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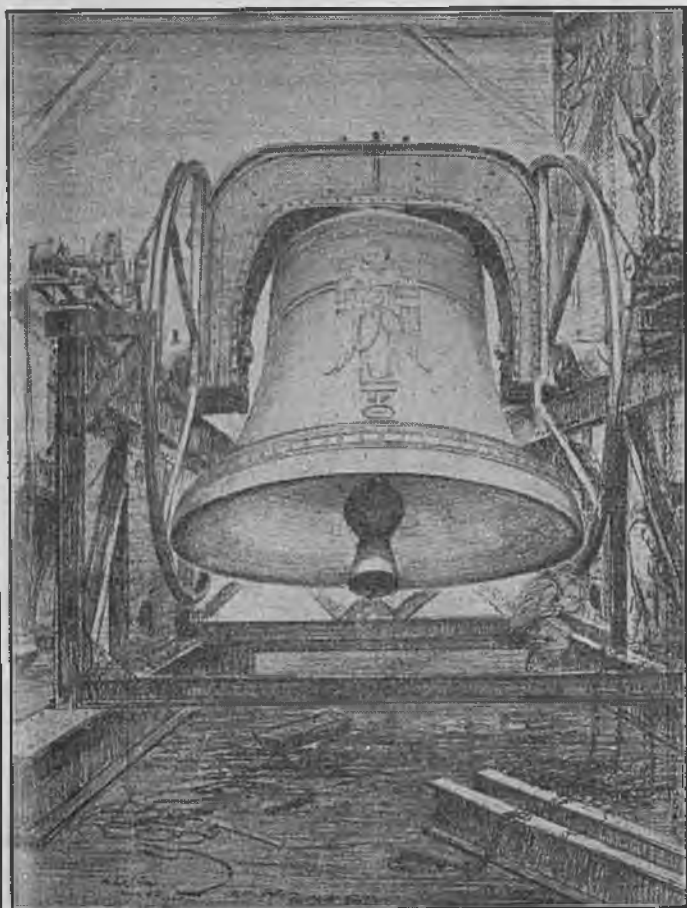
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RINGING CONTESTS.

Competitions in connection with Church bell ringing are responsible for very divergent views among the ringing fraternity. Some there are who look upon them as entirely retrograde from the point of view of belfry reform and not to be countenanced; others hold that they are of considerable value in cultivating good ringing and therefore should be encouraged; while in between these two extremes there are a variety of opinions. In the bad old days ringing contests led to all sorts of disgraceful proceedings in connection with the belfry, and were not infrequently promoted by some 'sporting' publican who saw in them a means of benefiting his own business. But at that time ringing and ringers were generally looked upon as something apart from the Church—the belfry was almost entirely dissociated from it. It was to remove the evils that had grown up in this and other directions that ringing associations were first formed by men who wished to see the belfry used with proper reverence and the art of change ringing extended and raised to a higher plane. It was not unnatural that the reformers should put in the forefront of their programme the abolition of competitions, and in the rules of some of them to-day are still to be found regulations prohibiting members from taking part in competitive ringing. In the Devon Guild, for example, a member is liable to immediate exclusion for a breach of this rule.

Conditions, however, have vastly changed since the days when such rules were first thought desirable. The belfries are now recognised as a part of the Church and are treated as such; the ringers are co-workers in the Church and men of high repute. Ringing competitions in these days are of a different character and, where they are promoted among change ringers, it is entirely with a view to improving the ability of the ringers themselves, and so raising the standard of the service which they render to the Church. Several competitions take place each year in different parts of the country on these lines and wherever they are held the clergy are to be found supporting them. The Barnsley and District Society have recently completed one of the closest contests in the history of ringing, for on the first occasion three teams tied on points, and comparatively few faults separated the first and second teams when they tried for the second time to settle the destination of the shield. At the Church where the tie was 'rung off,' the incumbent not only welcomed the contestants, but eulogised the good which such competitions did by improving the skill of the ringers in their craft. And, looked at from this point of view, with all the old evils associated with prize ringing eradicated, who shall say that these contests do any harm

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or degrade the belfry or the calling of the ringer? Everything depends upon the spirit in which the ringing is undertaken and, given the right spirit, we can see nothing more objectionable in this than in a choir contest.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*GEORGE A. BAKER Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON 8
WILLIAM A. COOPER 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 9
JOHN PERRY 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	WALTER FARLEY 11
ROBERT PICKERING 6	*HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late chief constable of Wolverhampton (Mr. David Webster), who was interred at Wolverhampton Cemetery on this date. First peal as conductor on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

FRANK SIMMONDS Treble	FRANK PONTING 6
FRANK COLE 2	LESLIE BARRY 7
HUBERT SCRIVENS 3	THOMAS WITTS 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
TRAVERS PRITCHARD 5	TOM PRICE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal for the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

CHRISTOPHER HICK Treble	*ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	WALTER R. HUGHES 7
SIDNEY ELTON 3	GILBERT HARDING 8
ALFRED ADAMS 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	*WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Taylor and Co. All the above are regular service ringers at this church.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS JESSE M. MELVILLE Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 7
NORMAN ELLIOTT 3	WALTER CLAYDON 8
*KENNETH SNELLING 4	ALFRED J. BULL 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALRY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Treble Ten.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
*GEORGE B. COLE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
CHARLES H. KIPPEN... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	ERNEST BRETT 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal on ten bells. A birthday peal for the tenor man, and a farewell peal to Mr. Madgwick, who is leaving for Huddersfield.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING Treble	GORDON W. CHECKITTS ... 6
HARRY PRICE 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
JAMES HEMMING 3	*HECTOR G. BIRD 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
WILLIAM SHORT 5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob Royal on tower bells. This was the 450th peal by the conductor, who has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

KENSINGTON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 6
HENRY G. MILES... .. 2	E. RALPH MACKRILL 7
ALBERT V. SELBY 3	WILLIAM E. JUDD 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH 9
ROBERT A. FARDON 5	HARRY FOLKARD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HENRY G. MILES

Rung to welcome the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Edwin Brook-Jackson, to the Vicarage of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The collation and induction took place on Monday, October 14th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	L. WILLIAM JACOBS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	PERCY HARRISON... .. 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	*SAMUEL BAKER 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 7
*THOMAS W. CATFELL ... 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY

* First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
FREDERICK G. COLE 2	*JOHN R. RODWELL 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CANON G. H. RIDOUT... .. 4	OWEN H. GILES... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg. It was his first peal of Major on tower bells. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which took place on October 15th, 1881.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*REGINALD HAYDEN Treble	†HARRY M. WHITE 5
†FREDERICK BIRD 2	WALTER W. TUCKER 6
†FREDERICK SPRINGHAM ... 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
†REV. FRANK W. LANE ... 4	*HENRY A. WACEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal away from the treble. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and retuned in August, 1928. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band since 1884. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. Philip Springham, this being his 24th year as steepkeeper.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST PARLMER Treble	THOMAS JAMES 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	WILLIAM HEWITT 6
*THOMAS MARSH... .. 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 7
JOHN W. JEFFERIES 4	*HENRY MARSH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFERIES.

* First peal. The tenor ringer (a Guardsman) was home on leave. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. St. Albans Wells, who was inducted at this church on October 1st.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY J. JERVIS 5
*MISS K. BURCHNALL... .. 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER 6
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
HERBERT HAIGH 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford, and first attempt.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN E. RANGLES 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

All the above are local ringers, except the ringer of treble and conductor, who hail from Chester.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	Treble	JAMES BENNETT...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	*ROBERT RICHARDSON	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR	Treble	WALTER SEAR	5
HARRY V. SEAR	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
*FREDERICK VICKERS, JUN.	3	WILLIAM F. SMITH	7
EPHRAIM LATHALL	4	ERNEST W. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on attaining his majority. Ringers of 4th and 7th hail from Newport Pagnell.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES PARR	Treble	ISAAC WHALLEY	5
*JOHN CAVANNAGH	2	WILLIE AARON	6
THOMAS HOWARTH	3	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE	7
ARTHUR LORD	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Ringers of 3rd and 5th from Oswaldtwistle, 4th and 7th Rishton, remainder from Church.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOD	Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	3	WILLIAM SPICE	7
†WILLIAM J. WOOD	4	EDWARD H. SPICE	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the harvest festival.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN	Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE F. GARRISON	2	FRED PRICE	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	4	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung after the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and dedication of the memorial screen to the late Canon Burnard and his wife, and was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER R. FARROW	Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
WILLIAM J. WASEY	2	GEORGE BAILEY	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	CHARLES E. LOVETT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	2	RUSSELL RICHES	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
GEORGE HOWLETT	4	WALTER BARRETT	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	HERBERT LUDKIN	6
LESTER L. GRAY	3	GEORGE R. NEWTON	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. G. BENSON'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD NELMES	Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	5
BRUCE P. CHEW	2	JOHN W. DAVIS	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	WILLIAM BISHOP	7
GEORGE WILKS	4	*ALBERT E. BISHOP	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER	Treble	THOMAS E. SONE	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	JAMES BASSETT	6
JAMES W. KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM ASHDOWN	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (339). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RICHARD E. JONES	Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY	5
ERNEST BENNETT	2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	3	TOM WILDE	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	JOHN W. HARTLEY	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

DRAYTON, BEEKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK HONEY Treble	JOHN NOBES 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
CANON G. H. RIDOUT 4	*NELSON SARGENT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal on eight bells. Specially arranged for Canon G. H. Ridout, who is on a visit from South Africa.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(St. Sidwell's Branch.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	ALFRED MONKLEY 5
WILLIAM HOWE 2	GEORGE BETTS 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3	ARTHUR TRUMAN 7
TOM G. BARTLETT 4	ARTHUR GOAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE 5
RONALD BULLEN 2	*ERNEST BRETT 6
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	CECIL PIPE 7
*FREDERICK DIGBY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* Elected members previous to starting. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.)

THOMAS BARTRAM Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
STANLEY WALLIS 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT 5
PERCY BONNETT 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBC RICKETTS Treble	*RONALD G. BECK 4
ALEX. EVANS 2	ERIC C. WADMAN 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* 100th peal.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

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On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY CARTER Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
*MRS. J. BRAY 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
*FRANK LORD 3	*JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Walling, of Scunthorpe.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Oxford, and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ALAN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Primrose Surprise and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Jutson, who is entering a Church Army Training College on November 1st. The ringer of the tenor was made a life member of the Guild before starting.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Killamarsh, Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

*W. WATERHOUSE Treble	*F. JACKSON 4
T. LATIMER 2	J. GUY 5
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3	S. HELLIWELL Tenor

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

* First peal of Minor. This peal was arranged for Mr. Latimer (a former ringer at this tower), who was on a visit from Aysgarth, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Guy, who is 75 years of age.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ARTHUR F. WARREN ... Treble	FREDERICK S. TUBB 4
BERTRAM TUBB 2	HERBERT J. ELDERD 5
FREDERICK CHERITT 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Barker. All are members of the local band except H. J. Eldred, who hails from Barnet.

COOKHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MARTIN 4
WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
HARRY WINGROVE 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Welsford and Miss May Platt, niece of Mr. Alfred Hill, for many years the popular keeper of Cookham Lock.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

GEORGE SLACK 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 4
ALBERT THOMAS 2	JESSE BAYLEY 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

This peal was arranged for Eng. G. Slack, SS. 'Runic,' and Eng. F. H. Crawley, SS. 'Euripides,' of the White Star Line, who were on leave after a trip to Australia.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witnessed by JACK WALLING and GEOFFREY BRAY.

SILVER END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT 33, VALENTINE WAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal rung in the parish of Silver End.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, October 12th, and was attended by upwards of 40 members and friends, representing towers at Beverley, Goole, Hovingbrough, Hull, Kirkella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Withernsea, and the local company. The bells, a handy ring of six, were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. A sumptuous tea was provided at Hill Farm by Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodwell, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar, the Rev. B. M. Challoner, presiding.

Four new members were elected: Messrs. J. Maurice Dixon, T. Shoppard and Cecil W. H. Tomlinson, of Withernsea, and Mr. A. Botham, of Beverley Minster.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley in December. A vote of condolence was passed with the Vicar of Howden, the Rev. A. Waring, on the sad calamity that has overtaken his noble church, and the sympathy of ringers go out to him and the people of Howden on the painful misfortune that has befallen them.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodwell for their excellent catering; also to the local company for their efficient arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT HEDON, YORKS.

EAST RIDING GETS A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

An impressive service was held at St. Augustine's Parish Church, Hedon, Yorkshire, on Thursday, October 17th. It was a thanksgiving for the inauguration of the peal of eight bells, and the service included the dedication of two new trebles and the rededication of the original six bells after recasting. The service was largely attended. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to West, in E flat, and the anthem, 'Send out Thy light' (Gounod), was rendered, immediately after which the dedication of the bells by the Ven. J. Malet Lambert (Archdeacon of the East Riding) took place. The bells were rung for two minutes, during which time the vast congregation remained standing, with who knows what thoughts of thankfulness and joy at the splendid result of their labours for their beautiful parish church. The hymn before the sermon was taken from Lord Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' sung to the tune 'Warrington,' by the Rev. R. Harrison, and in which the bells as well as the congregation took their part very appropriately. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung after verses 1 and 2 for the two new bells, three 'whole pulls and stand' after verses 3 and 4 for the six old bells, and four 'whole pulls and stand' after the last verse for the full peal. The introduction of the bells was most effective.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who chose for his text 1 Cor. xiv. 8, 'For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?' He spoke of the way in which church bells were woven into the life history of the churches and the countryside. They were, he said, part of their very being. They gave tongue for joy after weddings, they tolled for death, were sounded after Trafalgar, after Waterloo, and after the Armistice. The people of Hedon had done well in completing the noble work of restoring the bells. They could be proud and thankful. It was not only a matter of parochial achievement, but something of greater importance, a matter of promise to a wider circle. He spoke of the glorious treasure of the church of Hedon, and of the ancient borough, almost unique in England. It had stood for eight or nine hundred years, and must continue the history of its strange, compelling memorable past. The achievement of the restoration of the church and the glorious bells was an object lesson. Around the countryside they could see the ruins of many mediæval castles, mere heaps of stones, crumbling away. Still the churches stood to mark the remaining need for men to seek the presence of God. Never was there a time when there was a greater need for this. Man was suffering from intoxication of his own mechanical achievement. He bent the forces of Nature to his will, and it was impossible to say what would be the outcome. There must be a spiritual power to guard mankind aright. Education could go far, but it could not touch the hearts and wills of men. The perennial answer was from these houses of God.

Archdeacon Lambert concluded with the wish and the prayer that the sound of the bells of Hedon Church would go out to 'Ring out the false, ring in the true,' and be instrumental in doing a great work for the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

The hymn after the sermon had been specially written by Col. R. Hall for this service, and he was also the compiler of a delightful souvenir of the service, which was presented to the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. M. Ainslie, M.A., Rural Dean of South Holderness, the organist, choristers and ringers, to mark a great occasion in the history of the church.

The bells are a fine ring by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the tenor weighing 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. The two trebles were given by the late Col. W. Lambert White, C.B., and Mrs. Lambert White. Col. White saw the full peal of eight bells before they were raised to their position in the tower, but to the regret of the people of Hedon he did not live to hear them ring. He was a most generous benefactor to the church in which he and his family had worshipped for so many years.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—Elizabeth White, 1929.

2.—William Lambert White, 1929.

3.—Eustace Roper, Richard Gibson, Churchwardens, 1776.

4.—Wind Them and Bring Them, and I will Ring for Them. 1637.

5, 6 and 7.—William and Philip Wightman made mee, 1686. The gift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon in Yorkshire.

Tenor.—The gift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon in Yorkshire, 1687, S.S. Ebor.

The initials S.S. are those of Samuel Smith, a bell founder of York. William and Philip Wightman were bell founders in London (1682-1702). Sir Charles Duncomb was one of the two members of Parliament representing the borough of Hedon. He was elected in 1685. The six old bells have now the added inscription: 'Recast, 1929.'

The following ringers took part in the ceremony: Messrs. G. F. Williams, J. H. Howell, G. T. Miller, G. Dowling, J. H. Chamberlain, W. Hobson, A. B. Cook, J. P. Fidler, E. Wood, A. E. West and L. Rodwell, and were afterwards kindly entertained to supper by Mr. G. W. Drescher, churchwarden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SHIPBOURNE'S NOISY BELFRY.

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th, and was attended by about 50 members, this being a record number for a meeting at a six-bell tower. Members were present from Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Leigh, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ightham, Chislehurst, Plaxtol, East Grinstead, Godstone, Hartfield, Mayfield and the local band. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schrieber), who is an honorary member of the association, and who gave an excellent address, in which he traced the history of the bells from the earliest date. The local organist presided at the organ and the service was very hearty throughout. Mr. T. E. Marriott, one of the churchwardens, was present. After the service the members were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar in the Church Room, and, although more members turned up than had been anticipated, the caterers were equal to the occasion.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. T. E. Marriott. One new non-resident life member was elected.

The Chairman said that no doubt the members had noticed that the bells were very noisy in the ringing chamber and asked for suggestions to remedy this.

These were forthcoming, and it is hoped something will be done in the near future. The reverend gentleman also mentioned that they, as churchmen, had heard that the Bishop of Rochester had issued an appeal for £50,000 to build churches in those parts of the diocese that had sprung up in recent years, and he suggested that as these churches would require at least one bell each, the association might consider the question of providing some bells for these new churches.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and entertaining the members to tea, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. Marriott for his attendance, were passed, and the members adjourned to the tower.

LOST CLAPPER STOPS PEAL.

At Longstanton on Saturday, October 12th, an attempt for a spliced peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major unfortunately came to grief, the sixth clapper dropping out after ringing ten courses with excellent striking, the band being Miss V. Shorter 1, F. J. Cook 2, G. E. Crisp 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. Warrington 6, C. W. Cook 7, A. G. Rivers 8. If successful, this would have been the first peal of Spliced Major for Ely Diocesan Association.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL SOUTHBY. 'A FINE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.'

Mr. Samuel Southby, known to many of the older London ringers, passed away recently in his sleep.

'Mr. Southby,' writes Mr. Challis Winney, 'was a Sunday service ringer some ten years ago at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and also at St. Mary Abbots and St. Andrew's, Wells Street. He belonged to the refined "fine old English gentleman" type. Mr. Taffender, I think, called his last peal, Stedman Caters, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, some years since. Mr. Southby was at one time butler to Lord Ormonde, at Kilkenny Castle, Ireland, and was practised in his profession. I remember on one occasion a person diligently attempting to pour out whisky with the cork remaining in bottle, when Southby gracefully called his attention to the oversight. Mr. Southby was a clever boxer, and once stood up in two rounds against Peter Jackson. If he had lasted another he would have won a prize, but Peter floored him next round. Mr. Southby's doctor had told him his end might come at any moment, but he preferred to die in harness. He was taken down to Tenterden and buried there where his son resides. May he rest in peace.'

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Wombourn on Saturday, September 28th, the weather being delightful. After ringing in the afternoon in various methods, a short service was held, at which the Rev. H. L. Langley (Vicar) officiated, and gave a very interesting address. A capital tea was laid in the Church Institute, kindly provided by the local ringers, when about 80 members and friends were present. The Vicar, who presided, gave the assembly a warm welcome, and asked why they had not been coming more often, it being ten years since the last visit! He, however, hoped they would visit Wombourn again in the near future.

An appeal on behalf of the church repairs fund was made by the Rev. C. H. Barker, and the result was that a useful amount was handed over to the Vicar, the latter expressing his surprise and delight.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., to Mr. England for presiding at the organ; to the local ringers for the splendid tea; and to the ladies for preparing and serving the same, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with acclamation.

Handbells were brought into use, and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the 'Old Boys,' while the 'Sedgley Juniors' delighted the audience with tunes and the 'rising' and 'falling' of a ring of eight.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, arranged for Collingbourne, is now to be held at Burbage on the same date at the time advertised.

'On the 25th October, 1731, here was Rung that Misterious Peal called Stedman Tripples, the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of Tripples, as being every bell a like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melcheor, who first compleated the Peal of Perfect Stedman Triples with only two Doubles, and no alteration, the extent being 5,040 changes.'

This is the preamble to the record of the first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. An opposition company at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, disputed the truth of the peal, and claimed as the first, the 5,040 which they rang on December 6th in the same year. Indeed, so high did feeling run that according to the 'Norwich Daily Press' attempts were made to stop the peal at St. Michael's, but the interrupters were prevented by the people who had assembled to hear the peal, 'and were sent to their home to their shame with bloody noses.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters out of London was rung at Birmingham on October 25th, 1790.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung for the first time on October 26th, 1822, at Wakefield, by nine local ringers, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, which peal, says the old record, 'will be a standing laurel to the Society for ages to come.'

The first double-handed handbell peal that was ever rung was accomplished at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

November 1st is the fortieth anniversary of the first peal by the Middlesex Association, which was rung at Tottenham. The method was Bob Major, and the ringers were Messrs. H. A. Barnett, J. Waghorn, jun., T. C. Grove, A. Fox, G. B. Lucas (who was composer and conductor), J. Barker, J. Waghorn, sen., and W. Pye English. Although this peal was rung so long ago, seven at least of the hand are still living. Whether the other ringer, Mr. A. Fox, is still alive, is not known to our correspondent.

NORTON, STAFFS. BELL RESTORATION. GENEROSITY OF NEIGHBOURING PARISH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the North Staffs Association held at Biddulph on Saturday, October 12th, an envelope containing the sum of £5 12s. 6d. was placed in my hands by the Vicar towards the recasting of the six bells at our church at Norton, this being the result of two 'retiring' collections (morning and evening) at Biddulph Church, and the Vicars assures me that the ordinary collections did not suffer one iota in consequence. Now, for the congregation of a church five miles away, upon whom Norton has no direct ecclesiastical claims whatever, we think this generosity on the part of the Biddulph people is unique, for we have never heard of anything similar occurring before. The Norton people are deeply grateful for this timely help.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHELDON.

BROMSGROVE BELLS.

THEIR HISTORY AND SOME EARLY PEALS.

The bells at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, where a peal was rung last Saturday, have a long history. When bells were first placed in the tower is unknown, but mention is made of them in 1691. In 1695 the five bells were recast into six, but they could have been only a poor lot, for in 1701 the whole ring was recast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester. Three bells were again recast (the present 6th, 8th and tenor) in 1773, and two more added to make eight, by Thomas Rudhall. In 1790 the seventh was recast, and in 1815 a subscription list was opened for adding two more bells, which were provided in the following year, when the existing eight were rehung. There was a general restoration of the bells in 1871, when the reopening was attended by ringers from Worcester, Birmingham, and other towns. As a ring, the bells went on for over fifty years without serious attention, except the recasting of the eighth in 1887, and they were rehung in 1927 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is about 18 cwt. in E flat.

Made eight in 1773, the first recorded peal on the bells was on December 31st, 1787, when 'a compleat peal of Bob Major, 10,192 changes,' was rung in 6 hrs. 33 mins. In December, 1788, a peal of 12,000 Bob Major (of which the composition is preserved) was



ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST CHURCH, BROMSGROVE.

rung. The first peal on the ten bells was rung in the year of the augmentation, this being a peal of 5,160 Grandsire Royal in December, 1816. In August, 1817, a peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung.

It was at Bromsgrove that the Worcestershire Association's first peal was rung, and many other 'firsts in the method' by the association have been rung there.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Purchased by subscription, 1816. J. Lawrence, of Whitford, first subscriber.

2.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1816.

3.—Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1773.

(Continued in next column.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE SUGGESTED RULES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The proposals which you have printed form so mild a revolution that one would hope that they will be acceptable to most of us. There is, however, one detail which, if not remedied, will make them ineffective.

The two months' notice required for proposals will not allow these to be published in time for discussion at the meetings which nearly every society holds on Easter Monday. On the other hand, it will be too long to allow of any proposals then made to be put on the agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting.

Would it not be best to fix, say, ten weeks' notice for individual proposals, and, say, six weeks for proposals, and especially for amendments, made by the societies? The effect of this would be that private proposals would, as now, form the normal agenda, which could be published some ten days before Easter. Then on Easter Monday the societies would be expected to review these proposals, and would have opportunity of adding to them, or amending them, for the final agenda to be published some ten days later. Such a time table would, I think, meet all requirements, and should satisfy everyone.

Mr. Edwards seems to have set himself a big proposition. He has first of all to prove that 'certainty of continuity' is possible in this changing world, even among change ringers. Then, that it is desirable. Most people would say that it means the worst kind of stagnation. He then has to prove that annual elections would affect the continuity at all. He has not done this yet, and I for one think it would have the opposite effect. The only people who would be lost would be the 'duds,' and they are no good on committees, even if they get there. Last and biggest, would be the effort to prove that the present constitution affords even the least 'certainty of continuity.' The way the Nomenclature Committee was treated was hardly an example of 'continuity.'

H. DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

PRINCE'S GIFT FOR BELLS.

POOR NORFOLK PARISH'S APPEAL.

The Prince of Wales has headed the subscription list for the addition of two bells to the present four at Great Massingham Church, near King's Lynn. Canon C. M. McAnally, the Rector, is anxious to get these two trebles into the tower, and the parishioners, as far as they are able, are giving him their support, but the parish is a purely agricultural one; there is no 'squire,' and the farmers have no money. The Rector is, therefore, obliged to go outside the parish with his appeal.

Some years ago the belfry was in a terrible state of repair. The woodwork was crumbling, and the three bells then in the steeple were badly cracked. Canon McAnally raised sufficient money to recast these old bells and add another, which were put into an iron frame made for a ring of six, so that only the bells themselves are now required. The sum of about £145 is wanted, and when this is raised the work will be put into the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who carried out the previous restoration. There are a number of young men in the parish to whom bellringing would be likely to appeal, and it would provide them with some occupation on Sunday.

Here is an opportunity for ringers, particularly those in East Anglia, to lend a helping hand, and contributions should be sent to Canon McAnally, Great Massingham Rectory, King's Lynn. The subscriptions at present received are as follows: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales £25, the Earl of Leicester £25 5s., Lord Fermoy £10, Marchioness Cholmondeley £22 2s., Countess Stratford £22, the Rector £5, Major J. H. B. Hesse £1.

(Continued from previous column.)

4.—T. (a bell) R., 1773. When you us ring,
We'll sweetly sing.

5.—God Prosper This Parish. A. (a bell) R. 1701.

6.—John Waugh, Vicar. T. (a bell) R. 1773.

7.—Rev. Dr. Wingfield, Vicar. Wm. Ward, Thomas Greening,
Thos. Wright, Joseph Gabb, Churchwardens, 1816. T.
Mears, of London, Fecit.

8.—(Old inscription before recasting.) John Cromwell, Richard Wilks, Danl. Harris, Thomas Taylor, Churchwardens, 1773.
(Present inscription.) Barwell, Founder, Birmingham. This bell was recast and the whole peal rehung A.D. 1887 at the sole cost of Edmund Hartland, Senior Churchwarden. Laus Deo.

9.—The Rev. Thos. Fountain, Vicar; Jno. Aishmore, C. Wright, I. Badger and R. Wilkes, Wardens, 1790.

Tenor.—I to the Church the Living Call,

And to the Grave do Summon All: 1773.

There is also a 'ting-tang' dated 1816.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION'S JOINT MEETING WITH DONCASTER SOCIETY.

A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society was held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, when members were present from Doncaster, Conisborough, Sprotborough, the Cathedral and St. Marie's, Sheffield, Wath, Darfield, Pontefract and Fishlake. A short service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Pierce Price, officiated, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors. The service was also brightened by the attendance of the organist and choir, and whose services were highly appreciated. Tea was served in the New Church Hall, a building erected mostly by voluntary labour, and which will long stand as an example of what can be done by an energetic Vicar and a few loyal churchworkers.

At the business meeting the Vicar was voted to the chair, and one new member (Mr. R. Thompson, of Doncaster) was elected.

It was decided to join with the Sheffield and District Society and the Doncaster and District Society and hold the next meeting at All Saints', Sheffield, on December 14th, and to invite the Barnsley and District Society.

It was decided to place on record the best thanks of the association to Mr. S. F. Palmer and his co-workers on the committee for the very able manner in which the association dinner had this year been arranged, and for the work which had been done to make everyone comfortable and happy at this gathering.—Mr. Palmer replied on behalf of the committee, and said it was very gratifying to know that the efforts they had made were appreciated. All they desired was to send every visitor home satisfied, and then they would come again and bring others along.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, organist and choir, and to the ladies for the excellent tea were heartily carried and acknowledged by the Vicar and Mr. G. Clark (churchwarden).

A collection on behalf of the funds for the Church Hall realised 12s. 1d., and for which the Vicar sincerely thanked all present.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting held at Coleshill on Saturday last was well attended by members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Fillongley, Exhall, Leamington, Nuneaton, Smethwick and Stoke, together with the local band and friends from Erdington and King's Norton.

The bells of the Parish Church (which is an imposing edifice commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country) were raised during the afternoon and kept going to various methods until five o'clock, when a halt was called for tea. This was served in a cosy room at the Town Hall by ladies of the parish. When the excellent fare provided had been disposed of, the business meeting began.

Mr. F. W. Perrens was voted to the chair. The place for the January quarterly meeting had to be decided. Both Leamington and Nuneaton were proposed and seconded, and upon a vote being taken the majority were in favour of Nuneaton. Arley was decided upon for the November meeting, and Newbold-on-Avon for the December one.

Mr. J. White proposed and Mr. J. Hunt seconded that the December meeting be held on the second Saturday instead of the third owing to its proximity to Christmas.—This was carried unanimously.

Six new ringing members were elected, two from Leamington and four from Brinklow.

Mr. A. Wilkerson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local band for having everything in readiness in the tower, and to the ladies for the tea they had provided.—This was seconded and carried unanimously, Mr. Charles Dale suitably responding.

The members then returned to the tower, where ringing was resumed until 7 p.m., when a service in the church caused the bells to be silent.

Most of the standard methods up to London Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

BELLRINGING TALK TO ROTARIANS.

The members of the Birmingham Rotary Club, at their weekly luncheon at the Queen's Hotel, on October 14th, were entertained by a 'talk' on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' by Rotafian William A. Clark, F.R.P.S., and a demonstration on handbells given by members of St. Martin's Guild, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), the illustrations being on six, eight, ten and twelve bells.

Mr. Clark, in his talk, briefly traced the history of bells and ringing, and referred to some of the curious inscriptions to be found on bells in the churches in the Midlands. His tribute to the bellringers was that they were downright good fellows, the true yeomen of England, who devoted the whole of their physical and mental strength to the craft.

The talk and the ringing were followed with intense interest by the Rotarians.

THE DESTRUCTION OF HOWDEN BELLS.

We have to acknowledge a donation of 2s. 6d. from Mr. D. C. Mears, Offley, in response to the appeal for the restoration of Howden Church tower and bells, made by the Vicar of Howden in our last issue. This donation has been forwarded to the Rev. A. Waring.

A large sum will be needed to carry out the restoration, and any help that can be given by ringers will be gratefully received. Contributions should be sent direct to the Vicar of Howden.

When the restoration is taken in hand, one of the first difficulties will be the removal of the three remaining bells which hang precariously in the blackened ruin of the tower.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S CONTEST.

THREE TEAMS DECIDE A TIE.

The contest for the Barnsley and District Society's challenge shield and prizes, which took place on August 31st and resulted in three bands tying for first place—an unprecedented occurrence—was rung again on Saturday, October 12th, when the three teams met at Crofton to decide the destination of the shield and the prize-winners. The draw for order of ringing was: 1, Wath-on-Dearne; 2, Shelley; 3, Sandal. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by each band, and at the conclusion of the ringing about forty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea.

Subsequently the judge (Mr. W. Idle) gave his decision as follows: Wath-on-Dearne, 124 faults, 10 penalties, total 134; Shelley, 80 faults, 5 penalties, total 85; Sandal, 125 faults, no penalties, total 125. Shelley, therefore, were the winners, and will hold the shield for the next year. They also took the first prizes, a pair of hair brushes in leather case for each of the team. Sandal gained the second prizes, a cruet stand each, and Wath-on-Dearne the third, a double-bladed penknife each. These third prizes were not originally provided, but the judge had decided to give them himself, as the teams had rung so closely together so many times, and, he thought, whoever was third ought to get a prize.

Needless to say, Mr. Idle was warmly thanked by all for his generous gift, which was very much appreciated.

The Rector's wife, Mrs. Brownrigg, very kindly presented the shield and prizes with appropriate words.

A short business meeting was held, and among other things it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Sandal on Saturday, November 9th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Brownrigg, the churchwardens and local band, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success, was replied to by the Rector in very kindly terms, in the course of which he stated that, in his opinion, such contests, conducted in the way in which that one had been, were bound to improve the quality of the ringing for services, and in consequence should have the support of the clergy wherever there are bells.

Thus terminated a very pleasant day.

DEATH OF A PAIGNTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. J. S. Collings, of Paignton, Devon, which took place suddenly on Saturday, October 12th. Deceased had been in ill-health for nearly two years. He was verger at the Parish Church for some time, but his health compelled him to resign.

He had been associated with the Paignton ringers for many years. When the Paignton band joined the Devon Guild, he was very keen, and quickly acquired the art of change ringing. Not only was he a great help to his band, but rendered invaluable service as instructor to the Brixham company.

The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week, the Rev. R. D. Mills officiating. There were considerably over a hundred sympathisers in the church; six of deceased brother ringers acted as bearers: F. Allwood, C. Boyce, A. L. Pope, F. E. Parnell, C. F. Austen and H. J. Hole. Mr. F. J. Laxton (branch chairman) and Messrs. A. C. Taylor and F. Hayden (Brixham) represented the Devon Guild. The coffin was draped with the flag of the British Legion, of which deceased had been an active member. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths were tributes from the gardeners of the Paignton U.D.C.; the British Legion; his brother ringers, Paignton; and the Brixham band.

In the evening, with the bells muffled, the 'whole pull and stand' was perfectly struck 56 times, representing the fifty-six years of deceased's age, followed by 504 Grandsire Triples. Those who took part were Messrs. Laxton, Gover, Huxley, Lewis, Austen, Pope, Parnell, Boyce and Hole.

A UNIQUE 720.

On Sunday, October 20th, at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung for evening service by a band which consisted of the unusual combination of a father and two daughters and a father and two sons. The composition of the band was as follows: Geo. Battle 1, Miss Marjorie Cooke 2, Miss Elsie Cooke 3, W. Battle 4, W. J. Battle 5, John Cooke 6.

The 720 was conducted by J. Cooke, and this is the first occasion in which such a family combination has taken part in a 720 in the district.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

PEAK DISTRICT'S ENCOURAGING MEETING.

An enjoyable meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Darley Dale on Saturday. About 20 ringers were present from Bakewell, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Derby, Dore, Eyam, Hope, Matlock and Ripley. The bells, a nice going peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.), were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going until well into the evening, some well-struck touches of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman and Grand-sire Triples being brought round. A substantial tea at a nearby inn was provided about 5.30, at which the Rector of Darley (the Rev. R. Griffiths) presided.

A short business meeting followed, the Rector being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam), Mr. W. Wallace (Derby), hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore), hon. district secretary.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Baslow (six bells) on November 16th, and it was decided to make Cambridge Minor the method for special attention at that meeting, and Double Norwich the method for the next eight-bell meeting. Some good advice regarding methods of practice and assistance of learners was given by Mr. W. Wallace, who also made an appeal for a more generous support of 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and the local company was responded to by the former in an eloquent little address, in which he referred to the message of the bells, their part in rejoicing and sorrow in the life of the Church, the definite mission of the ringers as a part of the Church, entailing labour and sacrifice, and of his appreciation of the work being done by the Midland Counties and like societies.

Mr. G. H. Paulson also responded on behalf of the Darley ringers, extending a welcome to those present. A few plain courses of Grand-sire Triples and Caters on the handbells followed; and Messrs. A. G. and W. Wallace and F. H. Bennett afterwards entertained those present with a little tune playing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DISTRICT MASTER.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. The bells pealed forth shortly after 3 p.m., with Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) in charge. Standard methods were practised during the meeting. A service from the 'Ringers' Manual' was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Cole Skeane (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. G. Bradley. Dr. Nicholl presided at the organ and led the singing.

Afterwards the company, which numbered 50, adjourned to the Church Hall, where they were entertained to tea by the Vicar and his wardens. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. Etherington and Mr. A. Forman (churchwardens), Mr. F. Goodfellow, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. J. Herbert.

The Vicar gave the association a most hearty welcome, and said what a great pleasure it was to meet the members at his church, and, above all, to listen to the hearty way they sang at the service.

At the business meeting which followed, attention was called to the joint meeting with the London County Association and North South-west Diocesan Guild (South District), to take place at St. Mary's, Ealing, on November 2nd, details of which appear in 'The Ringing World' notices.

The hon. secretary made an appeal on behalf of the fund for the erection of a memorial tablet to the late District Ringing Master, and the sum of £1 5s. was collected.

Mr. Tom Beadle, who was assisted to the meeting by his two sons, received a hearty welcome.

At the request of the Vicar, Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Goodfellow, J. A. Trollope, R. A. Pardon, J. Herbert and E. S. Turner.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and his wardens for their kind hospitality, which was greatly appreciated by the company. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the curate who assisted, to the organist (Dr. Nicholl), to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovill), and Miss K. Bradford and her assistants for attending to the company's needs, and, last but not least, to the energetic hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the local band, viz., Messrs. E. A. Morris and R. Halsey respectively.

The tower was again visited and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, on Friday, October 18th (St. Luke's Day), 1,259 Grandsire Caters composed by Cornelius Charge, of Auckland, New Zealand: T. Langdon 1, T. Bennet 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, W. Rushton 4, C. F. Winney 5, F. G. Newman 6, A. A. Hughes 7, E. Fenn 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, F. W. H. Sargison 10. This quarter-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes. Both the Rector and Mrs. Pennington Bickford are good friends to the Exercise and to London ringers in particular.

SUDDEN DEATH OF EDENBRIDGE RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death, which took place suddenly, on Saturday, October 12th, of Edwin Colbron.

The deceased was born at Staplehurst, Kent, nearly 45 years ago, but moved to Edenbridge. As a lad he joined the Royal Artillery and served 12 years with the colours. At the outbreak of war he at once volunteered, and was sent to France in September, 1914. After the Armistice, he settled down in Edenbridge, learnt to handle a bell, and took up change ringing. His first peal was rung in 1921. He was quite safe in all standard methods.

He was also a member of the local town band.

The funeral took place on Thursday, October 17th, amidst general tokens of sympathy and respect. Most of the ringers and members of the band were present, and a large number of his fellow-workmen from the tanyard also attended.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins. by: W. Leigh, sen., 1, E. Leigh 2, G. Malyan 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

The deceased is the third member of the Edenbridge Parish Church ringers to pass away within three months.

THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Subscriptions to the above fund up to Saturday, October 19th, have been as follows: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, £3 3s.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, £20; Rev. H. C. Wilder, £3 3s.; Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, £1 1s.; Rev. H. Law James, £1 1s.; Rev. E. Banks James, 10s.; Rev. E. C. Freeman, 10s.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 10s.; Mrs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, £20; Miss Charles, £1; Miss I. D. Humfrey, 10s.; Miss M. M. Webb, 2s. 6d.; Miss M. C. West, £5; Ladies' Guild Meeting, £1 1s. 9d.; American tea, Miss A. H. Walker and Miss V. Robinson, £6 7s. 6d.; Messrs. A. N. Robinson, £1; J. A. Dart, £1; E. Bishop, £3 3s.; Admiral T. P. Walker, £1 1s.; Messrs. B. E. Dunbar, Kilburn, £1 1s.; R. T. Hibbert, 10s. 6d.; F. Dentry, 10s. 6d.; G. N. Price, 10s.; W. T. Cockerill, 5s.; W. Bradley, 5s.; W. Story, 5s.; E. Morris, 5s.; J. Monk, 5s.; A. W. Davis, 5s.; G. Faulkner, 2s. 6d.; O.D.G., Bradford Deansy Branch, £5 5s.; O.D.G., Vale of the White Horse Branch, £2; E. Ferrebee, 5s.; Caversham ringers, £2 2s.; Shaw ringers, 10s.; East Hsley ringers, £1; Sandhurst ringers, 10s.; Hughenden ringers, £1; Buckingham ringers, 8s.; Maids Moreton ringers, 5s.; Churchill ringers, 5s.; Wokingham, St. Paul's ringers, 10s.; Cropredy ringers, 6s.; Laughton ringers, 5s. Mr. D. Hancox, 1s.; total, £89 0s. 3d.

With sincere thanks to all who have subscribed, and with optimistic dreams of the other half coming soon,—Yours, etc.,

69, York Road, Reading.

R. T. HIBBERT.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Upham on Saturday, October 12th. The bells (six) were available during the afternoon and evening. Tea and business meeting took place at the Brushmaker's Arms, the Rector of Upham presiding, supported by Mr. G. Williams (vice-president), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, and members from Titchfield, Bishop's Waltham, Shedfield, North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Hursley, Portsmouth, Winchester, and the local band.

The Rector of Upham was elected an hon. member, and Canon Ridout a compounding member.

The methods rung on the tower bells were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding. The annual meeting is fixed for January 18th at Southampton, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL OF CINQUES AT LINCOLN.

At the Lincoln Cathedral on Thursday, October 17th, at the usual weekly practice by the service ringers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,306 changes) in 1 hr. 1 min., being the first quarter-peal upon the bells and by the band: John Walden 1, Harold Marcon 2, Charles McGuinness 3, George Flintham 4, George Chester 5, H. Leslie Pask 6, Tom Pyle 7, Charles H. Chester 8, John A. Freeman (conductor) 9, Stanford J. Wolfe 10, Harold Walker 11, Arthur Marcon 12.

POPULAR SOUTH LONDON RECTOR.

FAREWELL QUARTER-PEAL.

At St. Leonard's Parish Church, Streatham, on Monday, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: John Lee 1, Miss E. Harcastle 2, W. Essery 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. H. Rumley 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. G. Gray 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon E. Brook-Jackson, Rector of Streatham, whose induction as Vicar of St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, took place the same evening.

A peal of welcome to his new parish was rung at St. Mary Abbot's on Saturday.

A TOUR IN YORKSHIRE.**AND A PEAL AT RIPON CATHEDRAL.**

On Saturday, October 5th, a party of ten members of the Doncaster and District Society had a day's outing among some Yorkshire towers. The programme included visits to Knaresborough, Tadcaster, Selby Abbey and a peal of Royal at Ripon Cathedral as the main objective.

A start was made from Doncaster at 9.30 a.m., the weather being ideal. The first stop was made at Ferrybridge, owing to a deflated tyre, which event was certainly not on the programme. After a delay of 15 minutes the journey was resumed and Knaresborough was reached at 11.20 a.m. Mr. Lee greeted the party and piloted them to the belfry, where the beautiful peal of eight were soon raised. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Little Bob were rung. There was no time allowed to visit the various places of interest, such as 'Mother Shipton's Cave' and 'The Dropping Well' in this interesting old-world town, and after a too short stay of 50 minutes the party proceeded to Ripon.

The first interesting event on arrival at Ripon was 'Knife and Fork Surprise' at the Granville Hotel. After an excellent lunch the bells of the Cathedral were raised after everything had been prepared by Mr. F. Tingle, of the Cathedral Society. The bells came in for a good deal of adverse criticism. The tone is poor and one cannot hear the trebles in the ringing chamber. A process of 'Taylorising' would certainly improve them. Bob Royal was the method chosen for the peal, and the band were instructed to finish the peal by 4.40 so that the bells could be chimed for 5 o'clock evensong. The peal went steadily on until at 4.40 p.m. 'Ted' called a 'wrong' hob in the right place, which brought the bells into the plain course. A minute afterwards a knock came at the belfry door as a signal that the bells must stop. The ringing had been so good throughout the peal that 'Ted' decided to finish it, come what may. At 4.44 p.m. the bells ran round, and 'That's all' and 'Stand' were called. The door was opened to admit the verger, who had come up to chime for service. An offer by the band to ring the full peal for service was declined on the ground that it was usual for the two trebles to be chimed from 4.45 until 4.50 p.m., and then for the third to be chimed from 4.50 to 4.55 p.m. The first part of this ceremony was performed by two of the band, who rang as many changes as is possible on two bells in the short time available. At 4.55 the remaining seven bells were lowered in peal in 'double quick' time, so that the clock could chime the hour. The band desire to extend their apologies to the Dean of Ripon for overstaying their welcome by four minutes, and hope he was put to no inconvenience by reason of their belated completion of a splendid peal.

Rain commenced to fall as the bus left Ripon, and it was soon pouring down. Tadcaster was the next place of call, and at 6 o'clock the bus drew up outside the church. Mr. Hicks and several of the local band greeted the visitors and explained that there could be no ringing, as it was not permitted after 6 p.m. This was to be expected, as, according to programme, the party should have arrived at Tadcaster at 5.15 p.m. Before recommencing the journey the visitors sampled the product for which Tadcaster is noted.

Selby Abbey was reached in pouring rain at 7.30, and Messrs. F. Cryer and W. A. Hall welcomed the visitors. The magnificent ring of ten were soon going to Stedman Caters. In the first course a quick bell went in slow and stayed there, effectively putting 'paid' to the first attempt. At the second attempt three well-struck courses were rung. These were followed by a touch of Treble Bob Royal and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. Selby Abbey and its beautiful bells were regrettably left behind at 8.45 p.m., and Doncaster reached an hour later.

During the last stage of the homeward journey a hearty vote of thanks to the organiser of the tour, Mr. J. E. Cawser, was carried with acclamation.

The party desire to thank the Dean of Ripon, the 'Abbot' of Selby Abbey (an old friend of ringers) and the incumbents at Knaresborough and Tadcaster for granting the use of their bells, and also Messrs. Lee, Tingle, Hicks, Cryer and Hall for kindly making local arrangements. The towers represented at the outing were Arksey, Conisborough, Doncaster, Tickhill, Rotherham, Ravenfield, Gainsborough and Lincoln Cathedral.

H. W.

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £9 4s.; 'One of Tom's Boys,' £1 1s.; A Friend, Isleworth, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Lee, 2s.; P. Skevington, 5s.; total £10 14s. 6d. Donations gratefully received on behalf of this fund by William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, October 20th, after harvest thanksgiving at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Harry Warnett, sen., 1, W. James 2, J. J. Lamb 3, J. Bennett 4, F. W. Thornton 5, P.C. C. Davies 6, G. H. Daynes 7, W. H. Daynes 8. Conducted by Churchwarden G. H. Daynes.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sunday, October 20th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: R. Aylett 1, E. H. Spice 2, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 3, W. E. Spice 4, G. Kenward 5, W. Spice 6, G. H. Spice 7, W. H. Spice 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 13th, on the occasion of harvest festival for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. Leigh, sen., 1, E. Leigh 2, H. Leigh 3, R. Jenner 4, G. Malyan 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8. For evening service, 1,200 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Heasman (conductor) 1, W. Leigh 2, E. Leigh 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, E. Seal (Hever) 6, J. W. Steddy 7, G. Malyan 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—For harvest festival, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Bunch 1, S. J. Riddell 2, A. T. Hearmon 3, H. Tice 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, A. E. Hearmon 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. Worsfold (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss G. Norris (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 2, H. Markwell 3, B. Collison 4, W. Collison 5, S. H. Green 6, A. Richardson (conductor) 7, A. Mayes 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, October 6th, at St. Mary's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, H. W. Bond 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, A. King 5, W. H. Hayward 6, J. Smith 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. Ringers of 3rd and 6th hail from Cirencester, 8th from Christ Church, Swindon.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, October 6th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: E. F. James 1, G. F. James 2, A. James 3, T. Knight 4, P. J. Spice 5, E. Mounter 6, G. Huxley (conductor) 7, G. Letchford 8. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Warri- low 1, F. Wigan 2, F. T. Hayle 3, G. Booth 4, R. Warri- low 5, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Evans 8. Rung for harvest festival.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sunday, September 22nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, W. Turley 2, S. Comber (first quarter inside) 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, H. V. Baker 5, H. D. Ford 6, H. J. Ford 7, F. Paige 8. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday morning, September 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. W. Pugsley 1, R. J. Baldry 2, W. J. Rundle 3, E. W. Marsh 4, G. Godard 5, W. J. Richards 6, J. Wood- ley (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering, in 45 mins.: F. Palmer (first quarter) 1, J. Prior (first quarter) 2, H. Rowe 3, E. Butler 4, W. Glover (conductor) 5, A. Leonard 6, A. Barrett 7, H. Ball (first quarter) 8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Hursley on Saturday, a fair number of ringers being present from various towers, namely, Winchester, North Stoneham, Titchfield, Southampton, Romsey and King's Somborne. After ringing in various methods, a service was conducted by the Rev. Husband, who gave a short address on 'Self Sacrifice.' He considered all church bellringers were performing a duty which was, to a certain extent, self-sacrifice.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, to which twenty-two sat down, and at the business meeting which followed, votes of thanks were tendered to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service. Handbell ringing terminated the meeting, and the ringers adjourned to the tower for further touches, which brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 29th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, October 26th (dedication of the bells). Service 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

MAISEYHAMPTON, GLOS.—Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rebung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Sunderland, Saturday, October 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church, 2.30. Bells of the three churches available. Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute 5 p.m.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) open at 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, and business meeting at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. R.S.V.P. to L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Rd., Portsmouth.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham district.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, embracing the three "Stonhams," viz: Earl Stonham (5), Stonham Parva (5), Stonham Aspal (10). Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at Brewers' Arms, Stonham Parva, 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. It is proposed to ring at Stonham Parva first; reason for this will become apparent when business comes on. Please help by attending.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Warfield, on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) of All Saints' and St. Martin's Churches will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at All Saints', followed by tea and business meeting at Barton's Cafe, St. Mary's Street. It is hoped we may have a good attendance. All ringers welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Owsbury, by invitation of the Vicar, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) from 2.30, service at 4. Tea at 4.30. All welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Rd., Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Burbage (instead of Collingbourne Kingston), on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn (annual) meeting will be held at Witney, to-morrow (Saturday) Oct. 26th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The quarterley meeting of the above will be held at Frampton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—John Phillips, The School House, Butterwick, Nr. Boston.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Whitchurch to-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting in Belfry 5. Tea (1/- each) at 5.45.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon P. H. Collins. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify, by October 29th, Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, 56, Altenburg Avenue, West Ealing.—W. H. Hollier and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting in Jubilee Room. Nominations for district officers for ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, October 29th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Deeping St. James on Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. A meeting will be held at Burslem, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. E. Gater, 36, Rushton Road, Cobridge, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, before October 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on November 2nd. For tea, please advise Mr. R. Reece, Old Hall, Barlborough, as early as possible. A kind welcome extended to all ringers and friends.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Seend, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington, on Saturday, November 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea (1/9 each) 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, Banks Lane, Heckington, by the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Good bus service from Sleaford.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than October 29th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 (Preacher, Rev. T. Wellard, B.D.). Tea at Lyons', 5.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Braintree, Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vestry Hall at 5. Tea will be provided free to all who give notice to C. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree, not later than Friday, November 8th. All ringers will be welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 9 p.m.—W. Arnold, Holt St., Earls Colne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A business meeting to follow. Good attendance requested. Further particulars in next week's issue. Good bus service from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 9. Service 5. Tea (6d.) 5.30. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 6th. Please make an effort.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Bulwell, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. till 8.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, London, W.C., on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 2.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th.

at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Chooet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a musical service; St. Magnus', 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a lecture on the history of the church, by the Rector; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

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