half a century, been delighted to number Mr. Williams amongst my very best and staunchest of friends, and surely he remembers that I am still an official in a large and well-known association. The magnificent service held at the opening of Winchester Cathedral bells, together with the stately procession of every branch concerned in the work, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, choir, Mayor, town councillors, representatives of ringing, the bell founders and all others, was certainly by far the most impressive, dignified and most stately I ever remember! With the exception of the ringing during the service by the Cathedral band, neither I nor anyone else could have said one word in praise of the remainder, for good ringing was conspicuous by its absence. Why spoil a grand occasion? Even Mr. Williams remains silent on this important point. My only object in mentioning it was simply an endeavour to avoid a repetition in the future, and any fair-minded person would surely think the same. Certainly by all means give every member a chance of ringing, but only when capable of doing so, then receive them all heartily. I was grateful to Mr. Williams for so kindly inviting me to take part, but I could not see the slightest chance of a successful touch, so respectfully declined. Was I right or wrong in doing so? If wrong, well then, 'let 'em all come'!

My account of St. Paul's opening was correct in every detail, and so becomes interesting ringing history.

F. E. DAWES.

## A BOURNEMOUTH CEREMONY,

## INTERESTING PEALS RECORDED.

The first anniversary of the rededication of the ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, after their complete restoration in 1937 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., was marked on Sunday, November 20th, by the dedication of two peal tablets during evensong.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Canon Hedley Burrows), who afterwards addressed the congregation, taking for his text the inscription he placed on the 'Peace Bell'—No. 5—'Peace from Him, Which was, Which is and Which is to come.' Special prayers were offered prior to the dedication, which was concluded with the singing of one of the hymns used at the rededication of the peal a year ago.

The first tablet recorded the first peal rung in Bournemouth—5,040 Grandsire Triples—in three hours on December 26th, 1891. Of the band which rang this peal, Messrs. George Presten and James G. Bennett were present. The late Mr. John W. Whiting, of Fareham, conducted Holt's Ten-Part peal on that occasion. The second tablet recorded the first peal on the restored bells, rung by the local company on May 28th of this year. Ringing took place both before and after evensong in methods up to Double Norwich Major.

## ALDERSHOT LADY RINGER BEREAVED.

A popular lady member of the Aldershot company, Miss Betty Stewart has been bereaved by the death of her father, Mr. C. J. Stewart, who passed away on November 12th and was buried on November 16th.

At the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Yorktown on Saturday, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Stewart, Miss Stewart and the family, and on Sunday evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Aldershot Parish Church in memory of Mr. Stewart, who for many years had lived within sound of the bells. At the request of the family the bells were rung open: Miss B. Stewart 1, W. H. Viggers 2, Miss E. Southby 3, W. G. Challen 4, W. Denyer 5, E. J. Bragg 6, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 7, R. Whitford 8.

## PEAL NOTES.

## SUNDAY PEALS.

Sunday peal ringing is not a very general practice, and it is somewhat noteworthy that we record this week four six-bell peals rung on November 13th.

The North-Western District supplied half the band for the quarterly peal of the Southern District of the Surrey Association on November 5th at Redhill. Mrs. C. H. Kippin rang her first true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, her previous peals in this method having been the unfortunate variation of F. Robinson's composition, which, after it had been rung many times, turned out to be false.

The quarterly peal for the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was an almost 'local' peal of Grandsire Doubles, at Ripple, only the treble man coming from outside the home tower. Ripple is an isolated spot, and it is encouraging to know that a band for change ringing, even if it is only Doubles, can be mustered here.

The heaviest ring of six in Sussex is at Goring-by-Sea, where the tenor is reputed to be 17½ cwt. They were cast in 1837. A peal of Minor was rung on them on November 12th, the only previous peal there having been rung in 1891.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Whitehouse and Miss L. Pearsall, was rung on November 12th at Oldswinford, Worcestershire, where Mr. Whitehouse is a member of the local band.

Mr. William Wilkinson rang his fiftieth peal on November 12th when he took part in a peal of Bob Major at Pinchbeck, Lincs.

There were 108 changes of method in the seven extents in 14 methods rung at Stisted, Essex, on November 13th. That is quite enough to make it a busy job. It averages a switch over in less than every 50 changes.

## CELEBRATIONS.

The centenary of St. Peter's Church, Glasbury-on-Wye, has been celebrated. When the church was built in 1838 six bells were placed in the tower, and the 'one hundred years' was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Doubles on these same bells, rung, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Lockyer) before the centenary service on Sunday, November 13th.

Mr. Charles Ollier, aged 75, and Frank Reynolds, aged 19, jointly celebrated their birthdays on November 12th, when they took part in a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Gorton Unitarian Church.

The appointment of Canon D. M. Jones as Archdeacon of Carmarthen was celebrated at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, on November 10th, by a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Miss R. O. Roberts rang her first peal at the first attempt and is to be congratulated on her success. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Parmenter, who took part.

Mr. J. E. Bailey paid for his first Surprise peal as conductor with some sore hands. Ringing the 18½ cwt. tenor at Dartford on Nov. 14th to Cambridge, the tail of the rope became untucked after 20 minutes. Instead of stopping to put matters right, he went on, with dire results to his hands. He won't do it again, we think.

Mr. F. J. Cullum, calling a peal of Cambridge from the treble at Erith, Kent, on Saturday, finished the interesting feat of conducting a peal from every bell in the tower.

The first peal on the bells at Kewstoke, Somerset, was rung on November 12th. It consisted of 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and was the first peal in the method by four of the band.

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles in commemoration of Armistice Day was rung at Neath, Glamorganshire, on November 12th. Raymond Grant and Fred Symons, who rang treble and tenor respectively, have been ringing for only nine months, and the former is not yet 17 years old. This was their first attempt for a peal.

After several unsuccessful previous attempts, Mr. Harry Boyce rang the second to a peal and thus completed the circle of the tower. Messrs. W. J. Gear and W. Lewis rang their first peal of Grandsire Doubles, and the conductor 'bagged' what has been, up to now, a very 'elusive' tower.

So, one way or another, all the band had records, and they are hoping that the day is not far distant when Triples will be the order, by the addition of two more bells.

At St. Albans Abbey, where four trebles were added to celebrate the jubilee of the Hertford County Association, the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells was rung on Saturday by members of the Cathedral Society. With the great old beams fixed in the ringing chamber in all sorts of inconvenient places (for the ringers), the belfry is not an easy place to ring in, but two of the band rang their first peal and four their first of Stedman Caters.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, of Enfield, was celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London. It was conducted by their daughter, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

On the same day other of Mr. Parker's old friends rang a peal of Bob Major at Warnham, Sussex, in honour of the auspicious event. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are both natives of Sussex and were married at the little village of Storrington on November 19th, 1888.

Painswick Surprise Major was added to the methods rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association on Saturday, when a peal was rung at Pulham. Only Mr. Nolan Golden, out of the band, had previously rung a peal in the method.

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**DORSET VILLAGERS' GOOD PERFORMANCE.**

(Continued from previous page.)

No fewer than 21 methods of Doubles, rung in complete extents, were put into a peal at Evershot, Dorset, on Nov. 12th. It is believed to be the greatest number ever included in a peal of Doubles, and it was rung, at the first attempt, by an entirely local band, as a compliment to one of their members, Mr. William Ruttley, on completion of 50 years' unbroken service as a ringer at Evershot Church.

Evershot has a population of less than 300, but there are ten ringers. Seven years ago only stoney was rung there, and the success which has since been achieved in change ringing is due to Mr. W. Shute, who acted as voluntary instructor and travelled many miles every week to do so.

This peal in 21 methods is a real achievement, and the band would once more like to thank Mr. Shute for what he did for them, and is still doing among other bands, for the promotion of the art and the betterment of the Exercise.

Mr. Andrew Thompson, hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, and has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Salehurst, Sussex, on November 5th, was rung for the ringing jubilee of Mr. Archibald Stevenson, who began ringing on November 5th, 1888, when he was given a lesson on the 2nd bell. He rang this same bell to his first peal and his first as conductor, and has now called his jubilee peal from it.

The Sunday service ringers at Leek, Staffordshire, rang a peal of Stedman Caters on November 10th.

Thirty-two Surprise Minor methods were spliced into seven extents at Folkingham, Lincs, on Nov. 12th, and conducted by Mr. Horace Day. It is the greatest number of Surprise methods in seven 720's rung in Lincolnshire and for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Arthur G. Bason, who rang the tenor to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Marham on Nov. 12th, has now rung peals in this method from Minor to Maximus.

Peals are in these days few and far between at Sheffield Cathedral, but we recorded a peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on Saturday week, conducted by Mr. John Thorpe, who has now twice completed the circle in this tower.

Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus are few and far between, but last Saturday members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang one at Great Yarmouth, the first by all the band and on the bells. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur G. King, his father and his daughter. The birthdays of all three were celebrated during the week-end.

The peal ran to 5,376 changes and was the longest on the bells. It was Mr. J. G. W. Harwood's fiftieth peal.

**LEICESTERSHIRE'S KING'S NORTON.****THE FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR ON THE BELLS.**

Leicestershire, like Worcestershire, has a King's Norton. Its bells, however, seem to have been sadly neglected, and although there has been at least eight there for the better part of two centuries, it was not until November 6th that, as recorded last week, a peal of Major was rung on them.

Previous to the attempt, the Whitehead party made a special journey to King's Norton to make the acquaintance of the new Rector, the Rev. W. R. Davis, who has come from Canada, and who was inducted the previous week; also to seek his permission to use the bells.

Mr. Davies said he would be delighted, but first of all he would have to seek information from an architect, living in the parish, to make certain that the bells were safe to ring. When the day arrived for the attempt, viewed by many as being a 'mad idea,' some hiked, some biked and the rest went by 'mobile.' It was not pleasant to hear from one of the local ringers that the whole frame housing the bells 'walked about' immediately ringing began. Undaunted by this, however, the bells were pulled up in peal, but this was not concluded without the treble rope 'casting wheel.'

A start was made one hour late, and Arthur Debenham (or 'stout-hearted Arthur' as he is known to his ringing friends) turned the tenor in beautifully, putting the whole of his 14 stone of muscle and brawn into the effort, which terminated with the bells coming into rounds at 1.45 p.m. Three cheers for Arthur, for it must have required a big heart to do it.

Lunch was very acceptable and was kindly provided by Mrs. Davis, to whom one of the party, on behalf of the whole band, expressed thanks.

The next move was to Gaulby, a stone's throw away, for a peal of Minor, which unfortunately was unsuccessful, owing to the poor condition of the ropes and the blisters from the Norton peal.

Tea was taken at the Old Manor House, now occupied by Mr. E. Norrish, to whom further thanks were recorded, and the day was finally wound up, after service ringing, by touches on handbells. All journeyed home in a happy mood, including the hikers, content with scoring the first peal of Major on Leicestershire's maiden peal of bells.

According to North, in his 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' King's Norton once had a peal of ten bells. William Fortrey rebuilt the church at Galby and erected a ring of six bells in 1741. He gave the ten bells to King's Norton some time later, but the ring had to be reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. The King's Norton peal contains one bell of the date 1641, the others, cast by the Eayres, of St. Neots, are dated between 1760 and 1764. Fortrey also gave two new bells to St. Margaret's, Leicester, in 1738, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Over 80 years of age, Mr. Dalton, one of the ringers at Chiswick Parish Church, has just retired after 60 years' service in that capacity. Good wishes will be extended to Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who was 75 last Saturday.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the great performances of the early days of ringing. On November 25th, 1737, the Eastern Scholars rang a 15,120 of Bob Major at West Ham, in 8 hours 40 minutes.

Ringers at Wye, Kent, have the opportunity of celebrating an interesting anniversary next Wednesday, for exactly 200 years ago that day a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples was rung in their tower 'by ye men of this town.'

It was not, however, the first peal that had been rung there. Two and a half years earlier a peal of Grandsire had been rung there by 'ye first set of men that ever rang it in the county without the assistance of Londoners or others.'

A band from St. Martin's, Birmingham, went to Manchester last Saturday and brought away a peal of Stedman Cinques from the Town Hall. Some of them got lost on the way home. But that is another story.

There will be a College Youths' practice at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on December 1st.

## HOBART ASSOCIATION.

### REHANGING OF BELLS DISCUSSED.

At the annual meeting of the Holy Trinity Association, Hobart, Tasmania, all the officers were re-elected except that Mr. P. Broughton replaces Mr. S. Taylor as hon. treasurer. The latter has, unfortunately, had to undergo an operation, and will be out of ringing for some weeks.

The active membership of the association in Hobart is 16, and in England, of course, there are nine life ringing members. The local members include several promising young ringers.

The officials of the association re-elected are: Patron, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania; president, Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood (who was in England last year); Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Quarmby; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. S. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. A. R. Wilson.

At the meeting the question of providing a new bell frame, for the centenary of the bells in 1946, was discussed. Afterwards Mr. Wilson gave an address on 'Brotherhood among ringers.'

Archdeacon Blackwood presided, and the churchwardens were represented by Mr. M. Crawford. The bell in stand which the English tourists presented to the hon. secretary on the occasion of their visit four years ago, occupied a conspicuous place in the ringing chamber.

It will be remembered that on the occasion of their reunion on October 15th, at Surfleet, members of the Holy Trinity Association rang the first handbell peal for the society.

## BRAY BELLS AND THE NEW 'SILENCER.'

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue my name was mentioned in relation to the above. My chief reason for writing is regarding the weight of the tenor (shown last week as 25 cwt. in D). As I rang this bell to a peal of Minor (four 720's of Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain) on August 3rd, 1929, I ascertained the weight of this bell as given by the foundry. The bells went to the foundry in 1914, and the local ringers asked specially for the tenor weight and key. This information, which is still held by Bray captain (Mr. F. J. Russell), was returned by the foundry as 26½ cwt. in B. Her lip measurement does not give true weight, as she is rather long in the waist, similar to the tenor of the old eight that were in St. John's Parish Church, Croydon.

I might agree that the new type of silencer used on November 5th of this year would take more than 1½ cwt. off in the course of a peal, as far as exertion by the ringer is concerned. I can certainly testify to the effectiveness of these silencers, having used them at Launton, by permission of Mr. F. Sharpe (the inventor), some 18 months back, but as there is naturally secrecy about them until such time as they are patented, I can say but very little. In any case they could well be used in cases where there are objections to ringing, as volume can be brought down practically to 'nil.'

Whether the Central Council would recognise a peal rung with these adapted must remain to be seen, but for my own part (with all due respect to my friends who took part in the Bray peal), I should not attempt a peal in which they were to be used until I was sure it would be recognised. With Mr. F. Sharpe's permission, I should like to say more on this. The only thing that grieved me was that a noble bell like Bray tenor should have to be 'muzzled,' for I went over specially to Bray to listen to her beauty.

Maidenhead.

GEORGE GILBERT.

## PERFECT STRIKING.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A year ago there was some discussion in your columns as to what should be regarded as 'perfect' striking.

At the opening of Parliament recently I was close to the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and I heard a touch of Stedman Triples rung from start to finish with the most faultless rhythm imaginable. A record of it could well have served as a standard example of perfect striking.

F. LL. EDWARDS.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—46.

## HORACE M. DAY.

Among the men who are leaders of six-bell ringing, Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, can be reckoned in the forefront. In conducting peals of Minor he has shown himself eminently capable and he has been one of the pioneers of multi-method peals in Lincolnshire, where the practice has spread among a number of bands.

Born at Tallington, Lincolnshire, on September 4th, 1881, Mr. Day moved to Market Deeping in 1896 and there he learned his ringing. Ever since the war he has been captain of the tower. His first peal was in five Minor methods at Edenham in February, 1914. During the war he spent sixteen months at Bristol and rang with the band at St. Stephen's Church. His second peal was 5,019 Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol, the first peal in that city after the Armistice in 1918.

Returning to his home in Lincolnshire, Mr. Day rang his first peal as conductor at Market Deeping on July 1st, 1920, when he called seven Minor methods. Since then he has conducted peals of Minor from each bell in each of the towers in the three Deepings—Market Deeping, Deeping St. James and Deeping St. Nicholas.

He conducted the only 10,080 of Minor that has been rung in Lincolnshire, took part in the only peal of Double Norwich Royal in the county, and the only peal of Primrose Surprise Major yet rung. His great forte, however, is Minor, and in this department he excels as a conductor. He has helped a goodly number of ringers through their first peal



MR. HORACE M. DAY.

and he has called a great number of peals in multi-methods, including 32 Surprise methods, which is the largest number that has been included in a peal. Mr. Day has not got a full record of all his peals, but, omitting a number of which he is not certain, rung for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, he has compiled a total of 241, of which he has conducted 176. His peals of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal number only about 30.

Mr. Day has been Ringing Master of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1925.

## KING AND QUEEN VISIT BELFRY.

## HER MAJESTY INSPECTS COMMEMORATIVE BELL.

The King and Queen, who spent the week-end with the Queen's brother, the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, at St. Paul's, Walden Bury, attended morning service on Sunday at St. Paul's Church, where Her Majesty was christened.

Afterwards the King and Queen went up to the ringing chamber, and Her Majesty afterwards went on up into the belfry to see the new 'Elizabeth' bell.

Mr. Ernest East, one of the ringers, accompanied the Queen and explained how the bell is rung.

The new treble bell, installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., was added to the old five to make a ring of six to commemorate the Coronation of their Majesties. A Latin inscription round the shoulder records the purpose of the bell; and the royal ciphers GR and ER, in between which is an ornamental cross, appear on the waist. The bell was dedicated on Sunday, October 30th.

## MESSRS. TAYLOR &amp; CO.'S CALENDAR.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. wish to remind those who have not yet returned their 'calendar cards' that calendars cannot be sent unless notification is received that one is desired.

The card is enclosed with the idea of ascertaining the number of calendars required to be printed, and Messrs. Taylor would be grateful for the co-operation of those wishing to receive a calendar for 1939 by sending a notification not later than December 1st next. This will save the disappointment which each year is caused in numerous instances to those who, whilst wishing to receive a calendar, yet by oversight omit to return their card.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## A SECRETARIAL DIFFICULTY.

## Western Branch Unable to Find Successor to Mr. Large.

The insuperable difficulty of finding a successor to the retiring secretary was the only disturbing feature in an otherwise highly successful meeting at Upton-on-Severn on November 12th, when the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its annual meeting there. In spite of rain and wintry conditions, over 60 ringers attended, 18 towers of the branch being represented as well as members from the Northern and Southern Branches. Visitors included the Revs. I. J. Richards (Mon.) and H. Benson (Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon), Mr. William Dyer and friends (Cheltenham), Mr. A. Jones (hon. secretary of the Ledbury District, Hereford Guild). The bells of the Parish Church, which recently were rehung by Mears and Stainbank, found their tongues at 3 p.m. and were kept going until 4.15, when a short service (partly choral) was held in church (a modern building, little over half a century old), and an interesting address delivered by the Rector, the Rev. S. F. Lloyd, who is an hon. member of the association.

In his address the Rector referred to the words in St. Matthew: 'He sent his servants to call them,' and said he would like to adapt those words to ringers. When they rang the bells their voices went out to all houses in the parish, even more so than his voice did in church. He asked them to take as their personal motto, 'Doing it as His servant,' as they were just as much God's servants as others in the church.

Tea was ably served in the Working Men's Club at 5 o'clock by a band of ladies, who have an affinity with ringers and ringing, after which the business meeting was held, with the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary) in the chair. Supporting him were Messrs. S. T. Holt (Master), J. D. Johnson (general secretary), R. G. Knowles (vice-president), C. Camm (Branch Ringing Master) and G. E. Large (branch secretary). It was reported that the quarterly peal had been rung at Ripple the previous Saturday, a peal of Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

Mr. C. Camm was again re-elected Branch Ringing Master, he having held this position for many years.—Mr. Camm thanked the members for again electing him, and said he hoped to see more enthusiasm in the branch than of late.

The nomination of Mr. S. T. Holt as representative to the Central Council was unanimously approved, and Mr. W. Ranford was once again re-elected as branch representative to the Central Committee.

## NO SUCCESSOR FOR SECRETARY.

Mr. G. E. Large, who, at a previous meeting at Ripple, had intimated that he would not seek re-election at this meeting, said he regretted he had not found anyone to nominate as his successor, though he would be relinquishing the branch secretaryship at the end of the year. All those who had been approached had said they had not the necessary leisure time.

Mr. Holt and Mr. Johnson told the meeting that Mr. Large had very good reasons for giving up the secretaryship, and the former asked Mr. E. F. Cubberley (Kempsey), who was present, if he would reconsider his refusal to take the job on. Mr. Cubberley said he regretted he could not change his mind, as, though he had given the matter careful thought, his work presented him from accepting.

Many members were then called upon to ascertain their 'ayes' or 'noes,' but no one could see their way clear to say 'Yes.' Much time was spent on this vexed matter and many resolutions framed (some conflicting with the rules) until it looked as if the meeting would still be there at that time next year. The situation was saved by Mr. Johnson (general secretary), who advised them to re-elect Mr. Large, if he was agreeable, so that it would give them a respite in which to find a successor. He (Mr. Johnson) thought no one should be asked to take on the work haphazardly, as it required careful thought, and he would like to see someone take it on for a number of years, which did not necessarily mean for life.

Mr. Large said he did not wish to have the books again after the auditors had had them, but as no one could be found to take on the job he would continue in office until the next meeting (some time in February or March), when he would then definitely resign.

Mr. Johnson remarked that if by that time no successor had been found to Mr. Large, he himself would take over the books and arrange one meeting, but only one. Accordingly the retiring secretary was re-elected with thanks and for the time being the difficulty of a successor postponed.

Hallow was proposed as the place for the next meeting, subject to the consent of the Vicar there.—Thirteen new members were enrolled, nine of these from Shelsley Beauchamp, a tower which is now affiliated for the first time.

The secretary reported that he expected an increase by the end of the year of over 30 new members (applause). In the last four years their branch had each year showed an increase, approximately 66 new members having been accepted. This, he said, proved they were on the right side, and he hoped all in the room would do something to keep these members and to render any assistance required.

On the chairman's call 'Any other business,' the secretary said he had been asked to thank all those who had (independently of the association's grant) subscribed to the Hanbury Bell Restoration Fund. They were going to have a good job done at Hanbury by having

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## GUILDFORD AND LADIES GUILDS.

### SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT YORKTOWN.

It has become a frequent custom for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild to arrange a meeting jointly with the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and with happy results. Last Saturday a combined meeting was held at Yorktown and brought together a gathering of some 50 ringers, of which Aldershot, as usual, supplied a strong contingent. Yorktown has a comparatively modern but beautiful church, and the bells have recently been rehung. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and although the methods did not reach any flights of fancy, some good, solid practice was put in.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman) and the address given by the Rev. L. B. Towner (curate). Miss Maries, at the organ, and the choirboys led the singing.

Tea in the Church Room was a happy affair, in which the choirboys joined, and conversation, at any rate in one corner, touched politics as well as ringing. The Vicar presided over the gathering, and among those present, in addition to the representatives of the towers, and the members of the Ladies' Guild, all of whom, by the way, were members also of the Guildford Guild, were Miss Middleton (a life member), the Rev. Towner, the hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild (Mr. J. Corbett), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president), Mr. W. F. J. Cope (Guildford District secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary), Miss H. F. Mills (Southern District secretary of the Ladies' Guild) and Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh).

Mr. Goldsmith welcomed to their first meeting new members of the Hawley and Seale bands, and said how pleased they all were to have Miss Middleton among them again. Miss Middleton was a warm supporter of the old Winchester Guild, and on the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild became one of the first life members. Mr. Goldsmith went on to thank the Vicar, the curate, Miss Maries, the choir, Mr. Evens and the local ringers, and the ladies who had served tea, each for their part in making the meeting a success.—Mr. Evens and Mr. W. Gillians replied.

Mr. W. Gillians and his son and daughter, Mr. R. Gillians and Miss K. Gillians (Seale) and Mr. R. Wake (Bagshot) were elected ringing members of the Guild, and Mr. A. J. Harding (Yorktown) an honorary member.

The general hon. secretary reminded the members of the annual dinner of the Guild, to be held on January 14th, and pointed out the importance of the event receiving the support of every tower if it was to be made a success.

The retiring officers of the district were renominated, with Mr. Evens as an additional name for the committee, after Mr. F. Nye had urged that some of the younger men should take a share in the management of the Guild.

At the close of the meeting the Vicar replied to the vote of thanks to himself, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Yorktown again.

In the afternoon the Vicar dedicated in the belfry a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on April 20th.

Mrs. Cope presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held after that of the Guildford Guild and when the men had been 'cleared out.' Miss Middleton, of Camberley, was elected an honorary member and Miss K. Gillians, of Seale, a ringing member.

It was decided to hold a meeting in the Basingstoke District in February.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Bruce (vice-president), Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Steedman and Miss Stewart.

## CURATE AND CHURCHWARDEN'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.

At St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, Surrey, on November 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. B. A. Whitehead (curate of the parish and priest in charge of St. John's Church) and Miss Margaret Spencer, daughter of Mr. A. C. Spencer (churchwarden) and Mrs. Spencer, of Fairview, Cobham, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by A. Winch (Leatherhead) 1, A. Roberts 2, A. H. Smith (Leatherhead) (conductor) 3, J. Mills 4, G. Shotton 5, E. Matthews 6.

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their bells recast and rehung, and further subscriptions would be welcome.

Before the collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund, which realised £1, a discussion took place on this fund, and it was decided that whatever the other two branches did, the Western Branch would stick to its original rule made at Hallow on November 7th, 1931, 'That all collections made at these meetings be given to the Belfry Repairs Fund.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, to their chairman, the organist and choirboys, brought the meeting to a close, after which the bells were again made use of until a late hour. Hanley Castle (St. Mary) six bells had been kindly placed at members' disposal and several made the short journey there to wind up a successful outing.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### QUARTERLY MEETING IN THE WELSH HILLS.

Merthyr Tydfil, situated well up in the Welsh hills, at the top end of the Taff Valley, was the scene on Saturday of a good muster of ringers who attended the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. The bells, a lovely ring of eight, with a tenor a ton, erected 42 years ago by Taylor and Co., are, perhaps, one of very few installed under similar circumstances. The late Sir William Thomas Lewis influenced seven other old Merthyr boys to give a bell each, contributing the tenor bell himself. Those who had never visited Merthyr before were delighted with the fine tone and the easy running of the bells.

Service was taken by two of the assistant clergy in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon Pugh), who was away in residence for a month at Llandaff Cathedral.

A sumptuous tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, which had been very kindly provided by the Church authorities and ladies.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn Jones (curate). Various reports were dealt with and several new members elected. The very best thanks, ably proposed by the Master, Mr. E. Stitch, were accorded to all who had contributed to make the meeting such a success. The bells were afterwards rung in various methods, including Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. It was pleasing to see such a number of young ringers present, among them several of the young band from Ebbw Vale, who took part in the ringing of Grandsire Triples. It was a most pleasant meeting and an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The next meeting of the association is to be held at Ebbw Vale.

## RINGING IN FRONT OF CHANCEL STEPS.

### BARNESLEY SOCIETY AT CROFTON.

The November meeting of the Barnesley and District Society was held at Crofton, members being present from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Burgwallis, Cawthorne, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Sandal, South Kirkby, Wath and the local company and one out-radius member from Ashford, Kent. The bells are a beautiful peal of six, with tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F. Three of the bells are old, the other three having been added in 1915, and the ropes fall in a good circle in front of the chancel steps, thus doing away with stair climbing. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the new Parochial Hall, 17 being present.

The business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Moxon, of Sandal (vice-president).

One new member, Mr. F. Vallance, of Burgwallis, was elected. Ecclesfield was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on December 10th.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company for the arrangements made and to the ladies for providing such a good tea, further ringing followed in a great variety of Minor methods and also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The bells were lowered in peal to bring to a close a very good meeting.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### NEW MILL WIN CONTEST AT SHELLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Shelley on Saturday, November 5th. Four teams entered the contest, to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: (1) Friesland; (2) Meltham; (3) New Mill; (4) Liversedge. Liversedge rang Plain Bob and the others rang Oxford.

Tea, to which about 30 sat down, was served in the Gardeners Arms. The meeting which followed the ringing was held in the Mothers' Union Room, the president (Mr. Earnshaw) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Shelley (the Rev. — Broadbent).

It was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next committee meeting be held at Kirkburton on March 11th.

The judge, Mr. A. Hoyle, of Shelley, gave his decision as follows: Friesland, 110 faults; Meltham, 80 faults; New Mill, 77 faults; Liversedge, 222 faults. New Mill were, therefore, declared winners, and the cup was presented to the conductor (Mr. H. Biltcliffe) by the Vicar of Shelley.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CREWE BRANCH TRY SANDBACH'S RESTORED BELLS.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on November 19th at Sandbach, where the peal of eight bells has recently been returned and put in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The cost of this work has been defrayed by a local lady, Mrs. Poole, of Sandbach, in memory of her husband.

Ringings during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Tea was kindly given by Archdeacon Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach, and there were 42 members present, representing 17 towers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Archdeacon for his hospitality and for the use of the bells.

## DONINGTON RINGER'S LONG RECORD.

### DEATH OF MR. HERBERT WOODS.

It is with great regret we record the death of Mr. Herbert Woods, of Donington, Lincolnshire, at the age of 73 years. He passed away at his residence on Tuesday, November 15th, after only a few months' illness.

The interment took place in Donington Cemetery on Saturday, the funeral service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Elson). As a last token of respect Mr. Rupert Richardson (Ringing Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. George Ladd (Pinchbeck) and Mr. Cyril Burrell (Gosberton) rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. Six of deceased's fellow-ringers acted as bearers and in the evening they rang the tower bells half-muffled.



THE LATE MR. WOODS AND HIS RINGING FAMILY.

In this picture, with the Vicar of Donington, is the late Mr. Herbert Woods, with his four ringing sons and grandson.

Mr. Woods had had a long association with Donington Church, having been a bellringer there for nearly 50 years, during most of which time he had been captain of the band. He was also a chorister in his early days, and in September of this year he completed 37 years as verger and cemetery keeper. He was also one of the oldest members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

On November 21st, 1937, he created something of a record, as he, together with four of his sons and a grandson, rang a quarter-peal on the six bells.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ROCHESTER DISTRICT ON THE UP-GRADE.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Rochester. About 80 members attended and the meeting was in all respects a complete success.

Ringing on the Cathedral bells took place for an hour in the afternoon, and evensong was attended by most of the ringers. Tea was served at the City Cafe, the cost being borne by the association.

The business meeting was presided over by the Dean of Rochester, Bishop Blackie, who extended a very hearty welcome to the ringers to the city of Rochester, which, he felt, was the home of the District. He emphasised his admiration of the spirit of comradeship and good feeling which usually existed among the ringers, and he said it gave him very much pleasure to be with such a happy and genial gathering of churchworkers. He also expressed his great pleasure in seeing so many young ringers and ladies at the meeting, and made amusing references to his earlier association with the ringers when ringing by the ladies was regarded with a certain apprehension.

The district representatives, Messrs. W. Spice and E. A. G. Allen, were re-elected, as was also the district secretary, Mr. George H. Spice.

The secretary read his annual report of the activities of the District since the last annual meeting and other matters of interest to the members. It was gratifying to note that the district continued to flourish and that the membership was on the up-grade. Of the total of 182 members of the Rochester District, 26 were under 16 years of age and eight were non-paying members over the age of 65. It was noted that there was also an increase in the number of peals rung during the past twelve months, but it was emphasised that the time had arrived when the six-bell towers should contribute a bigger share to the total and that they should make a special effort in this direction during the coming year.

Gillingham was decided upon as the place for the first meeting of the new year, to be held in January.

Ringing on the Cathedral and St. Margaret's bells was afterwards resumed.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

### SUCCESSFUL FIRST DINNER.

The first dinner promoted by the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Saturday, November 5th, at Alfreton. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and at 5 o'clock, a well-attended service was conducted by the Rev. L. H. de Cas, Vicar of Alfreton. The address was given by the Rev. T. H. Evans, Rector of South Normanton, and the lessons read by Mr. J. W. England, hon. secretary of the association.

A company, numbering 74 ringers and friends, gathered in the evening at the King Alfred Hotel for dinner. The vice-president (Mr. John Hobbs) occupied the chair, supported by the president (Mr. Wilson Dobb), the Revs. L. H. de Cas, T. H. Evans and H. W. Schofield (Selston), Mr. Tom Clarke (Ringing Master), Messrs. E. A. Ashman, A. Elliott, H. Doughty, T. Jennings (members of Executive) and Mr. J. W. England. There were also present Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer of the Midland Counties Association), Miss I. Thompson (hon. secretary of the District Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Walker (churchwarden, South Normanton) and Mr. W. Ainsworth (churchwarden, Tibshelf). Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Derby, Bishop Neville Talbot (St. Mary's, Nottingham), the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson, Canon Paget, the Rev. D. G. Smith, R.D., Messrs. W. F. Croft, C. Harrison, A. Brown, J. Swinfield, James Rawson, W. P. Deane, Sydney Palmer, R. Richardson and E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council).

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Tom Clarke proposed 'The Church and State,' and made reference to the great national figures who had made an indelible impression on this country.

In reply, the Rev. L. H. de Cas expressed his personal gratification and that of the town of Alfreton at the association's visit to that place. The association, he said, was engaged in valuable work, and he wished it continued activity and prosperity. It was a pleasing sign that ladies were taking a part in this work, and possibly their æsthetic tastes would have a chastening effect on the appearance of some ringing chambers (laughter). Bellringing should induce a tremendous feeling of loyalty to the Church and promote fellowship. As to the State, whatever mistakes democracy had made, and, possibly, one was that of 'muddling through,' they would never make the mistake of exchanging their own freedom for what other dictator powers considered a 'greater state of efficiency.'

Mr. E. A. Ashman, toasting 'The Association,' said he had been ringing for about 50 years, and in his early days it took about an hour to ring 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles, each change being called by the ringer who was leading and repeated several times. He attributed the progress made to the work of the associations. Better belfry conditions all round prevailed to-day.

At this juncture a splendid course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Miss I. Thompson and Messrs. Clarke, Salter and Bradley.

### THE ASSOCIATION'S AIMS.

Mr. J. W. England replied to the toast and reminded the company that last year they celebrated the jubilee of the association. The hope was then expressed that they would have an annual dinner and convivial reunion. The success or otherwise of that evening's gathering would determine the future policy. Such gatherings would undoubtedly increase the bond of fellowship in the association. Although over 50 years old, the association was very young in comparison with some. He reminded the company that bellringing in its early days was indulged in more as a pastime for the sons of the wealthy than an act of service. While a small minority still practised the art merely as a hobby, the object of the majority, and the object of ringing associations, was to produce the best in their power to the glory of God. The aims of the association were efficiency and loyalty to the Church. That evening, he reminded the gathering, they had with them Mr. H. Draycott, of Tibshelf, who the following day, November 6th, would complete 50 years' service as ringer in one church; also Mr. J. Swain, who had rung for 49 years. If the association could retain the interest of such members for so long and in conscientious service, then its work was worth while (applause). He appealed for 100 per cent. membership and pointed out that where ringing was regular and efficient, the ringers were invariably members of an association. They must, he said, do their utmost to prevent the substitution of mechanical means for beautiful bells. He had heard of ringers being described as a nuisance. Ringers could be a nuisance, but so could some clergy (laughter). He concluded by appealing for closer co-operation between clergy and ringers.

Mr. Wilson Dobb submitted 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies,' and particularly welcomed Miss Thompson and Mr. W. E. White, the genial treasurer of the Midland Counties Association.—Mr. R. Walker responded.

The musical programme was well sustained by Mr. J. Wright (bass), Mr. W. Haig (tenor) and Mr. A. E. Coupe (humorist), while Mr. A. Lane was the accompanist.

The Chairman, in his concluding remarks, stressed the importance of striking, and said 'every ringer is a soloist.' He asked every ringer at all times to remember this.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the enjoyable proceedings.



## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, instead of All Saints', to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 26th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea in the Welcome Hall at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells of Merton Parish Church will be available for ringing in the evening. Nominations for district officers may be made at this meeting.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 18½ cwt.). Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Munday, 92, High St., Old Woking.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting after. As this is the Silver Jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the Cathedral bells, it is hoped there will be a good attendance.—A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, November 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea to follow. All welcome. Note my new address.—O. Sipetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 26th, at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bocking bells (8) will be available in the evening.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—To-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 26th, a meeting will be held at Stagsden, where the handy little ring of 6 bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints' on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Our last meeting this year will be at Attleborough on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Angel Hotel. Meeting follows.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster to-morrow (Nov. 26th). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church House 5.15, followed by usual business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly offered to arrange for tea.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Stapleford bells from 7 to 9 p.m. May I assure all who have supported our meetings so well that a hearty welcome awaits them at this, the last meeting of the year? —C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**OVER PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE.**—Ring of 8 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co. Re-opening service Sunday, Nov. 27th, at 10.30 a.m. Preacher, the Venble. R. H. V. Burne, Archdeacon of Chester.

**SOBERTON, HANTS.**—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the bells will be held on Sunday, November 27th, at 11 o'clock; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. All ringers welcome. Bells available from 10 a.m. and after the service. A ring of eight tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting, St. Giles', Cripplegate, Nov. 29th, 7.30 p.m. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote of matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—A practice meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 7.45 p.m. Nearest stations: Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane. All ringers welcome.—G. H. Cross.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., also Hasketon (6). Tea at Howe's Cafe, 9d. each, 5 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by November 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Institute. Will bands and visitors attending kindly notify me not later than November 28th?—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Oak Cafe at 4.45. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing after service till 9 o'clock. Postcards for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. Subscriptions for year ending June, 1939, now due.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Phone, Ley 3850.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Laurence's (Ramsgate) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1s. per head. Please assist by sending your names to Mr. L. A. Porritt, 18, Picton Road, Ramsgate, so as to arrive not later than Thursday, December 1st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in School, 6d. each, to all who notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when the newly reconditioned ring of bells of Christ Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tea will be served at 1s. 6d. per head, and requirements should reach the undermentioned address not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Leicester and Hinckley Districts will be held at Claybrooke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 8. Members of the Warwickshire Guild are invited to attend. This meeting is specially arranged to revive local interest. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me of their intention of being present. Cards should be posted not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.—H. W. Perkins, W. A. Wood, Dis. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. St. Ann's, West Hill, Highgate, will be available from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Hampstead and Gospel Oak will be available after tea. Names, etc., for tea, please, by Dec. 1st, to one of the following: J. G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1; N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. in the Walker Hall, The Green, at 5.30. Please advise me by November 30th. All ringers welcomed. Bus route 29 from Victoria, or Tube to Southgate.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Phone, Larkswood 1959.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Priory Church, Cartmel, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting at the Greyhound Hotel. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsbury and Burton (6). Numbers for tea by Monday, Nov. 28th, please.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1938 will be held at Kegworth on Dec. 3rd, and a good finish to a good year is requested. Please send p.c. for tea to Mr. F. J. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, by Dec. 1st.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. S. Churton, 1, Birks Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Nov. 30th? All ringers welcome.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please make a special effort to attend. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please send in good time numbers for tea. Visitors will be made welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Water-moor bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Viner's 5 p.m. Service at Parish Church 6 p.m. Parish Church bells (12) open after service. Please advise for tea by Nov. 29th. — W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsdon on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ilchester bells will probably be available.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe (5 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Wives and friends cordially invited. Business meeting afterwards. Please let us have a record meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea. — W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, in conjunction with the Ashford District, Kent County Association.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me not later than Dec. 1st if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Mulberry Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington (8 bells), Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. per head, to all who notify Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, by Dec. 8th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will take place at Wivenhoe on Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Service will be taken by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Rector of St. Peter's, Colchester. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible. Only those who send notification will be provided for.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Wilfred's, Calverley, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) in Schools at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Thompson, 72, Woodall Road, Calverley, by Thursday, Dec. 8th. A hearty welcome extended to all. — Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Appleby Magna, on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, of the number for tea.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Last meeting of the year. Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bus service from Britannia Hotel, Shrewsbury. Please notify for tea, as catering is difficult here without due notice.—W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at the Memorial Hall. Will those desiring tea please let me know by Dec. 5th? — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Address by the Rector of Clyst St. George (Rev. J. D. F. Woodhouse). Tea 4.45 p.m., free. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Dec. 5th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**MEETING AT WATFORD,** Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open from 3.30. Service at 5.10. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting, after ringing till 8.30. Herts Association.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. John Worth is now 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

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The Sunday service band at Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for the special service of remembrance on November 13th: A. G. Hazelden 1, W. T. Poston (conductor) 2, K. C. Bridges 3, A. H. Wheelwright 4, J. D. Morris 5, H. H. Winney 6, J. J. Webb 7, R. Taylor 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 3.

For the Armistice service at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on November 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by E. Worsdell 1, M. Smither 2, G. Arrowsmith 3, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 4, R. Carpenter 5, A. Brown 6, R. Hagley 7, G. Johnson 8. First attempt for ringers of 1 and 6.

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