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The College Youths' dinner on Saturday was again the occasion of an enjoyable gathering of ringers from many parts of the country. Each year seems to bring a bigger 'invasion' than ever of visitors from distant centres, until the event has become almost national in character. The Ancient Society has behind it some fine traditions in ringing, and there was never a time when the College Youths had greater prospects before them. No longer are they that 'one company' organisation which, in years gone by, they seemed to be, but they combine now among their active members the experience of age, and the enthusiasm of youth so essential to future success. Indeed, the promising young material to be found in the ranks of the College Youths in and around the Metropolis must be one of the most gratifying features to the older members.

Our article on this page last week seems to have been not inaptly timed, for it served to give the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, in responding to the toast of London and Provincial Societies, the cue for a serious speech on the difficulties which in these days confront London ringing societies. His remarks, in our view, give point to what we said with regard to joint action among the Metropolitan organisations. Quite frankly, Mr. Matthews said that the fact that some Metropolitan towers are closed to-day may be due to the action of ringers themselves in the excessive use they have made of them for peals in the past. Here, surely, is one strong reason why an effort should be made to get derelict rings put in order, so that the peal ringing may be spread over more towers, and thus reduce the risk of outrunning the welcome at the churches at present used.

Another of the points which Mr. Matthews made was that it was almost, if not quite, impossible to maintain any Sunday service ringing at the London churches. Here again, we think, the suggestion of our article might be utilised. Joint action by all the London ringing societies is just the method by which such difficulties could be met. There are examples to be found, even in the Metropolis, of the successful inauguration of Sunday ringing companies—not for every service probably, but, at any rate, once a day. St. Clement Danes, with its own Society of Youths, is, we believe, a case in point. We can quite understand how reluctant men, who have met with constant rebuffs and disappointments in their efforts, may be to make some new attempt, but if only the initial difficulties between the societies themselves can be overcome, we believe, some such course as we suggested last week might, in the process of time, have valuable and lasting results, because there are many subjects, beyond the actual restoration of dilapidated bells, which might be taken in hand.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ALL SAINTS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

FRED HAYES Treble	ARTHUR J. HOING 7
RALPH COLES 2	GEORGE TWITCHEN 8
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	FRANK K. BOXELL 9
*GEORGE HINTON 4	CECIL A. SMITH 10
EDWARD MARKHAM 5	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 11
JOHN GRANSBURY 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. All local Sunday Service ringers, and six are ex-service men.

TEN BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENRYN 7
WILLIAM FUSSELL 3	FRANK HOPGOOD 8
ARTHUR WIGGINS 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN 9
STANLEY C. DAVIS 5	WILLIAM SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed by Wm. WILLSON. Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Wm. Newell, the 'father' of Reading ringers on the occasion of his 85th birthday. E. Bishop is from Swindon, E. Humfrey from Abingdon, and W. H. Fussell from Slough.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE J. NICHOLS Treble	WILLIAM LOADER 6
†GEORGE PETTER 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 3	EDWARD RADFORD 8
*MRS. C. HAZELDEN 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
CHARLES HAZELDEN 5	EDWARD HEATH Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of the Day of Remembrance. * First peal on ten bells. † First peal on an inside bell. All who took part in this peal are Sunday Service ringers.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Treble	*JAMES F. CLARKE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM 9
*E. HARRY STONELEY 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the fallen in the late war.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM THEOBALD Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ALFRED PYE 2	*GEORGE DAWSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY F. DAWKINS 7
ARTHUR E. CHAPLIN 4	JOHN DALE Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the 7th and tenor were rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, the 'go' being very satisfactory.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING-YOOTHs.)

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARCHIE T. DRAGE Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
HERBERT W. DRAGE 2	ARTHUR BARLEY 6
ALFRED CLARK 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE 4	ROBERT MUTIMER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

Rung with 6-8 covering. First peal by all except conductor. First peal as conductor. Robert Mutimer elected a member of the association previous to the peal. Believed to be the first peal rung by an entirely local band since 1829; all are Sunday Service ringers.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

First in the method by ringers of treble and 3rd, and first in method as conductor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARRELL Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 5
ERNEST LINCOLN 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
*ROBERT A. WARMAN 3	*HARRY W. BARRETT 7
*ARTHUR A. CORBYN 4	FREDERICK A. FINCH Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First peal of Major, and first peal of Major as conductor.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	†JAMES J. WILSON 5
LEONARD BOSTOCK 2	†FRED LAMBETH 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	*GEOFFREY TAYLOR 7
FRANCIS BIBBY 4	†ALBERT BOOTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. * First peal of Treble Bob. The ringers of treble and 4th hail from Frodsham, 2nd and 7th from Grappenhall, 3rd and 5th from Warrington, 6th from Chippenham, Wills, and tenor from Northwich.

FARNWORTH-BY-BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JAMES BOLTON Treble	PETER CROOK 5
*ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	JOHN POTTER 6
FRED F. RIGBY 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7
RICHARD P. HEALD 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ERNEST CUTSFORTH.

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

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	JOSEPH CONSTANT 5
JOHN BURLS 2	RICHARD CONSTANT 6
ROBERT TALL 3	AMOS CONSTANT 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CONSTANT.

The above ringers are all members of the St. George's band, and this is the first peal on the new bells which were recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 4	JOHN LYDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH AND SURFLEET SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*FRANK BEALLEY Treble	ERNEST FLOWERS 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS 6
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
JOHN W. WOOD 4	ERNEST H. HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal.

GIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILFRED G. COOK Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSS 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN HOPE 7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD 4	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES WALKLATE Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
*JOSEPH BLOW 2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6
THOMAS J. HULL 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
WILLIAM LITTLE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Abbey Band of Bellringers. This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman ever rung in this city by an entirely local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WALTER WHITEHEAD Treble	JAMES HUTCHBY 5
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 6
WILLIAM WILLSON 3	*MISS HILDA WILLSON 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Conducted by MISS HILDA F. WILLSON.

* First attempt as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	*ARTHUR COTTELL 5
*EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	MISS HILDA WILLSON 6
WALTER WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD READER 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. FISTOW. Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	JOHN BASS 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	*WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
HARRY PRICE 4	*WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ANDREW ROUND Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
HARRY HUBBALL 2	†REUBEN HALL 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
RICHARD ROUND 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. † Re-elected a member previous to starting. Rung on the eve of Armistice Day, and as a compliment to Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, on attaining his 84th birthday.

ISLEWORTH.—On Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, for harvest festival, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham (longest length inside) 3, S. Stilwell 4, T. Beadle 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, C. J. Tricker 7, H. Brooks 8.

EDMONTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	JESSE B. TYLER 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

The conductor's 150th peal. Rung on the eve of Armistice Day, and as a birthday compliment to Misses Parker and Upsher.

WHITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY HEAD Treble	*LESLIE J. CLARK 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	CYRIL PEASE 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
JAMES FLEUTY 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

* First peal in the method with inside bell.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
*EDWARD ROSE 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
CHARLES WEBB 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

RICHARD PAINE Treble	WILLIAM TATE 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*ALFRED BLOGG Treble	*HAROLD LUCAS 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	†E. ROGER MARTIN 7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 116). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

Rung on the eve of the Armistice. * First peal in the method, † First touch in the method as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Friday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins.: S. Hoare 1, E. M. Elliott 2, W. Seeley (Bushey) 3, G. Seaman 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (Stanmore) 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... 5
†DONALD FINDLAY ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
*MISS DOROTHY ORLEBAR ... 3	*ALEC. RICHARDSON ... 7
FREDERICK WHITE ... 4	WILLIAM LATTER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. LATTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with an inside bell.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
ALFRED KEEBLE ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the eve of Armistice Day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Treble	SYDNEY A. JOHNSON ... 4
*KENNETH ELLIOTT ... 2	ROWLAND BARROW ... 5
GUYDO DICKENSON ... 3	ALBAN DISNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROWLAND BARROW.

* First inside.

BEARSTEAD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	THOMAS JULL ... 4
CHARLES MILLARD ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... 3	WILLIAM NYE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RAYMOND MALTRY ... Treble	*HARRY CLARKE ... 3
*ARTHUR ROBINSON ... 2	HARRY ENGLAND ... 4
GEORGE PARKER ... Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

* First peal.

DEVIZES, WILTS.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

*SIDNEY SMITH ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 4
*MISS F. ROWE ... 2	FRANK GREEN ... 5
SIDNEY HILLIER ... 3	*LEONARD SWIFT ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal and first attempt.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN WALVIN ... Treble	*WALTER BRIGGS ... 4
*THOMAS CRESSWELL ... 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 5
CHARLES WALVIN ... 38	†PERCY WESTON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. G. FRETWELL.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Messrs. Cresswell and Briggs were elected members of the association previous to starting. The ringers of 2, 4 and 6 belong to the local band, treble, 3 and 5 to Swanwick.

THURSTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, 8 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 4 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 3
JOHN WILKINSON ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4
EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by the Lancashire Association. All the above band, with the exception of the treble ringer, have now rung peals on all numbers from 5 to 12 inclusive. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Lady Louise Mountbatten.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford, each called differently.

*WILLIAM CORFIELD ... Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ... 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 2	JAMES WALLY ... 5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 3	EDWARD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. This is the first peal on these bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, November 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores of Grandsire and 2 of Plain Bob, 12 different callings. Rung on the back six. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILFRED R. HARRIS ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM EVANS ... 5
TREVOR JONES ... 3	*ALBERT EDWARD JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. D. H. Bennett and A. E. Jones.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

FRED BLACKLEDGE ... Treble	HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 5
*JOHN R. STOTT ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	*FREDERICK NEWMAN... .. 3
*HARRY CROW 2	HARRY MARLOW 4
JOHN A. TOWNSEND Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives for their country during the Great War. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

R. ALDER GOFTON 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON... .. 7-8
*GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Umpire: S. W. STRATFORD.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES E. GOFTON... .. 1-2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6	*GEORGE R. HOLMES 11-12

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

The Stedman Caters was attempted on Tuesday, October 23rd, as a birthday compliment to R. Alder Gofton, Mrs. Gofton (mother), and Thomas T. Gofton, which fell on the 21st, 23rd and 25th Oct. respectively, but was lost after ringing one hour and forty minutes.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Size 18 in G.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	*GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

FORESTERS' PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8th, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ALFRED TURNER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5848 CHANGES;

Being eight 720's and 88 changes.

BRO. FRANK TORNER, S.C.R. 1-2	BRO. S. H. SYMONDS, R.C. 3-4
BRO. WILLIAM R. J. POULSON, P.C.R. 5-6	

Conducted by BRO. STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: BRO. F. A. POULSON. Witness: BRO. A. TURNER, SEC.

All the above Bros. are members of Court 'British Lion,' 5848, A.O.F. The number of changes rung coincides with the number of the Court. This is believed to be the first Foresters' handbell peal ever rung.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MR. W. STORY RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY.

The 46th annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, in Darlington. The bells of the three churches in the town were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers for the day by the respective vicars. The committee meeting was held at 12 noon, the service in Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock, and dinner at the King's Head Hotel at 2 o'clock following which the annual meeting took place, which lasted until 4.30, so very little ringing was done until the evening, when the bells were kept going in various methods.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. H. Hill, curate, and a most interesting and breezy address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, Rural Dean of Darlington). The Canon welcomed the ringers to the service. Taking for his text, 'We are fellow-workers in Jesus Christ,' he referred to the long past days when a fellow student at Trinity College, Dublin, R. R. Cherry, afterwards Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, had taught him to ring at St. Patrick's Cathedral. They then revived the ringing on a peal of eight at St. George's, Dublin, and from that time on the ringing had been continued there. Canon Cosgrave pointed out that the ringers were not only workers for God, giving to the parish an outside voluntary like the organist's voluntary within, but hard workers, too. Few, who were not ringers knew the work involved in being a change ringer. They were also fellow-workers with the clergy, another illustration of how the Church of England insisted on clerical and lay co-operation.

Dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, 46 sitting down. Mr. W. Story, the president, was in the chair, and was supported by the Rev. P. H. Hill, Messrs. G. W. Park and R. Parkinson, vice-presidents; A. Hunter and H. Tyson district secretaries; E. Perry, general secretary; A. M. Hall, treasurer; C. L. Routledge auditor; J. W. Parker, C. Todd, and others.—Apologies were offered for the three Vicars of Darlington, who were unable to accept the invitation to dinner as there was a Rural-deanial meeting at Durham that day. Canon Cosgrave had very kindly put off an important meeting to give the address.

After the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, Mr. Story proposed the 'Bishop and Clergy of the two Dioceses.'

The business was then proceeded with, and the treasurer presented the balance sheet which showed a credit balance of £1 odd. Mr. Hall explained that there were a few items of expenditure in the past year which did not occur every year, such as the Sunday Service Ringing Certificates. All four had been won outright, so four new certificates and wood and glass for four new frames had to be purchased. Someone who preferred to remain anonymous 'black-legged' the frame maker, and made the frames, or they would have cost more. The printing of the reports was another heavy item, and he impressed upon all the importance of paying their subscriptions promptly, and so save much time and letter writing and postage.

THE YEAR'S PROGRESS.

The Secretary reported that it was again his sad duty to mention the loss of one of their hon. members, the Rev. T. T. Michael, Vicar of Newburn, who died very suddenly on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1923. The Sunday Service ringing returns showed Whitley Bay at the head of the poll for the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers for the 4th year in succession, with 1,786.52 points to their credit; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, was a good 2nd, with 1,332.376; Newcastle Cathedral 3rd with 856.80. Of the six bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place for the 2nd year in succession, with 493 points; Houghton-le-Spring second, with 353.96; Newburn third, with 342.9. Whitley Bay was to be congratulated upon their magnificent Sunday Service ringing sheet, and upon being top for the 4th year in succession. St. Ignatius, Sunderland was also to be congratulated upon running Whitley Bay so close. Twenty-three peals had been rung during the year, 66 members taking part. Ten members had rung their first peal during the year, and eight conductors had conducted the peals: W. H. Barber, 7; J. W. Parker, 6; T. T. Gofton, 5; E. B. Perry, 2; G. W. Peveral, W. H. Parks, C. L. Routledge, J. A. Gofton and W. Story, one each. The first peal of Maximus on Newcastle Cathedral bells was rung during the year, that of Little Bob, the first peal of Little Bob Maximus ever rung. It was composed and conducted by Mr. W. H. Barber. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by the association was rung at All Saints' Gosforth, by the Whitley Bay band, conducted by Mr. T. T. Gofton.

The report was adopted, on the motion of the President.

Very encouraging reports had been received from the district secretaries. Mr. Taylor of the Eastern district, reported that they had four well attended and successful meetings during the year, as well as a combined meeting with the Western district and Southern district.—Mr. H. Tyson of the Western district, reported four good and successful meetings, and a combined meeting with the Eastern district.—Mr. C. Symm of West Tyne district, also reported four good and successful meetings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington, who was formerly for some years secretary of the association, was unanimously elected president, Mr. Story having stated he could not take office another year having held office three years. Mr. E. E. Ferry was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. A. M. Hall was re-elected hon. treasurer.

The vice-presidents were unanimously elected as follow: Northern district, Mr. J. E. R. Keen; Western district, the Rev. A. W. Lister; Southern district, Mr. G. W. Park; Eastern district, Mr. R. Parkinson. The district secretaries for the various districts were next elected: Northern, Mr. J. E. Goffon; Eastern, Mr. G. S. Taylor; Southern, Mr. A. Hunter; Western, Mr. H. Tyson; West Tyne, Mr. C. Symm; honorary auditor, Mr. C. L. Routledge; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. Story and T. T. Goffon. The peal referees were also re-elected. Thirty-eight new members were elected, viz., three honorary, three honorary active, and 32 active.

Mr. Routledge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches, saying how difficult it would be to hold a ringers' meeting without the bells. He especially mentioned the Rev. Canon Cosgrave for his very interesting address and making the arrangements for the service; also Mr. G. Holland Fox for kindly presiding at the organ, and the choir-boys who helped so splendidly.

It is with very great regret that a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was omitted. Since the meeting a great many members have supported the sentiments outlined below, which it is felt will be shared by all members of the association. 'To Mr. William Story: The members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers wish to place on record their full appreciation of the valuable services you rendered as president of the association during 1921, 1922 and 1923. We realise that during the difficult years of the period following the war you have achieved great results in consolidating the position of the association. Your tact and genial spirit has enabled us to avoid many disasters, and you have gathered around you a band of workers attracted by your unselfish devotion to duty, which will be of great value in ensuring that advancement of the work which you have so much at heart. We deeply regret that circumstances make it advisable for you to resign the position of president, and we trust that at some subsequent period we may again have the opportunity of enjoying your leadership.'

SWANSEA & BRECON ASSOCIATION.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With great surprise and disgust do I find that the above association has been formed without the sanction of West Wales Association. I don't know if our friends in the Brecon district have taken it for granted, because a few members of West Wales Association have written in favour of the formation of a Guild for Swansea and Brecon, that this is the general opinion of West Wales Association. Another point that must be remembered is that there are members in the area belonging to Llandaff Association. How do these stand? Have the Swansea and Brecon Association had the sanction of the Llandaff Association to take over these members who are outside the diocese of Swansea and Brecon? And, lastly, I should like my name to be withdrawn from the committee of the Swansea and Brecon Association until such time as the West Wales Association go over as a body into the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.—Yours truly,
D. J. WILLIAMS.
Gorseinon.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Burton's letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' I may say that we at Oswaldtwistle are placed in a rather awkward position, for though we have got the consent of the author, Mr. A. Craven, to do as we wish in naming the method, and in no way desire to oppose improvements, yet we are unable to take steps to follow Mr. Burton's advice, without first seeking the feelings of the many Lancashire ringers from different parts of the county, who pressed the Oswaldtwistle company to take the method up. I trust we shall be able to put things right.—For the Parish Church Ringers, Oswaldtwistle, JAMES HOULDSWORTH (Capt.).

SILVER WEDDING.

At Knaresborough Parish Church, on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in commemoration of Mr. F. Seely's silver wedding: T. Allen 1, A. M. C. Field 2, W. Morrell 3, E. C. Field 4, G. Smith 5, F. Seely (conductor) 6, F. Heathcote 7, F. Smith 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On November 16th, 1820, a 5,040 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Soham, 'in honour of the Queen's acquittal.'

The first peal of 'Real Double Norwich Major,' that is, with bobs both in front and behind, was rung at Woolwich on Nov. 16th, 1848. The band was that which came into existence through the efforts of the Banister family four of whom took part in the peal which was composed and conducted by Wm. Banister.

A peal of London Surprise Major (5,230 changes) was rung for the first time on Nov. 17th, 1835, at St. Andrew's, Norwich. It is recorded on a tablet in one of the other Norwich Churches beneath the record of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which had been rung earlier in the same year. Having referred to the method as 'the most difficult system in the art of campanologia,' the tablet proceeds, 'This almost insurmountable task was accomplished in 3 hrs. and 24 mins. The bold and regular striking of both peals must ever reflect great credit on the company. They were conducted by S. Thurston, and are the first peals ever rung in the above variations.'

St. Giles' Norwich, was the belfry in which the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung. This was on Nov. 17th 1760, and immediately after the ringer John Webster, who had rung the 6th, dropped dead.

This John Webster it was who wrote in 1753 to Dr. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, informing him that he (and presumably the rest of the Norwich men) could not subscribe to Holt's broadsheet. 'I must Confess' (he says), 'Our Company Seem Intirely to slight it, though I must Own it is not a generous Way of Treating Mr. Holt's performance, but I believe they are Induc'd to this by that Ingenious Ringer, Mr. Anable's not Encouraging of it; had he Approved of it, his Influence on the College Youths I presume would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscriptions.'

He goes on to observe 'that 'tis almost twenty years Since I sent to the Revd. Mr. Windhall a Whole peal' of Ten with two Inferior Changes Only. Fully Explaining by an Infalible rule how to make any proper peal on all numbers that go with a Quick Hunt.'

A family peal by eight Tebbits was rung at Soham on Nov. 20th, 1809, the method being 5280 Oxford Treble Bob.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Burton-on-Trent on Nov. 20th, 1886. John Carter, Joseph Griffen and John Jaggard, of that band, are still amongst us, although the peal was rung nearly forty years ago.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at Netherton, Worcestershire, for Mr. W. R. Small's birthday included two veterans, namely, Mr. Reuben Hall who has just attained his 71st birthday; and Mr. Richard Round, who attains his 69th on December 24th next. Mr. Round, if spared will, on December 31st next, complete 51 years as a Sunday Service ringer at Netherton, a record of which he is greatly proud. His wish was also gratified on Saturday last by ringing with son, the ringer of the treble, in his first peal of Treble Bob.

The sympathy of the Exercise will be extended to Mr. James George in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Norris, of Chalfont St. Peter, who passed away at the age of 73 years, on Saturday last.

Mr. George is now the sole survivor of a family of nine, of which he was the third.

Mr. George will himself reach the age of 70 years on the 27th of this month and we understand the event is to be celebrated by a peal attempt at St. Martin's Birmingham.

WORLD'S BIGGEST BELL ORDER.

MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S RECORD CONTRACT.

The carillon which Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junr., is installing in the beautiful Gothic tower of Park Avenue Church, New York, in memory of his mother, is to be increased in size and number of bells.

Some of the best brains in the architectural and engineering world of America have been engaged for some months in devising better accommodation for the bells than that which had been possible so far.

The result is that New York will possess the largest and most important carillon that the world has yet seen or heard. The bells will be 53 in number. The bass bell is to weigh 9 tons, whilst the total weight of the bells—apart from the gigantic framework (which will be in five sections) and the fittings—is to be over 50 tons.

The premier carillon hitherto has been the famous one at Malines, where there are 45 bells and the bass bell weighs 7½ tons.

Many of the bells for the new carillon are already cast and in readiness at the Croydon Bell Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who secured the contract in the face of keen international competition. This is the largest order for bells that has ever been placed.

The College Youths' Anniversary Dinner.

PRESENTATION TO CANON COLERIDGE.

The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, was the scene of the 286th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday, and rarely has there been a more representative gathering present upon the festive occasion. Ringing took place at various city churches during the afternoon, and a company, numbering about 180, afterwards sat down together, presided over by the Master (Mr. W. D. Garrard). He was supported by the Rev. Canon Coleridge (President of the Central Council), the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. F. M. Simpson (Rector of Stepney), the Rev. E. M. Roberts (Vicar and Rural Dean of Kensington), the Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus), the Rev. C. C. Child, the Rev. Canon Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Rev. S. A. Spackman (curate of Kensington), Mr. Martin Routh (Reading), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Wilkins (President of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. R. Carter (churchwarden of St. Mary Abbots), Mr. J. F. R. Stainer, Mr. Skinner (Dean's Verger at St. Paul's), etc. The vice-chair was taken by Mr. G. R. Fardon, and among those also present were the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), Messrs. T. Hibbert and P. E. Clark (stewards), G. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees), and visitors from many parts of the country, including Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. Bullock (hon. secretary, London County Association), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master), and Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham). Messrs. J. E. Groves, J. George, J. Allaway (Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood and J. Pagett (Derby), E. H. Lewis (Glasgow), S. F. Palme (Sheffield), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Captain J. H. R. Freeborn (Chalfont), Major J. H. B. Hosse (Haslemere), Messrs. W. A. Cave (Bristol), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), W. T. Pates and G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), T. F. King, A. Prince and G. H. Harding (Bath), W. J. Nevard (St. Bentley), J. Truss (Marlow), J. Evans (Beaconsfield), F. M. Mitchell (Milton), W. J. Jefferies (Deptford), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), T. Groombridge, junr. (Crayford), W. Hoag (Reigate), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), W. Rogers (Portsmouth), W. Farley (Wells), G. N. Price, E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc. Parties also came from Barking, Oxhey, and other places adjacent to the Metropolis, while the London members of the society were in strong force.

An excellent repast was admirably served in the handsome banquetting hall a feature of the decoration of which is the tiled panels depicting scenes from 'The Idylls of the King.'

THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.

The Master, having submitted the loyal toast, next proposed 'The Church,' a toast which he said, was always welcomed by bell ringers, who realised their responsibilities and the seriousness of the duties which they carried out. They appreciated the privilege which was given to them of ringing on the numerous peals of bells—many of them famous peals—and they also appreciated very much the kind support and assistance which they received from the clergy and churchwardens.

The Rural Dean of Kensington, in responding, first paid a tribute to the services which were rendered at St. Mary Abbots by Mr. Garrard, and went on to say that threatened institutions had a wonderful way of surviving the threats that surrounded them. The Church was to-day threatened and criticised, and sometimes ignored, but it was very necessary to the nation's life. It was still respected and was even loved by some people, and he would say to that gathering, who were members of the Church and who he was sure would echo the words, 'God bless the Church' (applause).

Rising again the Master said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and one which was not upon the printed programme. They always had their festival on the first convenient date after Nov. 5th, which was Guy Fawkes Day, and it had been said that Guy Fawkes was their patron saint (laughter). But that also happened to be the birthday of one of their most esteemed members and they felt they could not let it pass without some recognition of their feelings towards Canon Coleridge (applause). It had been intended to keep the matter quite secret, but somehow the Canon got to know what was going on, and he told them that all he wanted was their good wishes. But he also said that if they persisted in giving him something else he would suggest one of three things. The first was a

pair of binoculars another was a badger-hair shaving brush (laughter) and the third was a big bath sponge (loud laughter). 'We had no hesitation,' continued the Master, 'in giving him all; they gave him their good wishes, they intended to give him the binoculars, and also the shaving brush and sponge (laughter and applause). They hoped the binoculars would be useful to him, and that he would enjoy their use for many years to come (applause). Canon Coleridge gave up his binoculars when an appeal was made in war time for field glasses for the troops, and he had not had them back. Their gift would replace these, and the society and friends had much pleasure in presenting him with the articles he had mentioned, together with their very best wishes for many happy returns of the day (applause).'

GOODWILL GIFTS.

Canon Coleridge, who was down to propose the next toast, that of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' was received with the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' and, on rising to speak, said that that was the thirtieth year he had been in that identical place, and it gave him unbounded pleasure to be with them again and do what he had done so often before, propose the toast of the evening, which was the toast of their worthy selves. Mr. Cockerill would later be giving them an account of what had been done during the year, and he would not refer to it except to say that at the Central Council meeting one of those who took part in the record peal of Stedman Cinques on the previous day was present, and he (who was president) did not even know that that man had rung in the peal, for the ringer said not a word about it. That spoke very well for the modesty of the ringers who took part in that wonderful performance (hear, hear). Proceeding, Canon Coleridge became reminiscent, and referring to a visit to London for the College Youths' dinner some years ago, said on leaving St. Saviour's tower with Mr. Winney—both of them confirmed bachelors—the latter said there was a very nice service in the Cathedral, and invited him to go to it. They went and Mr. Winney and himself found themselves the only two males among a diocesan association of girls with a special service (laughter). He could assure them the sermon they heard was highly profitable, but it put women on such a high pedestal that neither Mr. Winney nor himself had ever attempted to aspire to the possession of a wife (laughter). They heard a good deal nowadays, continued the speaker about people becoming 'shirty' about the ringing of bells, but that afternoon near St. Magnus, they had heard three men expressing their pleasure at hearing the bells rung at that church, for although they worked near by they had not heard them rung for months, and, if there were three men like that found casually near St. Dunstan's, there were probably three hundred thousand more like them in London who felt bereft if they did not hear the bells (applause). Continuing, Canon Coleridge thanked the members for their beautiful and useful gifts. Why they had given them to him he could not imagine, except from goodwill. It was not that he had rung many peals for the College Youths. He remembered the first one very well. It was 39 years ago that very day and he could see before him now, in mind every member of that band. John Rowbottom rang the treble, and he (the speaker) rang the second, very appropriately, because in those days Mr. Rowbottom was a callow youth, and he (Canon Coleridge) more like a Kentish hop-pole (laughter). Frank Dawe rang the third, and their old friend, Challis Winney, the fourth. The 5th was rung by a veteran in those days, William Weatherstone, the 6th by Herbert Baker, who afterwards became a Colonel and Mayor of Hertford. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was the conductor, and rang the seventh. Dick French was on the eighth W. D. Smith another old friend, was on the ninth, and it was his first peal. The tenor was rung by the post-laureate of the Exercise, Mr. W. H. Judd. His last peal for the society, continued the speaker, was rung in the spring before the outbreak of war, when he succeeded in doing what he had longed to do for forty years or more, namely ring a peal at St. Mary-le-Bow Church. They put him on the tenor, and Ted Horrex was on the treble. He had heard that night that there was to be another peal at Bow in February next, and that he might, if he wished be included in the band. Mr. Horrex would then be 86. If he (the speaker) did take part he should take care that on that occasion they changed over, and that Ted should ring the tenor while he rang the treble (laughter). Canon Coleridge added that he certainly could not claim to have been a conductor, as he had never aspired to it. He had called seven seven-twenties and his hundredth peal, which was a peal of Double Norwich Major, but he

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put himself in the same rank as Benjamin Anable—he 'called the bobs.' If anyone had gone wrong he could not have put them right (laughter). The funniest he ever got in composing was in endeavouring to convince a man down in Devon that it was possible to get 5,049 changes on seven bells. This man said to him, 'Well sir, I always believed you before, but I believe you be a liar now' (laughter). Canon Coleridge added that to show the man what was possible he started to write out Holt's Original, row by row. He did not think he got to the end of it, but he wrote out enough to prove to the old man that what he had said was possible. It was not, therefore, as a ringer of pearls, or as a conductor or composer that the College Youths had made him those gifts that evening, and it could only be out of their goodwill and affection, and to mark the fact that that day was the day on which he arrived at the mature age of 66 (applause). He thanked them most sincerely for those gifts which were a token of their loving kindness, although he did not deserve them (applause).

A fine course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, J. F. Smallwood, H. R. Pasmore and W. A. Cave.

A SERVICE NEXT YEAR.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill in replying to the toast proposed by Canon Coleridge, said letters of apology had been received from Canon Haldane, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, the Rev. Prebendary Isaacs, Col. Baker (Hertford), Alderman Pritchett (Birmingham) and Mr. John Carter. The next named was ill, but he sent them his good wishes. Continuing, Mr. Cockerill said that during the year they had lost eight members by death: Mr. F. Hayes, Mr. James Mottis, Mr. G. Woodiss, Dr. Nichols, Mr. Jas. Willshire, Mr. A. J. Lambert, Mr. R. Forward and Mr. Blackwell. The number of new members elected was 43, and 68 meetings had been held at the twelve bell towers, St. Magnus and St. Andrew's, Holborn, which had been attended by 103 members. There had been 38 peals rung as follows: Grandshire Triples on handbells 1; Stedman Triples 6 and two on handbells; Stedman Caters, 6; Stedman Cinques, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Bristol, 2, and London, 2. The notable peals were the seven-part peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Maurice Hibbert (applause), and 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon (applause), and the peal of Stedman Cinques on Oct. 20th last, in which Mr. Horrex rang at the age of 85 years (applause). They were very much indebted to Capt. Yorke for having ferreted out the fact that the copper plate from which their certificates were printed was an engraving by Bartolozzi. Capt. Yorke took a great deal of trouble and went to the British Museum, where he consulted the authorities and eventually discovered the College Youths' certificate in the catalogue of Bartolozzi's works, date about 1780. The charge which the society made for these certificates, viz., 2s. 6d., just about covered the cost of the printing, and 75 black and white and 25 tinted certificates had been purchased. Proceeding Mr. Cockerill said it had been decided that next year a service should be held in some city church about 5 or 5.30 o'clock in the hope that everyone attending the dinner would join in that service (applause).

(To be continued).

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For a long time I have been at a loss to understand how it was that Mr. Carter failed to grasp what I meant in the definition of a Surprise Method that has been accepted by the Central Council; but I now believe that I have solved the difficulty.

In all my previous articles on the subject I have always indicated the positions at which the treble passes over a cross section by ruling a line between the two rows on either side of the position at which she is crossing; and I rather fancy that Mr. Carter must have thought that I intended these lines for the cross sections; but they are not.

I herewith enclose a lead of Bristol Surprise in which the three cross sections are ruled in, and it is easy to see that an internal place is always made when the treble passes over either of them.

—Yours truly,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seafeld Park.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S PENDING DEPARTURE.

The North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held a very pleasant meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, when they were given a hearty welcome by the local ringers. Some excellent practice in many methods was obtained, ranging from Grandshire Triples for the benefit of Master Coles, son of the hon. secretary, to London and Bristol Surprise for the benefit of those who find these meetings provide excellent opportunities of getting some good Surprise ringing. Some 30 members attended the service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill) officiated. In his sermon he said: 'I give you in all sincerity a cordial welcome. I am glad to be able to greet you in the name of the Lord, and to welcome you to this house of prayer. As an association of bell ringers your work is most important and very responsible, and in the name of the Church it is my privilege to thank you. Yours is a high art, requiring years of practice, and the good work of each ringer is essential to the perfection of the whole. This is a lesson for to-day. After five years of peace we find we have failed to work together. Let us work and pray that employers and employed will work for the good of all. For ourselves, let us see that the call we give to others is answered by us. I thank you and pray that God may bless you and your work.'

After a good tea had been partaken of, the business meeting was held in the Mission Hall, presided over by the Vicar.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the President of the Association much regretted his absence from the meeting, but his time was fully taken up prior to his departure to take up his duties at Wrentham in Suffolk, which living he had accepted. This would necessitate his resignation as president, for which they would all be very sorry. Mr. Milne, too, was sorry he could not attend that day, but important duties at Barnet kept him away.

Five members were elected, including the Vicar of Edmonton and Mr. E. A. Crusha as hon. members, whose names were brought forward by Mr. James Parker. Both gentlemen thanked the members present for electing them.

Armistice Day ringing was discussed, and the Hon. Secretary stated that he thought that they could hardly pass resolutions or issue instructions, as the clergy always, and rightly, had the last word. He said, however, that they as members might offer suggestions, and he thought the best proposals put forward were those that ringing before the two minutes' silence should be muffled, and afterwards open.—Mr. J. Parker agreed with this, which the Vicar termed 'an admirable suggestion,' adding that it always remained with the clergy to ask the advice of their ringers.

A vote of sympathy, and wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, was passed to Mr. G. B. Lucas, who met with a nasty accident when out cycling a few weeks ago; and a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. A. Edwards, of Boreham, a life member of the association, who died on Sept. 30th.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at South Hackney on December 8th if possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. C. Evill for his inspiring address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Crusha, the organist; to Miss Parker and the other ladies who had prepared tea; and to the local ringers who had given the members such a hearty welcome.—Mr. Evill replied both on his own behalf, and on behalf of the ladies, saying how welcome the association was at Edmonton. A great debt of gratitude was owed to ringers for work done, and he realised this, and thanked them for it.—Mr. Parker also replied on behalf of the local ringers, and said he hoped everybody had enjoyed the meeting.

Courses of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques on the handbells followed, the latter being rung by G. M. Kilby G. W. Fletcher G. R. Pye Miss E. K. Parker, J. Armstrong and W. J. Hazell.

Another visit was paid to the tower, where more Grandshire, and still more Surprise, was rung until 8.30 brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

WORCESTER & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Visits have been made by members of this association to the following places: Trysull Staffs, where Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung; Kinver, Staffs, 756 Stedman Triples; Edbrough-ton Worcester 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor; Hartlebury 720 London Surprise Minor, with tenor covering; Chaddesley Corbett, 924 Stedman Triples; Bromsgrove, Grandshire Triples; also two courses and three courses of Stedman Caters. Those taking part in the above were J. Lloyd E. Lloyd, W. J. Bretherton, W. H. Cooper, W. Gibbs, J. Bass, R. Matthews, W. Short — Martin and T. Wilson, of Blackburn, several of the above ringing their first touches or longest lengths in the methods.

12	34	56	78
21	43	65	87
12	34	68	57
21	43	56	75
24	13	68	57
42	31	65	87
24	13	56	78
42	31	57	68
24	35	17	86
43	45	71	62
32	54	17	86
35	24	71	62
53	42	76	18
35	24	67	81
32	54	76	18
23	45	67	81
24	36	58	71
42	63	85	17
46	73	58	71
64	32	85	17
46	32	81	57
42	63	18	75
24	36	81	57
23	45	18	75
32	41	68	57
23	14	65	87
32	41	56	78
23	14	57	69
21	34	75	86
12	43	57	68
21	34	56	78
12	43	65	87
14	26	38	57

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's, before the Solemn Requiem, with muffled bells, 1,000 Bob Doubles: F. Ladyman 1, A. Gardner 2, Mrs. Atkins 3, F. Saxby 4, E. M. Atkins 5, G. Margetts 6, W. Ball 7, H. W. Jones 8. After the Requiem the bells were rung open and fired. This is the longest touch ever rung by a local band.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, in 53 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 4, 6, 8 covering: T. W. Nash 1, W. J. Beniams 2, E. Brown 3, A. Nason 4, J. Jenkins 5, S. Haycox 6, W. R. Nash (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for the united service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): S. White 1, A. Heath 2, A. V. Corden 3, E. V. Hinton 4, G. Stone 5, R. Vincent 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Wooff 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, W. Fowler 10.

LONDON.—For afternoon memorial service, at St. James' Church, Birmingham, S.E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 55 mins., on the back eight with the bells half-muffled: W. Glover 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, R. D. Marshall 3, S. W. Holdaway 4, F. W. Chapman 5, E. J. Trimmer 6, C. H. Chapman 7, G. Ruffalls, D.C.M. (first quarter-peal) 8. The above was the first touch on the bells for ten years.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, S.E., 504 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: C. Barlow 1, A. Doe 2, G. Riches 3, E. Barlow 4, G. Englefield 5, J. Moll (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Law 4, W. Nevard (Great Bentley) 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

HOUNSLOW.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, S. Stilwell 2, F. G. Goddard 3, C. J. Tricker 4, A. Price 5, J. Kent (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, C. Gash 8. Rung half-muffled.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.—Three touches of Stedman Triples were rung as follows: For morning service (half-muffled), 756 changes. After morning service, 336 changes. For evening service, 1,260 changes. Those taking part were: G. Noakes, W. H. Perry, H. Evans, E. E. Ham, A. Hardiman, J. W. Trappitt, senr., E. P. Duffield II, Sutton, A. W. Evans and L. J. Noakes.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, with the bells half-muffled for the Memorial Armistice service, and in memory of Arthur G. Marshall, one of the local ringers killed in the war, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 29 mins.: Fred A. Mitchell 1, J. Burtles 2, H. Argent 3, G. Morrad 4, L. Beckett 5, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

READING.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Watmore 1, L. G. Reeves 2, A. Sweetzer (first quarter-peal) in the method 3, J. Goodenough (first in the method) 4, W. Webb 5, J. Swain 6, F. Hoppood (conductor) 7, A. Jeffery (first quarter-peal) 8.

HASLEMERE.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): R. Hayes 1, Major J. H. B. Hesse 2, T. N. Mack 3, P. White (first in the method) 4, H. Mullah 5, G. Goodchild 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, A. Wisdom (first quarter-peal) 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—For the service of Remembrance, with bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: T. Law 1, B. Murby 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5. For evening service, with open bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. Law 1, C. Haines 2, F. Hollowell (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Richardson 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Middlesex County Association.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: A. C. Chapman 1, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor), 2, H. Scarlett 3, C. T. Coles 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Maynard 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, W. H. Freeman 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers of 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, are ex-service men. After evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: C. T. W. Coles (first quarter-peal, age 13) 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, H. Scarlett 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, R. Maynard, junr., 5, J. C. Adams 6, W. H. Freeman 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, R. Maynard, senr., 10.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, the bells were rung half-muffled for morning service. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples unfortunately came to grief: R. Warrilow 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. H. Taylor 3, G. Booth 4, W. G. Curtis 5, W. H. Jones 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, Z. Baker 8. Immediately after service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells open.

ISLEWORTH.—For morning service, at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, in 53 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, T. Beadle 3, F. E. Cole 4, W. Liddetter 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8. For the memorial service in the afternoon, 504 Grandsire Triples.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 55 mins.: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis 7, H. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond (conductor) 9, R. W. Watts 10.

OXFORD.—For evensong, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 College Single: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, H. Tolley 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, G. Stace 4, W. Judge 5, F. Clinkard 6. Also at Carfax, on the city bells, half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise by members of the Oxford Society: W. Finch 1, H. Toller 2, F. Taylor 3, F. Clinkard 4, W. Judge 5, W. H. E. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—With the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, E. A. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas-a-Becket's Church, for morning service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: E. Martin 1, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 2, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 3, P. Giles 4, W. Ayles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. L. Aitken 7, T. Clements 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—For the memorial service, at St. Barnabas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: G. White 1, F. Battrum 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, F. Dedman 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, T. Dixon 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service: D. White 1, W. Boyes 2, B. Heasman 3, W. Pelling 4, A. Errey 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. For evening service, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Turner 1, W. Pelling 2, B. Heasman 3, W. Boyes 4, G. Piper 5, A. Errey 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Steadman 8.

ELEDLOW.—At the Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung half-muffled for the 11 a.m. service: W. Cherry 1, L. Nicholls 2, T. Nicholls 3, G. Strathdee 4, G. Seymour (conductor) 5.

BUSHEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes), in 47 mins.: E. Gutteridge 1, T. L. Simmons 2, E. P. Ashby 3, W. C. Ibbett 4, F. A. Smith 5, M. F. R. Hibbert 6, J. J. Allen 7, W. G. Whitehead (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1st and 4th. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LEEK.—At St. Edward's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Wilkinson 1, Edwin Sharratt 2, F. Spilsbury 3, Edgar Sharratt, junr., 4, F. White 5, Edgar Sharratt, senr., 6, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 7, J. Rider 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

PENSHURST, KENT.—For memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Banks 1, M. Lambert 2, L. Goater (first away from treble) 3, A. Reader 4, C. Baker 5, H. Seal (conductor) 6, G. Edwards 7, H. Laker 8.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Hambling 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Pilgrim 3, L. W. Bale 4, R. Greenacre (Gaywood, Norfolk) 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6. Also 216 Bob Minor.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church previous to evensong, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, E. W. Day 2, T. Scott 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, W. J. Croft 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. W. Else 8.

FARNINGHAM KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, 720 of Bob Minor: H. Woolley 1, Mrs. Shelton 2, A. Gregory 3, A. Bates (conductor) 4, J. Couchman 5, A. T. Shelton 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints, half-muffled, for memorial service, at 3 p.m., 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Rance 1, F. Gearing 2, C. B. Davies 3, E. Bungay 4, W. Gearing 5, Gilbert Bull (conductor) 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—After morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12-part) in 42 mins.: F. Middleton 1, R. Frankling 2, F. Tindall 3, R. Wood 4, A. Cross 5, E. Gosling (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. Guttridge 8.

(Other Touches will appear next week).

NOTICE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.
—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual meeting of the branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BELL RESTORATION AT FELKIRK.

On Wednesday evening of last week the dedication service took place in connection with the restoration of the Parish Church bells at Felkirk near Barnsley. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. O. Exham, Vicar Choral of York Minster the dedication was performed by the Rev. A. Richardson, Rural Dean and Vicar of Cudworth, assisted by the Rev. P. Hedley, Vicar of Felkirk, and the Rev. H. Cogill, curate-in-charge, Erierley.

Two years ago it was found that owing to serious decay the wood beams supporting the bell chamber floor were unsafe, and it was necessary to cease ringing, moreover the fittings of the bells themselves had become very worn and defective.

A committee was formed to deal with the work of restoration, experts in this class of work consulted, and by means of public subscription whist drives, teas, etc., augmented by donations from Miss Cordeaux, Brierley, and of £50, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Dymond, of Burntwood Hall, whose father gave three of the bells and fully restored the remainder at their last restoration in 1876, the whole of the necessary money was raised before any repairs were put in hand and thus the bells again commence their call to this very scattered parish free of debt. It is a matter for congratulation that much financial assistance was willingly given by friends of other denominations in the parish.

The work carried out comprised the strengthening of the floor by steel girders stiffening the ancient oak frame, complete rehanging of the peal of six bells in ball bearings on the latest principles, and general renewal of fittings.

The cost of the work has been £200, and the contract has been carried out by Mr. T. Groombridge, Jun., church bell hanger, of Crayford, Kent. Mr. H. Denton, of South Hindley, acted as hon. architect for the work.

At the reopening ceremony touches of various methods were rung by a few members of the Barnsley and District Society, viz., Messrs. Ricketts, Chamberlain and Gill, of Wath-on-Dearne; Thickett and Rowley, of Horbury; F. Atkinson, of Wragby; W. A. Wooler, of Wortley, Sheffield with their secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley. The all-round improvement was most pronounced and pleasing, and the opinion was generally expressed that the work had been most satisfactorily carried out by the bell hanger.

CONDUCTORS ALL.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 720 London Surprise was rung by Fred A. Mitchell 1, Fred M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, L. Beckett 4, H. Argent (conductor) 5, G. Morrad 6. H. Argent's first 720 in any method as conductor. On the same evening by the same band, a further 720 in the same method conducted by L. Beckett, first in the method. On Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 720 London Surprise by the same band, conducted by Fred A. Mitchell, first as conductor. This band has now rung the first six extents of London Minor on the bells, with six different conductors. F. M. Mitchell conducted the first on February 13th; J. Burles the second on October 25th; G. Morrad the third on Oct. 28th; the remaining three as recorded above. Messrs. F. M. Mitchell and J. Burles have rung the bells round in the method from the 2nd to tenor.

It would be interesting to know if any six-bell band had previously accomplished this performance.

AN OLD YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE.**KIRKHEATON AND CALVERLEY MEN TAKE UP KIRKBURTON GAUNTLET.**

There was published in 'Bell's Life,' in October, 1866, the following challenge:

'The Kirkburton ringers will ring any set in Yorkshire three peals for £50 or £100 aside, or they will ring the Holmfirth set on their own bells for a similar amount. An answer through "Bell's Life" will be attended to.'

Two answers were forthcoming to this challenge, for in a later issue appeared the following:—

'Having seen a challenge in "Bell's Life," sent by the society of ringers of Kirkburton to ring any set of ringers in Yorkshire three true treble peals O. Rowbottom of Kirkheaton and his party, will accept the challenge and meet them at W. Senior's, the Flowerpot Inn, Feany Bridge, to draw up articles and make a deposit on Saturday, November 3rd, from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening.'

'Mr. Editor, having seen in your paper of Saturday last a challenge in the art of change ringing for all Yorkshire by the Kirkburton company of change ringers, we the society of change ringers of Calverley, beg to accept their challenge for a home and home match for any amount they may think proper to name. A reply through your valuable paper or to Mr. J. Ross, change ringer, at Mr. J. Northrop's New Inn, Pudsey, will receive immediate attention.—Yours, etc., John Ross, Change Ringer, Pudsey.'

We wonder what was the outcome. Can any of our readers tell us?

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmsshore, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haycock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 17th, when all ringers will be welcomed. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. — J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Nov. 17th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available; also Bengoe (8), if wanted. A short service will be held at All Saints' at 4.30; address by the Vicar. Tea at 1/- per head at Mr. Thirtledoe's, near Corn Exchange, at 5 o'clock; business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Secretary, Little Munden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Chester St. Hulme, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30, with an address by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary and lay reader, St. Albans. Tea 1/3 each, at the Grange after service, followed by meeting. Will members and ringing friends kindly note the date as we hope to have a good muster?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be at Appleton on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3. Tea and meeting 4.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, 17th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at Foster's Restaurant.—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above association will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting, and will members please attend in good numbers to decide the Croft Dinner arrangements, etc.?—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, November 17th. Tea will be provided for those attending this meeting. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, Horsemarket, at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business—Report of Sub-Committee, re "Proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild." It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present. Will those who require tea notify me on or before Wednesday, November 21st?—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting of members will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, Cambs. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by November 21st. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Ossett on Saturday, November 24th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meat tea at Miss Wynne's at 5, for those who send their names to Mr. T. W. Hopson, 10, Bonsall Lane, Alfreton, by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, at 2/- each. Meeting afterwards.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, November

20th? Hampton Court nearest station, five minutes' walk.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas (10) available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 5. Tea and business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) ready early. A committee meeting will be held after tea at which all tower representatives are asked to be present. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me before the 21st.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Nov.: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Scriptorium. Tea tickets may be had at 1/6 each upon application to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, on or before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above guild will be held at Lye (Worcs) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthews, Lightcliffe, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 to all who notify Mr. H. Kershaw, Pyke Lane, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock sharp. Meeting to follow for the election of Officers for 1924 and other business. Will members intending to be present let me know by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, November 27th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. — Preliminary Notice. — The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, 1924. Further particulars later.—W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

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