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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

Some features of unusual interest to ringers marked the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday. The gathering, as is customary, brought together a widely representative company of ringers from all over the south of England, and fully maintained the prestige that has grown up with it in a long course of years. This dinner, drawing together, as it does, old friends from widely separated districts who would otherwise have no opportunity of meeting, stands out as one of the landmarks of the ringing year, and last Saturday's gathering will remain memorable for the first public exhibition of Mr. John Carter's ringing machine. Needless to say, this marvellous piece of mechanism was the great centre of attraction, and while, through no fault of the inventor, some of the effect was lost by the difficulties presented by the instrument to which it was attached, it was looked upon as a compliment to the oldest ringing society that the newest, and certainly the most wonderful of machines, connected with bells, should have made its first public appearance there. It needs a knowledge of the science of ringing to understand to the full the extraordinary ingenuity that has been displayed in constructing this machine, and many will agree with Canon Coleridge when he said, in effect, that it was the most wonderful piece of mechanism ever fabricated by human intelligence.

London ringers who were present heard with pleasure that there is a possibility of having in the not far distant future yet another peal of twelve bells within the City, for the Rector of St. Magnus made the announcement that, if it is at all possible, he proposes to augment his present peal of ten by the addition of two more bells. Ringers will specially welcome this information, because, although London already possesses eight such rings, access to some of the towers is not always readily attained, and as St. Magnus is one of the belfries in which the College Youths practice regularly, the carrying out of the scheme will be a matter of congratulation.

A suggestion which one hopes may bear fruit was made by the Past Master of the Society (Mr. C. H. Horton) that the social side of ringing might be considerably further advanced if another such gathering as that, and the one at Birmingham, could be inaugurated in some other part of the country, and he indicated the west, presumably Bristol. Had it not been for the war we believe that a commemorative dinner would have been arranged at Sheffield in honour of the memory of the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley. Sheffield would be an admirable centre for a gathering of north country ringers, and an annual festival of this character both in the north and in the west should prove popular.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2	GEORGE CARD 8
HAROLD P. BARTON 3	*ERNEST BOTTRILL 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	FRANK SMITH 11
JOHN W. CORNFORD 6	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on 12 bells. Rung for Mr. Foskett's golden wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 6
ROBERT RICHARDS 2	ALFRED H. HILLIER 7
RICHARD THOMPSON 3	THOMAS T. GORTON 8
JOSEPH A. GORTON 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
JOHN McKEAG 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This was the treble man's first peal, although a ringer of 23 years standing. He only commenced change ringing a few months ago. Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6076 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM WAITS 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
GEORGE PIPER 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
*HERBERT TOMSETT 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS 9
*ERNEST GOWER 5	GEORGE RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

THOMAS HUGHES Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
BERT HORTON 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung specially in honour of Mr. William Rock Small's 82nd birthday.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	*GEORGE BASFORD 6
WILLIAM FAREY 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 7
HENRY BLUNDELL 3	FRED WILFORD 8
CHARLES BIRD 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
*ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5	*HARRY PETTETT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KILDWICK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. W. E. H. Ash's 50th peal.
Rung on the 43rd anniversary of the commencement of Mr. J. Broadley's ringing career.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE HATTON Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 6
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*MAURICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Arranged and conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	JOSEPH DAVIES 5
SAMUEL GROVE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
ALFRED DAVIES 4	WILLIAM SHILCOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung on the eve of St. Leonard's, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Joseph Davies, William H. Barber and Edward Wilson.
* 300th peal.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JOHN ATKINS Treble	*C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
†LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT 2	GEORGE PIGOTT 6
*CHARLES H. SIMKISS 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
†EDWARD ROSE 4	*RICHARD RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. † First peal in the method.
† First peal 'inside.' The ringers of the treble and 5th were elected members before starting.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS CHAMBERS Treble	*RICHARD H. STANCLIFFE 5
THOMAS STANCLIFFE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BLACKSHAW 4	FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. The ringer of 6th belongs to Blackburn Parish Church, the rest belong to Blackburn St. Michael's.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
ERNEST CURTIS 3	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	HARRY HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

LLANFIFGAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Maughan,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*HENRY J. TAYLOR Treble	*WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 3	WILLIAM SANDERS 7
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells, and first of Major in the county. An attempt for the same composition at St. Mary's Church, Brecon, the previous evening, failed, after two hours and 58 mins. ringing. * First peal of Major.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Kent and Oxford Variations Spliced. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL 5
JOHN HAYES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
FRANK FOX 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

In this peal there are no bobs, Oxford places being made instead of Kent places at the calls, and the 7th and tenor are never in the slow work. First peal on the plan by all the band, also first in the county.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, Nov. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ISAAC EVANS Treble	SAMUEL H. COLEY 5
†FRANK WARD, M.M. 2	†JOHN T. DAVIS 6
EDWARD HORTON 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
†DAVID APPLEBY 4	*ALBERT WARD Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the safe return from the Great War of Messrs. F. Ward, D. Appleby, S. H. Coley and A. Ward.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOT Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
*LEONARD BARLOW 2	JOSEPH GREGORY 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
TITUS BARLOW, JUN. 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Bishop Thicknesse, a former Vicar of Deane, who was interred at Peterborough on the above date.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSEPH PLANT, JUN. Treble	JOHN J. TAYLOR 5
*JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
FRED BIRKS 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
WALTER R. HUGHES 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. Frank James, the 'G.O.M.' of Staffordshire. The band were kindly entertained to supper after the peal by the Vicar and Churchwardens, who were also present. * 50th peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
TRAYTON BOOTH 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	CHARLES G. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Armistice Day, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. All the ringers belong to Salehurst band.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THEODORE RUSSELL Treble	CHARLES H. STANLEY 5
LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
CHARLES H. SIMKISS 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
EDWARD ROSE 4	*LESLIE WALLBUTTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the fallen.

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

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	ARTHUR NEWALL 6
FRANK FOX 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for those who fell in the war.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALFRED S. BAYLEY Treble	GEORGE L. HEWITT 5
ROBERT EVANS 2	JACK GARBETT 6
*WILLIAM WASE 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
BERT RIXON 4	*JAMES L. HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman for the Salop Guild by a local band. The ringers also belong to the Hereford Guild, and are only the second local company to ring a peal of Stedman in the Hereford Diocese. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the fallen, also on the occasion of the visit of the Marquis of Cambridge to the Coalbrookdale High School, to unveil a memorial tablet to the memory of the 'old boys' who gave their lives during the war.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble	HENRY RUMENS 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the local units, the 7th Bn. Essex Regt. and the 3rd East Anglian Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. (T.), who died in the Great War, on the occasion of the unveiling of an obelisk erected by their comrades.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	*CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. PYE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Foskett. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of again thanking them for so kindly entertaining them to supper after the peal. * First peal in the method.

HIGHGATE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD Treble	JORN W. CORNFORD 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	GEORGE CARD 6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	FRANK SMITH 7
RICHARD BEVAN 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Foskett, which anniversary was attained on 11th Nov., 1921.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY W. SHUKER Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
MISS EMMA TONGE 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
ALLAN F. BAILEY 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
HARRY CHAPMAN 4	SAMUEL HOLT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Emma Tonge and Mr. Harry Chapman.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS PHOEBE UPSHER Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER 5
CHARLES V. HARE 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Misses Upsher and Parker.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.
THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

MISS E. J. ADDISON Treble	W. T. CLARK 4
M. BUTTERFIELD 2	MISS A. BUTTERFIELD 5
MISS D. ADDISON 3	J. P. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by Miss BUTTERFIELD.

First peal by all, and the second rung on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court,
St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRED HILL Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
T. W. CHAPMAN 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
*ARTHUR ROWLEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the festival of St. Luke. * First peal in seven methods.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Bob Minor and Canterbury
Pleasure, and one 720 of College Single.

STANLEY WEYMAN Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
THOMAS HANDS 2	JOHN HALL 5
GEOFFREY HEMMING 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

This was the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, viz.: 8 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, 8 of Old Doubles,
8 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES J. PAIN Treble	WILLIAM THOMAS 3
GERALD GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 4
JOSeph T. DYKE Tenor	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double
Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
FRANK WEBB 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

8 On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
8 1/2 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 1/2 Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS ... Treble	HERBERT ROBINSON ... 4
GEORGE THEW 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 5
WILLIAM STOCK 3	ALFRED ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung with the bells muffled on Armistice Day.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Plain Bob, Double Court,
Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BRINKLEY ... Treble	ALFRED SOETH 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
ALFRED J. H. PEAKE 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

Rung with the bells muffled for Armistice Day.

GREAT YELDHAM.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and one 720 each of Wood-
bine, Double Court and Plain Bob.

*JOHN ABRAHAM Treble	HORACE COOPER 4
*BASIL ARGENT 2	*SIMON DACE 5
*WILLIAM MARTIN 3	FRED WILKIN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

* First peal. First peal by local company. Rung with bells half-
muffled in honour of those fallen in the war.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. DEW Treble	HENRY WEALE 3
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. BEVAN 4
WILLIAM POSTON 3	FRED WILKIN Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET'S, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor†
Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

JESSE TUCKWELL Treble	*HARRY A. HEARL 4
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 2	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 5
GEORGE LANCASTER 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal. This peal was rung half-muffled in memory of the
men who laid down their lives from this parish, and as an Armistice
Anniversary peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... Treble	†HARRY BAXTER 4
*HERBERT F. WAINWRIGHT ... 2	FRANK LEWIN 5
CYRIL WILSON 3	CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, being 720 of Stedman, 480 of St. Simon's, 480 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 1,920 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER SERMONS Treble | WALTER MANSFIELD 3
 ROBERT HOWARD 2 | HARRY HOWARD 4
 *ALBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
 REV. A. H. F. BOUGHY (Trin.) 3—4 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7—8
 *H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
 Witness: W. E. A. LOUNDS (Queens').

* First peal in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
 AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
 ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

The above peal was tapped as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas Bernard and Miss Mackenzie, the ceremony taking place at Fortrose, Scotland, on the same day.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHY (Trin.) 1—2 | H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 5—6
 *E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3—4 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7—8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held on Saturday, November 5th, at All Saint's Church Rooms, Cockermouth, about 40 ringers being present from Aspatria, Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Carlisle, Cockermouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont, and Hensingham. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Parker, M.A., Vicar of All Saints, and President of the Association, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Wallis (Carlisle).

The Secretary presented his report, which showed a very satisfactory balance in hand of over £7.

It was decided that at all towers in the association the bells should be muffled on the Sunday following Armistice Day as a token of respect to those who had fallen in the great war, also that a peal should be rung in the near future, and recorded on a peal board with the names of the members of the association who had made the supreme sacrifice.

It was also decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Keswick, in place of the one which was postponed in July on account of the Coal Strike.

After tea the ringers adjourned to the belfry of All Saints', where there is a peal of eight by the Whitechapel Foundry. They are rather in need of attention, but some good practice was had, and touches of Kent Minor and Major, and Bob Minor and Major were brought round, some of the ringers having a pull on eight for the first time.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION.

The autumn meeting was held at Ormesby on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, when ringers were present from Carlton, Darlington, Thirsk, Northallerton, Whitby, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Stockton, and Saltburn. The old Parish Church, which dates back to about 1100, was without either tower or peal of bells until some 14 years ago, when a lady left a legacy for both a tower and a ring of eight bells, which latter were put in by the well-known firm of J. Taylor and Co.

The address at the service was given by the Vicar of Ormesby (the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm), who gave the association a most hearty welcome, remarking that the last time the association held a meeting there was about 11 years ago. He only wished that these meetings came round oftener, as they brought a good number of ringers together, and increased the good fellowship between them.—Tea was provided in the village bungalow, some 40 ringers and friends sitting down. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. J. L. Kyle), supported by the Vicar of Ormesby, the Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, Vice-Presidents J. Stool (Thirsk), J. W. Passman (Middlesbrough), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

After tea, the usual loyal toasts were given by the President, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Ormesby for his most able and instructive address, also for the use of the bells, the Vicar suitably responding.

Nine new members were elected from Saltburn, Whitby, Ormesby and West Hartlepool.

Representatives attended the meeting from the Yorkshire Association in accordance with the resolutions and invitations that had passed between the two organisations from time to time, with a view to getting the Cleveland Association, which has done good spawdwork in Northern Yorkshire during the last twenty odd years, to amalgamate.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association), and Mr. P. J. Johnson (secretary) laid their ideas before the meeting, the suggestion being that the Northern division of the Yorkshire Association should be cut into two, one part to be called the North-East Division, and the other to be called the Cleveland Division. The attitude now adopted is different to that of 1897, when the Yorkshire Association were begged to open out a Northern Division, and their then president seemed to think that the district was so wide that no good could be done.

The Cleveland men offered strong objection to the present proposals, and no resolution was put to the meeting. The Yorkshire Association's representatives were asked to give the proposed dividing line between the North-East Division and the Cleveland Division, and when this has been done the Cleveland Association will call another meeting to further consider the matter.

SAILOR-RINGER DEAD.

A young and promising ringer, who rang the treble to Grandsire Triples at the age of 13 years, has died, in the person of Alan Wedmore Dyson, A.B., Royal Navy, who succumbed on Sept. 30th to malaria, at the age of only 21 years. The funeral took place at Leigh Parish Church, Gloucestershire, where deceased was formerly a ringer, and the coffin was carried to the grave by six of the deceased's old friends, and school fellows. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and the funeral was attended by a great many sympathisers. His favourite hymns, 'Fierce raged the tempest' and 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' were sung by the choir, of which deceased was a member for years as a boy. The first verse of the National Anthem was sung at the graveside at the conclusion of the burial service, and in the evening his brother ringers rang, muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: B. Poulton 1, W. Poulton 2, C. Coldrick 3, G. Watts 4, A. Martin (conductor) 5, W. Hughes 6.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, on Saturday evening, Oct. 15th, with the bells muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: F. Taylor 1, R. Harris 2, O. Attwood 3, F. Smith 4, W. Crook 5, T. Devereux 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8.

MAGDALEN BELLS HEARD AGAIN.

OXFORD GUILD'S ACTIVITIES.

On Tuesday, October 25th, at Magdalen College, Oxford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung, in 50 mins., by: T. Payne 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, F. S. Macey 4, S. Hounslow 5, F. E. Taylor (conductor) 6, W. H. B. Wilkins 7, G. Caldwell 8, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 9, H. Miles 10.

At the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, F. Clinkard 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, F. S. Macey 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Caldwell 6.

At Milton, Berks, on Oct. 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Cooper 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, H. Holifield 3, J. Nobes 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6.

At Sutton Courtenay, the same day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: H. Cooper 1, J. Nobes 2, J. Honey 3, G. R. Rice 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6. First in both methods by J. Nobes.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—In many journals a 'printer's error' can well be allowed to pass unnoticed, but not in one which appeals to so wide a public and enjoys such a well-merited reputation for accuracy as does 'The Ringing World.'

May I be allowed, therefore, to point out a mistake in the current number of 'The Ringing World'?

In the first paragraph under 'Belfry Gossip,' you say that of the twelve-bell towers in England only eight are at Cathedrals.

Now, Sir, probably all your London readers, and many of your Provincial readers, know of the twelve bells at St. Saviour's, Southwark, which is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Southwark. Yet Southwark Cathedral is not mentioned in the paragraph as one of the twelve-bell Cathedrals.

Can it be, Sir, that your paragraph is prophetic, and that Southwark Cathedral will never appear again among the twelve-bell Cathedrals of England? If so, there is very real danger of this prophecy coming true.

Some weeks ago the bells were pronounced unsafe, and they cannot be rung again until 'The Wizards of Whitechapel' have worked their spells upon them. This will cost £60, and the Cathedral Chapter have no funds in hand to pay for the work. So the bells of Southwark are at present silent, to the great regret of many besides the present writer.—Yours obediently,

A. W. STACEY,

Assistant Priest of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and a member of the London County Association.

By an oversight both Southwark and Wakefield Cathedrals were omitted from the list of 12-bell Cathedral towers in our last issue.—Ed. 'R.W.'

SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, writes, in reference to the paragraph which appeared on the subject of Mr. Samuel Lawrence's peal book, that Mr. Lawrence was a Shifnal gentleman. He was buried there, and his house is still standing. He rang a good many peals at St. Chad's, and was in the last peal of Maximus there by the Union Society on December 27th, 1813. The tenor was not again turned in to a peal until the peal of Bob Maximus rung in 1914.

Samuel Lawrence's peal book is well worth looking at, as he travelled a long way in those days, which was no easy task.

St. Chad's Society are fortunately in possession of the handbells used by the Union Society more than a century ago. St. Chad's bells were opened by the College Youths in 1798, when a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung, in which Lawrence took part. He also rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques.

THE LAST OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the anniversary of the first peal rung for the Yorkshire Association at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Nov. 9th, 1875, vide 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of the 4th inst. This peal was rung on the election of the then Mayor, now Lord Mayor, a custom which is still in vogue in the city of Hull.

There is now only one left who rang in this peal — Mr. Henry Jenkins, familiarly known to the local ringers as 'Old Harry,' who is in his 78th year.

Although unable to take any active part in ringing, his enthusiasm has in no way abated, his intellect being as firm as ever. He is often to be found outside the tower during ringing, being a keen critic of the striking.

Of a jovial disposition, and possessing a pleasant fund of humour, his genial presence is ever welcomed amongst the ringers.—Yours truly,

A. B. COOK.

58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following upon the list already published, and as a result of correspondence, I beg to submit these names to the Exercise:—

Page 16.—No. 11, Marple.

Page 17.—No. 15, Taxal.

Page 14.—No. 3, Abbeyville.

Page 23.—No. 11, Wath.

Page 36.—No. 22, Rossendale instead of Lancashire Surprise.

Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.

The unveiling of the war memorial tablet, erected in St. Botolph Church, Bishopsgate, will take place on Sunday morning next, 20th November, when the Lord Mayor and sheriffs, in state, will attend, also a contingent of the Honourable Artillery Company, with their splendid band. In the evening, the War Memorial Chapel will be dedicated, and the Rector and churchwardens of St. Botolph's cordially invite all ringers to these services, as ringing will precede both services, which commence at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. respectively.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CELEBRATION OF 284TH YEAR.

The 284th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday last, and was once again the occasion of a large gathering of members and friends, not only from the Metropolis but from many parts of the Provinces.

The admirable arrangements made by the Dinner Committee, coupled with the excellent catering, made the gathering extremely enjoyable, and to add to the interest there was on view, for the first time publicly, Mr. John Carter's marvellous ringing machine. This was naturally an object of great attraction, both before the dinner and during an interval, as well as later, when it was set to tap a course of Stedman Cinques on the piano. Unfortunately, owing to the piano attachment not fitting perfectly to the instrument, the rhythm of the course was lost by the frequent absence of notes, but the extraordinary nature of the machine was fully obvious to the audience.

The Master of the society, Mr. Harold J. Walton, presided over the company numbering nearly 200, including:—Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.V.O. (Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill), Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus), Rev. Prebendary Isaacs (Rector of Cripplegate), Rev. C. O. Child (St. Agnes, Kennington), Rev. H. B. Simpson (Stepney), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Messrs. E. A. Young (Hon. Secretary of the Central Council), T. H. Tallender (Master of the London County Association), W. T. Cockerill (Hon. Secretary of the College Youths), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees), G. R. Fardon, J. C. F. Bayley (stewards), Capt. Bennett, V.C., Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. R. Powys (Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mrs. Wilkins, and Mr. A. E. Wilkins, Messrs. W. A. Cave and P. W. Cave (Bristol), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), A. Walker (Birmingham), R. T. Hibbert (Secretary of the Oxford Guild), and members of the Caversham band, T. Faulkner and members of the Barking, Essex, band, J. Wyatt and J. S. Stainer (Ashted), J. W. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. Carter (Honor Park), G. Hoad (Reigate), H. Eden and H. Smith (Bushey), T. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), J. Parker and W. J. Hazell (Edmonton), T. Beadle and members of the band from Isleworth, P. Clark and members of the band from Ealing, J. C. Truss (Marlow), J. Evans (Hugghenden), A. B. Bennett (Cumberland Youths), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), J. D. Harris and F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth), etc.

Immediately after dinner the toast of 'The King' was honoured.

THE CHURCH.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' Looking back to the history of their society, he said, they found that their very existence depended upon the church. If for a moment they could imagine there were no Church, their society would not that evening be celebrating their 284th anniversary. The church, he continued, was symbolical of all that was best and highest, the ceremonies of her services, whether it be at one of their cathedrals or in the smallest village church, were carried out with great reverence and dignity, and left them all with a sense of rest from the toil and turmoil of everyday life. The churches themselves were among the finest buildings in the land, and provided them with some of the finest specimens of ancient architecture. Referring to the part of ringers in the services, the Master said to the uninitiated the ringers' art might be somewhat of a mystery, but though their work was carried out unseen, they never received complaints that they could not be heard (laughter). Continuing, the Master said they were honoured that evening by the presence of the Rectors of some of the City and London Churches. The society owed to them a debt of gratitude for the use of their bells for practices. In coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. J. H. Ellison, he said it was unnecessary for him to remind them of the interest he had shown, of the help they had always received from him, and how greatly they valued his support (applause). The presence of so many eminent members of the church was especially gratifying, as showing not only their continued interest in the society, but also because it was an acknowledgment of the part ringers took in the work of the Church (applause).

Canon J. H. Ellison, in responding, said at the meeting of the National Assembly a few months ago there was a proposal that the bell ringers of the country should come under the Parochial Church Council, and he was much struck by the fact that man after man got up and said they could not possibly have that. They had been connected with the clergy for so long a time that they wished to go on working under the clergy. That, he thought, was a great compliment to the relations which had always existed between the clergy and the ringers, and which, he hoped, would always continue to exist (applause). At the same time, upon the face of it, it seemed to indicate a rather wrong idea on the part the bell ringers of what the Church of England really is. It almost seemed to imply that the

Church of England was the clergy of the Church of England. They were not, they (the laymen) were equally as much a part of the Church of England, and in proposing that toast they were proposing their own health (laughter and applause).

THE LAYMEN'S PART.

The toast was 'The Health of the Church.' Somebody had described health as the power of adapting the body to all the various changes which it had to meet in the course of the year. If health was the power of adapting itself to circumstances, then, he thought, the Church had never been so strong as it was at this moment, because at long last the Church of England had got, at all events, some power to govern itself, and to say in what way it wanted to be ruled, and in what way it wanted to go forward, thanks to the action of Parliament in giving them the National Assembly. Up to the passing of that Act, the Church had not been able to take a single step forward without the sanction of Parliament, and Parliament had been either too indifferent or too preoccupied to make that possible. Therefore, for a large number of years the Church of England had really not been enabled to adapt itself to all the changing circumstances of the age in which we lived. Everything else had been changing, but the Church had had to go on almost exactly on the same lines, merely because it had had no power to adapt itself to the new circumstances. People sometimes spoke of the weakness of the Church, but bearing in mind the limitations upon its actions, his answer always was that the very fact that the Church of England was at the present time what it was, and was so great a force in the country, showed how enormously strong it was, and what tremendous reserves of strength it had behind it if it could only use them, as he believed it was going to use them through the National Assembly. If the laymen wanted the church to be really strong they must put their whole force into it, and they as ringers should grasp the rope firmly, if he might use the metaphor, and give a hard pull, resolving that the peal of the Church should be strong and united. Having referred to what the National Assembly was already doing by way of remedying abuses and establishing the Central Fund, Canon Ellison pointed to the difficulties of trying to reconstruct the Church finances at a time when money was so terribly short, but added that the laymen were throwing themselves into the matter, and if the ringers really wished health to the Church of England they should also throw themselves into the work in their own Parochial Councils, and, by sending resolutions to the National Assembly, not only make the Church fulfil the wishes of her laymen, but show that the laymen realised that they were, as much as the clergy, a part of the Church of England (applause).

REMINISCENCES OF ANCIENT YOUTHS.

Canon Coleridge, in an entertaining speech, submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said those gatherings carried him back in memory forty years or more, to a time when it was his privilege to meet the College Youths in a somewhat low tavern at Southwark (laughter). That was in 1879, and he could see now certain old members of the society sitting there in great solemnity, and being venerated by the young men like himself. There was Henry Haley at the end of the row, and next to him John Cox, who was a Cumberlandian, but preferred to be with the College Youths when he could (laughter). Next to him sat Murray Hayes, then Mat. Wood, then the gentleman they used to call 'Jimmy Delight,' because his name was James Dwight; then came their dear old friend, still with them, Ted Horrex (applause). The only difference he could see in him was that that night he was smoking a cigar, while on the occasion he referred to, 40 years ago, he was smoking a clay pipe (loud laughter). Last of all, came George Muskett who, to his (the speaker's) huge astonishment, drank claret (laughter). He (Canon Coleridge) thought himself 'no small beer' as an Oxford undergraduate, to be admitted to such lofty society (laughter). From that day to this, when he came to their annual banquet, he felt rejuvenated, and he went back feeling young again, and hoping he would be fit to come again the following year (applause). Canon Coleridge then branched off into the inevitable anecdotes, of which he has an inexhaustible store, and much amused the company.

A GREAT HERITAGE.

Turning again to the toast list, the speaker referred to the quotations from Shakespeare, with which the programme was appropriately besprinkled, and remarked that the sentiments seemed to him to apply particularly to the College Youths. The first was: 'He sits high in all the people's hearts.' Was it not perfectly true that if there was one thing the people of England valued more than another it was the sound of the bells? They did not understand very much about the ringing of them, but they were greatly disappointed if the bells were silenced. Then, again, 'Bequeathed down from many ancestors.' A great heritage was theirs. They were celebrating their 284th anniversary that day, and they had to look back to the heroes of the past and remember that many of the young men in the room that night would in time come to be looked on by those who followed

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after as heroes in the Exercise. Let them, therefore, see to it that they excelled in every possible way and bequeathed their art, through themselves, from those from whom they received it to those who would come after them (hear, hear). Then there was the quotation, 'Here is a touch. Is't good?' Let them always see that every bit of ringing they did, whether a long peal or simply a touch, was the best they possibly could give. 'A smooth success be strewed before your feet,' was another quotation. He hoped they might be successful in many peals, but let them try their best to deserve it. 'You are very welcome to our house, it must appear in other ways than words.' That was the call of the Church. Was it not for every ringer to be welcome in the House of God, not merely for ringing the bells, but also to take part in the services in the Sanctuary? They made their presence in the belfry heard outside; let them not fail to make their presence evident within the Church. 'All's well that ends well.' They said that of every peal. The time would come when the peal of their lives would draw to a close, and he prayed that it might be well with them at the end, so that when the call of 'Stand' came, in that their earthly activity they would take up life in another sphere for which they had tried to fit themselves here (applause). In conclusion, Canon Coleridge referred to Mr. John Carter's machine, which they hoped to hear in public for the first time that night. He had no hesitation in saying that no piece of scientific work had ever been fabricated in this world which bore such an intelligent impress as that marvellous production of Mr. Carter's creative mind (applause).

THE YEAR'S LOSSES AND SUCCESSES.

After a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, whose name was coupled with the toast, replied. He said he had received letters regretting absence from the Archdeacon of London, Ald. J. S. Pritchett (Birmingham), Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mr. W. H. Judd and Mr. E. P. O'Meara. They had to deplore the loss of eight members by death, since the last dinner, viz., Miss Macalpine Leny, Mr. Frank Woodhead, Mr. Ackland J. Perkins, Mr. Charles W. Goodenough, Mr. Walter S. Wise, Mr. Charles Jackson, Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins and Mr. William Gifford. Since the last dinner they had made 36 new members, and their meetings for practice had been excellently attended. Sixty-seven practices had been held, and 137 members had attended at some time during the year. The peals rung during the year numbered 27: Grandsire Triples 2, Stedman Triples 12, and one on handbells; Stedman Caters 4 and one on handbells; Stedman Cinques 3 and two on handbells; Cambridge Major 1, Cambridge Royal 1, Superlative Major 1. The conductors had been Messrs. W. A. Alps, T. Taffender, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, A. Walker, J. Thomas, H. G. Miles, T. Groombridge, junr., J. N. Oxborough, C. F. Winney, W. E. Garrard, W. H. Barber, W. Haigh, R. T. Hibbert and C. Fenn.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

Both 'success' and 'welcome' were written large on Saturday last, when over forty ringers met at Hillingdon. Some of the 'early birds' arrived soon after three o'clock, and a start was made with Grandsire Triples. The service was held at five o'clock, when the recently-appointed Vicar (the Rev. Henry J. Kiteat) officiated, and in the course of his address dwelt upon the subject of the various sacred offices, pointing out that all were necessary, whether at the east or at the west end of the church. He showed how all are dependent upon and have need of one another. The bells always seemed to say, 'Come unto Me,' and they were especially associated with Christmas.

The service was brightened with suitable music, Miss Feltham presiding at the organ, and very appropriate selections were made in the choice of hymns, 'Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,' and 'Craftsman's art and music's measure.'

A good tea is a great addition to a ringing meeting, and the best thanks are due to Miss Nora Williams for arranging it so economically, and to her willing assistants for their help.

The District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) thanked the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells.

The Vicar was proposed as a hon. life member, together with three ringing members from his tower, including Miss Grace Baker, who rang one of the small bells to Grandsire Caters. The methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Luton District took place at Dunstable, on Saturday week, and proved a most successful one, members and friends being present from Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Woburn, Tring, Hitchin, Stevenage, St. Albans, and the local tower. A very welcome visitor also was Mr. C. Dean, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry, Croydon. The bells were rung for an hour before the short service, which was conducted by the Rector and President (Canon W. W. C. Baker), and greatly appreciated by the mem-

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REMEMBRANCE DAY.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—In honour of 'Remembrance Day,' a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, with bells half-muffled, on Friday, November 11th, in 54 mins.: J. Williams 1, T. Roden 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, G. Tudor 4, O. Beech 5, H. A. Farlow 6, E. F. Mitchell 7, T. Smith 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10.

ISLEWORTH.—At the Parish Church, for special service of Remembrance, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, W. Etherington 2, E. V. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Tricker 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, W. Dickens 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On November 11th (Armistice Day), for service, with bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, A. Bull 5, F. Jelf (conductor) 6, G. Maxim 7, R. Smith 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins., by: P. Couchman 1, S. Shellock 2, J. Hunt 3, Clr-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M., 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, C. Norris 6, F. Richardson 7, G. Lawrence 8.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,440 changes Surprise Minor, being 240 each of York, Durham, Lancashire, Stamford, London and Wells Surprise: A. J. Barcock 1, E. J. Bragg 2, G. F. Bell 3, W. A. Norman 4, R. C. Allen 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who gave their lives in the late war.

LONG STANTON.—On Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day, 720 Single Court, rung in whole pulls, with the bells muffled at back stroke, in 54 mins.: W. Hawkes 1, J. B. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

BOLTON, LANCs.—For Armistice Day, at Holy Trinity, with bells half-muffled, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins.: R. Young 1, A. Sewart 2, E. Cutsforth 3, J. H. Makinson 4, W. Pennington 5, A. Heywood (conductor) 6, P. Crook 7, W. Dickenson 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, immediately after the unveiling of the town war memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), was rung half-muffled, in 42 mins.: W. Evans 1, D. R. James 2, A. J. Pitman 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, E. Stitch 7, B. J. Toby 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary's, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 mins., rung in remembrance: Emma Franklin 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, Stella Davis 4, S. Chapman 5, F. Freeman 6, J. Hazell 7, W. Mathews 8. Conducted by W. Mathews. First quarter-peal in this method by all the band, and first quarter of Bob Major on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the following: *F. Bowers 1, J. Metherell 2, A. Deacon 3, J. Hensman 4, J. Mackay 5, E. Haxley 6, B. Soden 7, W. Gammage 8. Conducted by B. Soden. * First quarter-peal, and rung at the first attempt.

WILLENHALL.—At St. Giles' Church, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, touches of Stedman Triples were rung before Divine service, with the bells half-muffled, and after service with the bells open, the following ringers taking part: E. Hortin, F. Ward, H. Coley, C. Wallater, I. Evans, D. Appleby, J. T. Davies, H. Ludford.

ALDRSHOT.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Armistice Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): A. J. Croucher 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. Mills 3, W. Denyer 4, G. Gasson 5, G. Beeby 6, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Allsopp 1, J. Reynolds, junr., 2, G. Roberts 3, S. Honour (first quarter) 4, W. Allsopp 5, J. W. Pemberton 6, B. Leedham (conductor) 7, J. Reynolds, senr., 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., was rung half-muffled: S. Wood 1, E. Stoner 2, A. Steele 3, G. Streeter 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

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bers. Tea at Wilson's Restaurant was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the chair was taken by the President. The officers were re-elected en bloc, and four non-resident members and one ringing member were afterwards elected.

An interesting discussion took place on various matters of interest to the association, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

The handbells were afterwards brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Bob Major rung, while other members returned to the tower, where ringing again took place. The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), was rung in 48 mins.: E. G. Cottis 1, A. Harrison 2, T. Faulkner 3, E. Andrews 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, J. T. Dyke 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8, J. T. Dyke hails from Midsummer Norton.

WEST EALING.—For the morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, on Nov. 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Macdonald 5, F. Hayes (Kent County Association) 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8. The ringers congratulate Miss Edwards, of West Ealing, on attaining her majority, and Mr. C. S. Bird (Heston) on this, the anniversary of his birthday.

HOUNSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 13th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 42 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. Lawrence 2, C. Tricker 3, J. Milner 4, G. Spencer 5, W. E. Judd 6, A. Harding 7, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 8. Rung as a compliment to the District Master on the anniversary of his birthday.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: P. Norton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Rowland 2, H. Whaunlaw 3, G. Herbert 4, C. Collins 5, T. Bolton 6, E. Cassell (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the treble ringer.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Byolin 1, *J. E. Lilley 2, G. Jones 3, *S. Suckson 4, *R. Pole 5, *W. Fairhead 6, O. B. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Turner 8. * Longest length of Stedman Triples. Also 168 Stedman Triples.

ARKSEY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Clark 1, L. Beadsmore 2, F. Beadsmore 3, F. Atkinson 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Clark (conductor) 6, T. Revell 7, H. Trout 8.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, after the unveiling of a war memorial by Sir Courtenay Warner, M.P., Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, 1,120 Kent Treble Bob was rung at the Parish Church, to the memory of the men of Clare who fell in the war: W. Underwood (Cavendish), conductor, 1, H. Cooper (Yeldham) 2, F. Wilkin (Yeldham) 3, C. W. F. Clarke (Gt. Cornard) 4, E. E. Perkins (Cavendish) 5, A. Maxim (Foxearth) 6, G. W. Moore (Clare) 7, T. E. Slater (Glemsford) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, G. M. Kilby 2, H. Kilby 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, W. G. Matthews 5, A. Tennant 6, F. H. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Kilby 8. Rung as a farewell to A. French, who was leaving Willesden for Aylesford.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Gordon 1, W. Cave 2, L. Stone 3, H. Lambert 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Preston 10. Ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Bristol.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—At St. Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, on Sunday evening, Oct. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: P. Smith 1, J. P. Cobbold 2, E. Rye 3, W. Savage 4, H. Bramble 5, A. Johnson 6.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for Majins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Johnson 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, G. E. Lawrence 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, J. Walley 5, J. F. Ryles 6. Also for evensong, 720 Norton-le-Moors: E. E. Johnson 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, F. Triner 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, J. Walley 5, F. T. Dawson 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except J. E. Wheeldon.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Taylor 1, T. Grant 2, J. Bell 3, A. Evans 4, G. Jones 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6, C. W. Bell 7, H. E. Mills 8. The ringing was arranged for Mr. Evans, who was on a visit to Bath, and hails from St. Andrew's, Burnham-on-Sea.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong, 240 Stedman Doubles: S. France 1, R. Turner 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, W. Lyceatt 4, W. Clay (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6; 240 Plain Bob Doubles: S. France 1, R. Turner 2, W. Lyceatt (conductor) 3, A. M. Shotton 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Edwards 6; 240 Grandsire Doubles: S. France 1, W. Clay 2, A. White 3, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 4, W. Lyceatt 5, H. Edwards 6.

EALING.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. E. Churchill 1, H. Folkard 2, H. Belcher 3, P. Lane 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Arranged for Mr. Lane, of Ludlow, Salop.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Oct. 23rd, for evening service, 1,263

Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. Cuttmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. E. Judd 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Driver 8, A. Harding 9, H. Edwards 10.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Pannett 1, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 2, E. B. Crowder 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Composed by G. H. Daynes. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Southwark to the church.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, at the Church of St. David, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. H. Midwinter 1, T. Jones 2, W. Crane 3, A. J. Hughes 4, A. E. Pegler 5, W. T. Pegler 6, J. H. Riding (conductor) 7, J. L. Jones 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. H. Midwinter 1, T. Jones 2, W. Crane 3, A. J. Hughes 4, W. T. Pegler 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, A. E. Pegler 7, Amos Trippier 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong, 1,050 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Boddington 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, S. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, R. Fardon 6, P. Lane (Ludlow, Shropshire) 7, E. Easton 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung for morning service at St. Peter's, Collegiate Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, in 50 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, E. F. Mitchell 3, T. O'Connor 4, G. Harris 5, H. Farlow 6, W. H. Lawley 7, T. Smith 8, W. A. Cooper 9, R. Thompson 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mitchell. A peal in the same method was attempted the previous day, but came 'mystuck' in the 29th course. The band were very kindly entertained afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, 23rd Oct., for evening service, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, 270 Stedman Caters: Miss F. L. Bill 1, Miss H. Bill 2, C. E. Borrett 3, F. J. Howchin 4, G. P. Burton 5, D. T. Potter 6, G. Mayers 7, J. E. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, F. W. Curtis 10. Also 306 of Stedman Caters, in which Miss H. Durrant, G. Claxton and Alfred Watson took part.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 16th, for harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Avis 1, Miss Ethel M. Goodship 2, H. Argent 3, G. Ambrose 4, G. Morrad 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON.—For evening service, on Oct. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: R. Wilson 1, A. Coles 2, H. J. M. King 3, A. J. Gregory 4, H. S. R. Cooper 5, C. A. Gray 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, H. Smith (first quarter-peal) 8.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at St. John's Parish Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Treble Bob, for evening service, viz., 360 Violet and 360 Woodbine: A. Lees 1, W. P. Deane (conductor) 2, L. Pennington 3, T. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Bourne 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 16th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Newton 1, A. Fisher (first quarter-peal) 2, C. W. Roberts 3, R. Gordon Brown 4, A. F. M. Tuke (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, A. Cutmore 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, 514 Stedman Caters: C. W. Roberts 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, A. H. Macdonald 4, Rev. C. Carew-Cox 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, G. W. Frayne 8, A. B. Peck 9, A. F. M. Tuke 10.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, at St. Alphage, Greenwich, S.E., 1,239 Stedman Caters: E. J. King 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Rushton 3, I. G. Shade 4, J. Lamb 5, J. R. Gammon 6, R. W. Rawlins 7, R. G. Chappelle 8, W. H. Pickett 9, W. H. Berry 10.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, Oct. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from 'The Ringing World', Oct. 14th, by Harold Walker (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, W. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, W. Willmot 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. F. Bennington 1, J. Crowder 2, J. Law 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, R. A. Forsdike (first quarter on an inside bell) 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

STONEY STANTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: Stella Disney 1, G. Wood 2, N. Walker 3, C. Brown 4, C. H. Webb 5, T. Atkins (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 6, C. H. Briggs (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Briggs 8.

SPROTBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Clark (Arksey) 1, F. Atkinson (Wraxley) 2, W. H. Metcalf 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. C. Stacey (conductor) 6.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**SPECIAL MEETING AT CUCKNEY.**

An interesting supplementary meeting was held at North Cuckney, on a recent Saturday. Business duties kept some faithful members away, others were no doubt deterred by the stormy afternoon, but the muster was fairly representative of seven towers, viz. Anston, Barlborough, Cuckney, Warsop, Worksop, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Treeton. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., and after a few preliminary touches in plain methods for the learners, the higher methods of Oxford, Kent, Violet and Duke of York were practised, and a 'silent' 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the first on the bells, by A. Hakes 1, W. Platts 2, P. Hibbard 3, H. Haigh 4, C. F. Fowler 5, J. H. Brothwell 6. Tea was provided in the Church Institute, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Mumford), 25 members sitting down. Afterwards the business meeting was held, and a new peal of eight handbells was rung by mixed bands in tunes and changes.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) explained the reason for holding the meeting at Cuckney instead of Edwinstowe, and said the Edwinstowe band would join up early in the new year, and a meeting be held there next July. Mr. Wilson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Cuckney for his kindness in coming amongst them and presiding over the tea and meeting, and also for the use of the bells and institute. He looked upon the Vicar, he said, as an old friend, and as one who always extended the utmost courtesy to ringers. Mr. C. F. Fowler seconded the motion, and the Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers at Cuckney, and hoped they would make good use of the bells, which, upon the authority of one of the oldest ringers, were one of the sweetest rings of six bells in North Notts. He need not tell them too much of the enjoyment he had experienced just before tea, when sick visiting at the other end of the village. The sound of the mellow-toned bells was wafted over by the breeze, and it was delightful to pause and listen to them. During the great war, in which he played some little part, he never heard the sound of church bells except a solitary one in Egypt or France. The art of bell ringing was English, and the people of cities, towns or villages owed a debt of gratitude to the ringers of England. The work of a bell ringer required self-denial and loyalty; hard and strenuous practice to master the art. Their work was hidden and unseen by the outside public. Although the bell ringers derived many pleasures and advantages, he also realised the many ups and downs and disappointments they had to pass through. Especially was this the case with the enthusiastic teacher, who, having brought a band almost to perfection, often found that change of occupation or migration from village to town undid the good work he had done and necessitated the making of a fresh start.

Mr. Haigh moved, and Mr. Ibbotson seconded, a vote of thanks to the hostess (Mrs. Harvey) for her splendid catering.—This concluded the business, and in the evening the bells were rung to a variety of Treble Bob Methods.

BALL BEARINGS AND 'SIMPSON' TUNING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. A. Smith as to the permanent utility of either ball, or roller, bearings for bells. People seem to forget that bells are not like engines or motor-cars, which are continually overhauled and looked after; but when once hung, they are expected to go for many years with little or no attention except oiling occasionally. No doubt that the 'go' of a bell hung on such bearings is simply perfect for a time; but what will it be in a year's hence if neglected? There is no doubt that simplicity is the great thing to be aimed at in everything connected with bell hanging.

While on the subject of modern 'improvements' (?) in connection with bells, will you allow me again to protest against tuning on the 'Simpson principle'? Not only have many good old bells been sacrificed for this fad, but the result does not appear to be satisfactory. I have heard from several well-known peal ringers, in different parts of England, and they all tell me that the effect is a continuous howling all through a peal. No doubt this system of tuning is all very well for carillons; but it does not appear to be a success for bells rung in peal.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

November 5th, 1921.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On November 1st, 672 Grandsire Triples: W. Walters 1, T. East 2, R. Prior 3, A. Webb 4, W. A. Webb 5, G. F. James 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, W. Greenough 8. This touch is the composition of the late A. R. Bosley, who was interred the previous afternoon at Harwell.

LATE NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

NOTICES.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas Room, Newbury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Central Committee will meet in the Rochester Cathedral Choir School on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 4 p.m.—Fred W. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Michael's Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Cottage, to be followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Guild Service in church at 4.30 with an address. Tea (at a nominal charge) and meeting will be held in the Church Institute.—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A practice meeting for the ringers in the Scarborough and Pickering district will be held at Malton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. As these meetings are held to further the art of change-ringing in this district it is hoped all ringers interested will attend.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at "The Grange," followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special meeting of the Guild for practice in the higher methods will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, 19th November. Service, 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th November, at

Horley. 8 bells. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 24th. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Earl Shilton on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 4 till 7 p.m. Smoking concert following.—F. Cotton and H. E. Norman, Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on the 26th inst. Eight bells ready early. Tea provided at a moderate charge to those who notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, before the 23rd. Only those who send word will be catered for, and this rule will be strictly enforced.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual monthly meeting will take place on Nov. 26th, at St. Michael's, Headingley. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Heavitree, Exeter. Service 4 o'clock, Parish Church. Tea 4.30, the School, Fore Street, Heavitree. Branch members tea free; visitors 1s. each. All Ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector. Business after tea. Will all who require tea kindly inform me by the 20th? Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, Nov. 28th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Nov. 21st. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Further particulars will be announced later.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 1921. Please notify me on or before Nov. 28th, 1921, how many intend to be present from

your tower. — E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present notify me not later than Nov. 28th so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—Owing to illness at Bishop's Stortford the annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Abbey Temperance Hotel. — F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. E. Colchester. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at All Saints, Wokingham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea only provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Ringing at St. Paul's after the business meeting.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s.) and meeting after service. Will members who intend to be present kindly notify me by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements can be made for tea? Shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) will, by permission of the Vicar, be available all day. — W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Service at 5. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at Whitworth. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. — T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 12th, when members were present from Helmshore, Rawtenstall, Newchurch, Bury, and visiting members from Blackburn, in addition to local ringers.

Ringings commenced at 3.30, and was kept going until 9 o'clock in various methods, viz.: Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich. The usual vote of thanks to the church officials for use of bells and to the ringers for having all in order, brought a very good meeting to a close. The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, upon a date to be arranged.

PRESTON BRANCH.

A very successful meeting was held at Higher Walton, on Saturday last. The bells were raised about 3.30, and well utilised up to 5.45, when a short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber. Mr. J. Bimson, of Preston, presided, and one new member was elected. Several suggestions were made for the first annual social, to be held at Chorley in December.

Tea was afterwards served in the school, and was very much appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local ringers for arranging the tea, also to the ladies who so kindly waited at the tables.—This was suitably acknowledged by Mr. J. Eccles, the local captain, who is also a warden of the church.

The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 8.30. Perhaps there was one fault to be found, and that was that the bells 'go a little bit rough.' Unfortunately, the discovery of extensive dry rot in the fabric of the church will put the question of overhauling the bells back for some considerable time. However, the range of methods rung during the afternoon was quite good, and included Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; also Bob Minor for the beginners.

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