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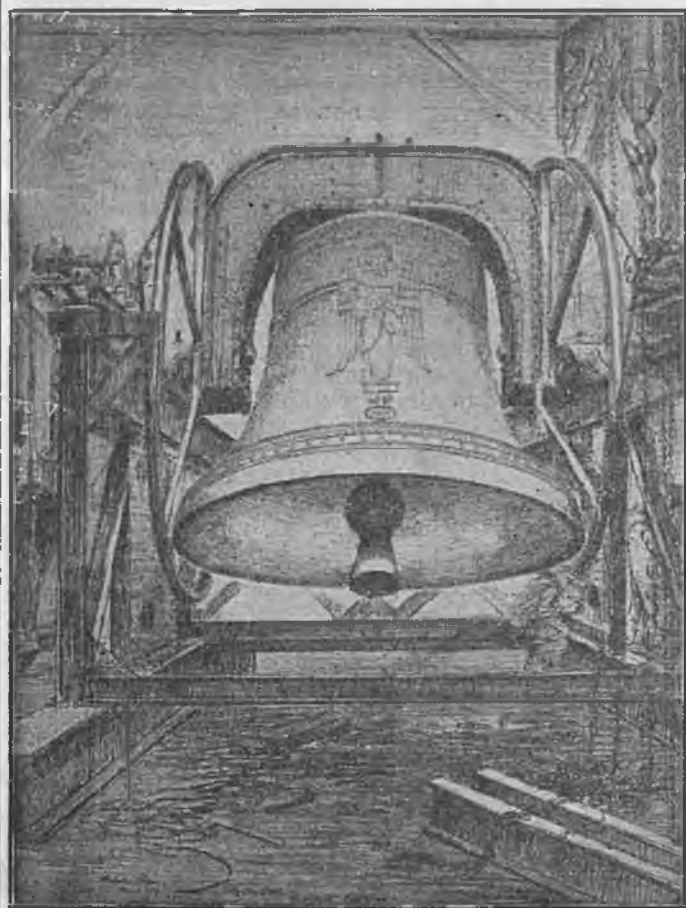
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A MISTAKE!

The tablet to commemorate the Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on November 8th last year has been unveiled. The wording has been carefully drafted, but, even so, we venture to suggest that the record may be open to misapprehension in future. It is true that the performance is not described as a peal, but in generations to come, when actual recollections of the event have vanished and people turn to this commemorative tablet for what they will believe to be the best evidence of what was done on that day in 1931, it may well be that it will create the impression that this was a true peal, 'otherwise,' we can imagine them asking, 'why should it be recorded?' Everyone who understands ringing gives the band credit for their feat of endurance, but endurance by itself is not even the first essential of a peal. The primary essential is that it shall be true, and no effort in change ringing is really worth placing on permanent record unless, first and foremost, it *is* true.

Writing when the falseness of the composition was first revealed, the conductor said the Painswick Youths made their own rules and still claimed to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells, because more than sixteen thousand had been rung before the repetition occurred. We pointed out at the time that, from the beginning of ringing history, falseness in a peal irretrievably condemned the whole, and no portion picked out from the remainder was entitled to a claim to any honour. The Painswick Youths have, apparently, a different standard, a standard which, we think, the Exercise at large will not envy. In these days, when everyone knows what happened, ringers can, perhaps, afford to smile at the erection of this tablet, but future generations may be misled by it, not by what is recorded on it—although even in that respect it may be open to criticism—but by what it omits to say.

If this tablet is to be any more than a passing compliment to the twelve men who rang Painswick bells for over 11½ hours on end, if it is to stand as a record for posterity to read and by it to judge rightly the merits of the performance, it should have been frankly stated that the composition was false. That would not have taken away the 'endurance' credit, but it would have put the achievement in the place it ought to occupy. There is nothing in the wording to lead future ringers to suppose that it was anything but a true peal, and it gives to the composer a credit which, in the light of the actual facts, is not deserved. We are sorry that any of the Painswick Youths should have assented to the erection of this tablet, which seems to have been due to a misdirected sense of

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admiration on the part of the public, who, of course, only appreciate the physical aspect of such a performance and are entirely ignorant of all the recognised canons of the art of ringing. In our opinion the erection of this tablet is a mistake. We are afraid it will be a laughing stock for living ringers and misleading to those who read it in the years to come.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

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| *JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble | THOMAS HILL 7 |
| GEORGE W. HUGHES 2 | *ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8 |
| *ALFRED ADAMS 3 | WALTER R. HUGHES 9 |
| EDGAR T. SMITH 4 | GILBERT HARDING 10 |
| JOHN C. ADAMS 5 | THOMAS J. ELTON 11 |
| †HARRY HIGGINS 6 | †HENRY E. GREEN Tenor |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal. Rung in the Octave of St. Matthew for the Dedication Festival and as a birthday peal for J. C. Adams and A. T. Dutton. All the above are regular service ringers at St. Matthew's.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | RICHARD D. LANGFORD 6 |
| HARRY OVERTON 2 | JAMES SWINDLEY 7 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 3 | CHARLES H. PAGE 8 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | *PERCY SWINDLEY 9 |
| HAROLD EDWARDS 5 | J. WILLIAM EDGE Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Carew, M.A.

EWERBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

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| JOHN WALDEN Treble | HAROLD WALKER 6 |
| *HAROLD MARCON 2 | *JACK BRAY 7 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3 | FREDERICK W. STOKES 8 |
| †GEORGE W. CREASEY 4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN 9 |
| *H. LESLIE PASK 5 | †BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| LEONARD SHAW Treble | *OLIVER GREATHEAD 5 |
| ALBERT HELLIWELL 2 | ARNOLD HAIGH 6 |
| JOHN R. BREARLEY 3 | JOHN A. BREARLEY 7 |
| JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 4 | WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor |

Composed by G. HILL.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| W. H. MITCHELL Treble | H. DRANSFIELD 5 |
| H. PICKLES 2 | J. MILNER 6 |
| H. ROWLEY 3 | G. GOLDSTRAW 7 |
| E. PICKLES 4 | R. THICKET Tenor |

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

* First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| CYRIL JONES Treble | ARTHUR NEWALL 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6 |
| RONALD G. JONES 3 | GEORGE R. JONES 7 |
| GEORGE F. SPERRING 4 | LEONARD MORGAN Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the conductor's daughter, Miss Annie E. Sperring, and Mr. Frederick Broughton, which took place at the same church earlier in the day.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... Treble | HARRY EVERS 5 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2 | EDWARD E. DAVEY 6 |
| *ALAN R. ANDREWS 3 | GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 7 |
| WILLIAM DENT 4 | WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by GEO. NEWSON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5 |
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2 | PERCY E. CLARK 6 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3 | ERNEST BRETT 7 |
| REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 4 | EDWARD HARRIS Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and a birthday compliment to Gilbert R. Goodship.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5156 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| HENRY STAPLEYON ... Treble | GEORGE BASFORD 5 |
| WALTER PERKINS 2 | ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6 |
| JOHN J. MAWBY 3 | AMCS SMART 7 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4 | CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... Treble | HARRY HOVERD 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2 | FREDERICK J. CDLLUM, JUN. 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 | GEORGE H. CROSS 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON 4 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Superlative.

TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| ERNEST JONES Treble | ERNEST L. HOMPHRIS ... 5 |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | EDWARD CAUNCE 7 |
| *JAMES MELDRUM 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung by special request on the occasion of the opening of the new Parish Hall.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALFRED BALLARD Treble | THOMAS W. WRIGHT ... 5 |
| CECIL E. CARR 2 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BEALE 3 | FRED COTTON 7 |
| ERNEST W. TIPLER 4 | GEORGE THOMPSON Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| HARRY CHAPMAN Treble | FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 5 |
| GEORGE WILSON 2 | ROGER W. DANIELS 6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 3 | *CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 7 |
| JAMES M. BAILEY 4 | *CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| EDWIN F. PIKE Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5 |
| JOHN W. UNWIN 2 | FREDERICK DIGBY 6 |
| OSCAR GILBEY 3 | PERCY J. SPICE 7 |
| WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| KRITH HART Treble | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5 |
| ROBERT SWIFT 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT 6 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER 3 | CECIL NICE 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2 | HARRY HOVERD 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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| JOHN H. GLUYAS Treble | SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 5 |
| *H. FRED S. MYERS 2 | G. HARRY MYERS 6 |
| THOMAS G. MYERS 3 | JOSEPH WOODLEY 7 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 4 | GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Gluyas, also as a farewell to the Rev. C. G. Roff Silvester. Four of the band rang in a peal of Stedman Triples on the Vicar's induction in May, 1927.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

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| MAURICE SWINFELD Treble | J. ALFRED BARRATT 5 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER 3 | EDWARD C. GOBBY 7 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD 4 | EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The conductor has now called 100 different compositions of Stedman Triples for the M.C.A.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *ARTHUR BELL Treble | WILLIAM ILLSLEY 5 |
| †CECIL WALMSLEY 2 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6 |
| MISS M. CLAYTON 3 | JAMES HARRISON 7 |
| THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 4 | GEORGE HOOPER Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. Hamlet to the Vicariate of the above church, which took place the previous day.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| HARRY CHAPMAN Treble | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2 | ERNEST S. BAILEY 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | CHARLES F. BAILEY 7 |
| FREDERICK J. SMITH 4 | THOMAS W. LAST Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| CHARLES H. PERRY Treble | JOHN W. JONES 5 |
| GEORGE POPNELL 2 | ALBERT J. PITMAN 6 |
| ERNEST STITCH 3 | JOHN PHILLIPS 7 |
| WILLIAM HEATH 4 | REES JAMES Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. The ringer of the 2nd has now completed the circle in this tower, and the ringer of the treble has now done it for the second time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

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| DAVID WHITING Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON 4 |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| *KEITH W. WHITTLE 3 | GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in six methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. V. Johnson, of Crawley, Sussex, who was on holiday in the district.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *MRS. E. BERRIDGE Treble | *MRS. A. SCOTT 4 |
| MRS. L. EAST 2 | *MISS N. CAWTHORNE ... 5 |
| MISS G. BURCHNALL 3 | MISS K. BURCHNALL Tenor |

Conducted by MISS G. BURCHNALL.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT 4 |
| DENNIS R. MORRIS 2 | CYRIL TANSSELL 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD 3 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| HORACE M. DAY Treble | GEORGE LADD 4 |
| ARTHUR J. FARR 2 | HARRY NICHOLLS 5 |
| *ARTHUR GROUND 3 | JOHN G. AMES Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| ERNEST E. WOODAGE Treble | GEORGE WAGHORN 4 |
| ANDREW MARSHALL 2 | JOHN J. BASSETT 5 |
| ALBERT RELFE 3 | ARTHUR P. CANNON Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Deal, and it was his first peal on a working bell. It was rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect for Rev. E. J. Wild, who had been priest-in-charge of the above church on two occasions, and was buried at Wadhurst on September 18th.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Paul's Church, 720 changes of Bob Minor on the front six bells: S. Ainger 1, W. Leech 2, J. H. Swinfield 3, A. Sharp 4, W. W. Worthington 5, M. Swinfield (conductor) 6.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

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| SIDNEY ELLIOTT Treble | ERNEST A. MARSH 3 |
| GEORGE A. HOLLICK 2 | FRED WOODING 4 |
| RONALD RUSSELL Tenor | |

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.

First peal as conductor.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *CLAUDE J. W. SIMMS Treble | †MRS. C. V. EBBERSON 4 |
| GEORGE A. COOKE 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON 5 |
| GORDON L. DYE 3 | ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| HARRY PERRINS Treble | SIDNEY THOMPSON 4 |
| *CHARLES RICHARDS 2 | HAROLD V. COOPER 5 |
| JOHN BASS 3 | *PERCY RICHARDS Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. ROSSITER Treble | FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 4 |
| JOHN E. METCALFE 2 | *ARTHUR C. KINGSTON 5 |
| *C. FRANK VEASEY 3 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD Tenor |

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the treble.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

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| CHARLES FIELD Treble | †CESAR DAVIS 4 |
| CECIL MOGFORD 2 | HAROLD BLACKER 5 |
| *GEORGE PALMER 3 | SIDNEY ROWE Tenor |

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods 'inside.' This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Pentre Rhondda, Glamorganshire.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| *MISS P. MARJORIE LEACH ... 1-2 | JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6 |
| JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4 | MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 7-8 |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal in the method.

A NORTHERN TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a tour in the six northern counties:—

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

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| JOHN THORPE Treble | GABRIEL LINDOFF 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | JAMES F. DUFFIELD 9 |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER 4 | JAMES BENNETT 10 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 5 | WILLIAM PYE 11 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. F. Palmer.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble | GABRIEL LINDOFF 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 9 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | JAMES F. DUFFIELD 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the county and by the association.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| CHARLES T. COLES Treble | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 8 |
| EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4 | ALBERT W. COLES 9 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble | JAMES BENNETT 5 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

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| LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 3 | JAMES BENNETT 8 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 5 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

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| *JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble | *WILLIAM H. BARBER 7 |
| *CHARLES L. RUTLEDGE 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 8 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 9 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | JAMES BENNETT 10 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5 | ALBERT W. COLES 11 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JAMES BENNETT Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| WILLIAM PYE 4 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Cathedral Church of the One and Undivided Trinity,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ALBERT W. COLES Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6 |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

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| GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 | JAMES BENNETT 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 3 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS

First Surprise peal in the county.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| EDWIN JENNINGS Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 2 | GABRIEL LINDOFF 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 3 | WILLIAM PYE 8 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4 | JAMES BENNETT 9 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| EDWIN JENNINGS Treble | CHARLES T. COLES 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | WILLIAM PYE 6 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

(A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE PAINSWICK 'PEAL.'

A TABLET UNVEILED.

The 224th anniversary of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths was celebrated on Saturday week, on which occasion a tablet to commemorate 'the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 35 minutes, on Saturday, 8th, November, 1930,' was unveiled and dedicated. The story of this 'peal' is well known. In February, 1920, a peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques was rung in Painswick and remained the record length on twelve bells until on August Bank Holiday, 1929, the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. Thereafter the Painswick men made a series of attempts to regain the record, which culminated on November 8th, 1930, in a 'peal' of 17,687 Grandsire Cinques. When, however, in the following January, the figures of the composition were published in 'The Ringing World,' it was quickly discovered that they contained a false lead, and the record went by the board.

The unsuccessful performance, nevertheless, has been permanently recorded in Painswick Church, and it was unveiled by the conductor of the peal, Mr. Albert Wright.

According to the Gloucester 'Citizen,' the tablet bears the following inscription: 'This tablet commemorates the ringing of 17,686 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 32 (35) minutes on Saturday, 8th November, 1930.' Then follow the names of the ringers: H. Phelps (treble), T. Baldwin, W. Ireland, E. H. Stoneley, L. Barry, A. Wright, S. T. Price, W. Staite, A. G. Hannis, J. D. G. Harris, J. F. Ballinger, J. George (tenor). The tablet adds: 'Weight of tenor, 25 cwt. Composed and conducted by Albert Wright.'

The Vicar, before dedicating the tablet, said they had come together that day to unveil a tablet which was to commemorate a great feat of endurance. This was not done in pride, but as an act of justice. They realised that even the best they could do always had its faults, but they tried to tell the truth as it stood, believing that God desired mercy and not sacrifice, and so they were ready to commit themselves and their deeds into His keeping, knowing that the Almighty was also the All merciful.

The Vicar afterwards dedicated the tablet with the prayer: 'Accept, O Lord, this memorial of endurance and skill and deliver us from all pride and uncharitableness, for Jesus Christ's sake.'

The Gloucester 'Citizen' adds:

'Many of the ringers who assisted in the establishment of the record were present, and later the annual dinner of the society took place at the Golden Hart Inn, when members from many parts of the country assembled. Mr. Albert Wright presided, and among those replying to the toast of "The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths" was Mr. James George (Birmingham), who is nearing his 80th birthday, and who was the ringer of the tenor bell in the record created last November, since when he has suffered a serious illness in no way connected with that feat of endurance. He pronounced himself fit to stand at the ropes for another twelve hours if called upon to do so!'

A 'SILENT' 720.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on September 11th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (non-conducted): A. Symonds 1-2, S. H. Symonds 3-4, M. T. Symonds 5-6. These three ringers have now rung, non-conducted, the extent of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

KNOWLE BELLS AUGMENTED TO EIGHT.**WARWICKSHIRE RING IMPROVED.**

A visitor to the village of Knowle can scarcely believe he is but a stepping-stone from the great commercial city of Birmingham, for this village endeavours to retain all its old-world associations; its Guild Hall, adjacent to the church, dates back a great many years, whilst the wrought iron sign outside the Swan Inn, near to the church, is of the early 15th century. The church was founded in 1402 and is famous for its statuary and wood carvings. It occupies a commanding position abutting the main road.

Whilst retaining its old-fashionedness in many ways, Knowle has seen that, so far as its bells are concerned, it has moved with the times. To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 the three bells were recast and three new bells added, making a ring of six, James Barwell, of Birmingham, carrying out this work. Some few months ago the 5th bell cracked, so Taylors were called in.

It was decided to have the cracked bell recast, also to hang the peal with new gudgeons and ball bearings. Mr. Williams, one of the churchwardens, then offered to give a new bell, and eventually two new trebles to complete the ring of eight were ordered, and the dedication of these took place on Saturday, September 19th, by the Ven. Archdeacon of Aston, who preached a most homely and interesting sermon. Mr. E. Denison Taylor was present as founder of the recast 5th and two new trebles, and besides a quartet of lieutenants from Loughborough, there were visitors from the Birmingham and Coventry districts and neighbouring towers, in addition to Mr. Harry Webb, of Croft, and Mr. R. F. Deal, of London.

Some excellent ringing took place, and it was surprising to note how the recast and new bells, with their wonderful carrying power, seemed to wrap up the deficiencies which previously were so noticeable to those who had formerly known the old peal of six. The three 'Taylor' bells have certainly made a splendid improvement, and Knowle Parish Church now possesses a very handy and most pleasing ring of eight bells.

Through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Downing, and the churchwardens, the clergy and visitors were invited to tea, and, with the weather on its best behaviour, everyone present had a most enjoyable time.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, Sunday, September 20th, 1,239 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. H. Hollier 3, C. Winney 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. W. Driver 8, C. F. Hunt 9, William Butler 10.

THE BELLS OF BULWICK.

One hears so much to-day of complaints about the ringing of bells that it is quite refreshing and decidedly encouraging to read that occasionally a peal—be it ever so humble—meets with appreciation. The following notice respecting a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Bulwick (near Stamford), Northamptonshire, recorded in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' appeared in various local papers:—

'Ringers rang a special peal of bells in the Parish Church on Saturday last in 2 hours and 40 minutes. The accomplishment was 5,040 Grandsire Doubles (42 six-score with ten different callings). According to records kept, this is the first occasion for 30 years that the above result has been attained. . . . We should like to congratulate those five gentlemen (i.e., the ringers) on their performance, also to state how much their efforts were appreciated. May we, like Oliver Twist, ask for more?'

While the opening phrase may, perhaps, exaggerate the merits of the performance, there is no doubt about the enthusiasm expressed in the concluding line.

The five bells in this tower are inscribed as follows:—

- 1 + OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. 1629.
- 2 + NON CLAMOR SED AMOR CANTAT IN AVRE DEI. 1629.
- 3 + OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. 1630.
- 4 + **JOHN TAYLOR & CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH.** A.D. 1859.
- 5 JOHN MASON W BELLEMIE CH. WA. 1648.

The treble is hung above the other bells and the whole ring sadly needs the attention of the bellhanger.

The treble, 2nd and 3rd bells are from the old Stamford Foundry of the Norrisses, who had a habit of reversing the N's in their inscriptions.

The bench ends in the church were carved by a former Rector, this task occupying his leisure hours for many years. Each is different and one represents King David playing on bells, while another shows a bell in a circle which bears the inscription and date seen on the treble bell. It would be interesting to know if any readers are aware of other carvings showing bells or ringing, apart from the carvings of campanarii at Belton (Lines), Winwick (Lancs) and Stoke Dry (Rutland).

As the inhabitants of Bulwick are so appreciative as to 'ask for more,' may one venture to hope that such interest has been aroused as will prompt them to have their bells overhauled and add a treble, so that the next peal may be one of Minor? F. R. N.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

With the idea of attempting a 'Percy peal,' Mr. P. Amos, of 13, Bedale Road, Wellingborough, would be pleased to hear from any ringer who is interested, and with the Christian name Percy. Three others are still required to complete the team, for either Grandsire Triples or Bob Major.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Dudley on September 19th should have been credited to the Dudley and District Guild, whose name ought to have appeared above that of the Worcestershire Association in the report printed in our last issue.

Is it true, as reported in a Gloucester paper, that Mr. James George has said he is fit for another twelve hours at the rope end?

On Wednesday in last week Mr. C. R. Lilley rang his 150th peal of Grandsire Triples, of which he has conducted 130 in 100 different towers and in 24 counties. He has actually rung peals of Grandsire Triples in 25 counties and Holt's Ten-part in 91 towers. He has called this composition 82 times. He has called Holt's Original from every bell and a number of other compositions in this method.

The tour in the North of England, which concluded on Saturday, was highly successful. Thirteen peals were rung, which, with the exception of one of Stedman Cinques, were all in Surprise methods, viz.: Cambridge Maximus 2, Cambridge Royal 3, Cambridge Major 1, London 3, Superlative 1, Bristol 2. Six counties were visited.

Some well-known ringers, says a correspondent, who recently 'lost' the 12-bell record, are contemplating a 'peal' of 20,000 rounds, and intend suitably recording same if successful. Will anybody volunteer to count the rows to ensure the TRUTH of the peal?

THE MINOR METHODS 'COLLECTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter of the Rev. E. S. Powell in your issue of September 11th, I have now the authority of the members of the Methods Committee to mark the Alliance Methods, Nos. 66-70, 'cancelled' in all copies that I send out.

Will those who have already purchased copies take notice of this, as the significance of the word 'cancelled' is not exactly that of 'false'—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION'S RINGING COMPETITION. GREAT SUCCESS OF THE FIRST VENTURE.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held their first ringing competition at Kirkby Wiske, near Northallerton, on Saturday, September 19th, this being the autumn meeting of the association. It was with much trepidation that the officers arranged this contest, but it was such a huge success that there is not the slightest doubt that others will follow.

Over 60 members attended the meeting, which is a record number since pre-war days, the towers represented being Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Ripon, Thirsk, Sharow, Felixkirke, Richmond, Darlington (Holy Trinity and St. John's) and Kirkby Stephen. The local band were, of course, in full attendance. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the visit made to it by the Helmsley band, who were on their annual outing, and, judging from their remarks, it will not be the last meeting of the Cleveland Association they will attend.

Five teams from towers were entered for the competition, which consisted only of raising, rounds and lowering. This stipulation was made to encourage struggling bands and to increase the interest taken in good raising and falling. The association feels that these two sections of ringing are often neglected, in spite of the fact that they are the most important from the point of view of the listener. In addition to teams from Thirsk, Felixkirke, Richmond, Middlesbrough and Helmsley towers, teams were entered by Messrs. Burnett and Hudson. The judge was Mr. T. Metcalfe, the secretary of the association.

After tea, to which over 60 members and friends sat down, the judge gave his criticisms of the ringing. He said that he was delighted with the good quality of the ringing and surprised at the high standard of it. He urged the importance of good raising and lowering, as these were the first and last sounds the congregation heard of the bells. He gave tips and hints, and pointed out improvements which could be made in the ringing of each team, and showed faults which should be eradicated. He finally declared that Middlesbrough were the first and Thirsk the second in order of merit of the tower teams.

His remarks and hints were received with much approbation from the competitors.

Several new members were elected, and after votes of thanks had been passed to the churchwardens for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the Kirkby Wiske ringers and their helpers in providing such a bountiful tea, the ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

Touches of London, Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob Minor were rung at various times during the day, and when the ringers finally dispersed to their several homes all felt that still another successful and happy meeting of the Cleveland Association had taken place.

J. C. P.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

Subscribers to the fund for the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions are asked to do so without delay. They should be sent either to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer of the fund, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The reopening of the bells and the celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman is tentatively fixed for Saturday, December 5th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, when members were present from Ranmoor and St. Marie's, Sheffield, Ecclesfield, Arksey, Wortley, Handsworth and the local company, with a visitor from Essex. Owing to a funeral at the church, ringing was delayed, but a few good touches were brought round before tea.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president) occupied the chair, and one new member, Mr. J. H. Sykes, of Penistone, was elected.

For the next quarterly meeting in December the secretary suggested that he should try and arrange a joint meeting with the Barnsley and Doncaster Societies at Rawmarsh if possible, and it was left in his hands to make the necessary arrangements.

Votes of thanks to the local company and to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting.

A HINT TO WESTERN DIVISION TOWERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Otley on Saturday last, when members attended from Guiseley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Keighley, Bradford, Armley, Calverley, Leeds, Shipley, Ilkley, Denholme, Holbeck, Burley and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung in various methods, and tea was partaken of in the Red Lion Hotel.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schools, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the association. Three new members were elected—G. W. Hewitt, J. Hewitt (Earlsheaton) and A. S. Hick (Tadcaster). The clashing of the meeting with the Leeds and District meeting at Idle was discussed, and it was suggested that to avoid this in future an endeavour should be made to arrange a joint meeting.

Lindley was chosen for the next meeting, if it could be arranged.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. R. Thomas, and carried. In proposing a vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made, Mr. P. J. Johnson said he regretted that the visits of the Yorkshire Association were not taken as seriously as they used to be by the local companies, who in days gone by went to considerable trouble and expense to welcome the members not as visitors, but as friends.—The chairman seconded the proposition and this was also carried.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall, in reminding the members of the Snowdon dinner, to be held in Leeds on Saturday, October 24th, said that the president of Central Council and the Vicar of Leeds would be present and asked for the full support of the members.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that the support of the Western District members at these dinners in the past had been very disappointing, and hoped that at least one member from every tower would be present.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

THE PEAL AT THATCHAM, BERKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I can hardly imagine my old friend, Mr. George Gilbert, doubting the correctness of the above peal as appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

Yes, George! the official organ is correct; the peal was Grandsire and was sent in by the conductor in the usual way. Undoubtedly the report appearing in the 'Reading Mercury' was collected by one who was no authority on ringing.

I once saw Grandsire Triples described in a local paper as 'Grandsires Triples.'

Surely ringers in the places mentioned take in 'The Ringing World' and look to that as containing the correct description.

As this peal was arranged for me whilst visiting the district, I should not like my first peal for the Oxford Guild to be wrongly interpreted, and advise ringers to look to 'The Ringing World' as the proper authority in the matter of peal ringing.—Yours faithfully,
FRED M. MITCHELL.

HENLOW BELLS AUGMENTED.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOW HAS ANOTHER RING OF SIX.

A new treble bell has been added to the ring at Henlow, Beds, and was dedicated on Saturday week by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander. The other five bells have been put in repair. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have carried out the contract with their customary efficiency. The bells have a very pleasant tone and make a very nice peal of six. They are hung on ball bearings.



HENLOW CHURCH, BEDS.

The new treble is inscribed, 'A.M.D.G. George William Sanctuary, Schoolmaster 37 years, Churchwarden 21 years, of Henlow. Died December 19th, 1930. Youth, Manhood, Old Age Past, Come to Thy God at last.'

Three other bells by Miles Gray are inscribed:—

2nd: Miles Gray made me 1630.

3rd: God save our King 1628.

4th: Miles Graie fecit 1638.

The 5th, cast at St. Neots foundry by J. Eayre in 1750, bears the inscription 'Cum Voco venite Thomas Tristram Church Warden.'

The tenor was originally made or recast in 1638 with the 2nd and 4th, but was recast in 1877, and bears the name of the Rev. W. Holesworth, the late Vicar.

A good company of ringers assembled for the dedication, upwards of 30 being present from the following towers: Biggleswade, Clifton, Arlesey, Southill, Sandy, Bedford, Northill, Bromham, Keysoe and Henlow.

After the local company had opened the bells some very good touches were brought round, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine and Cambridge Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles all being rung. The bells were kept going till late in the evening and were very much appreciated by the parishioners.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Watford, Herts, before morning service, on Sunday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: H. G. Milton 1, E. P. Palmer 2, S. E. Edwards 3, S. H. Haure 4, H. L. Long 5, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 6, F. H. Crook 7, R. G. Bell 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ronald W. R. Picton, an energetic member of the Watford band for some years, who was married at this church the previous day. The band wish Mr. and Mrs. Picton many years of happiness.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XV. THE CLAVIS.

After the trouble of 1787, William Jones left the St. Martin's band and took refuge with the ringers of his own district, with whom he seems to have kept in pretty close touch throughout his life. He rang three or four peals in 1787 and 1788 at Fulham, Battersea and Kensington. Probably he hoped with their aid to revive the fortunes of the old society, but Irons' action put an end to that hope. There was now only one Society of College Youths, and so Jones went over to the Cumberlands. He joined them on February 10th, 1789, and in that year and 1791 he called a couple of peals of Bob Major for them, one his own composition. In 1791 he returned finally to his own district and made no more changes. He was now once more a College Youth, but he seems to have had nothing to do with headquarters. He continued peal ringing for the next twenty years, scoring his last in 1812, when he must have been getting an old man.

William Irons joined the Cumberlands on August 4th, 1788. In 1790 he was elected Master, and when he died he left that society the property he had brought from the College Youths. What happened to it afterwards is a story which can be told later.

In the midst of these stirring times the 'Clavis' was born. It came out in the early part of 1788, and on the title page were the names of William Jones, John Reeves, and Thomas Blakemore (Note 23). These three had been pulling different ways for a long time and were now hopelessly divided. Although all three were, according to the standard of the times, great peal ringers, there was only one five thousand in which all of them took part. This was a peal of Bob Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on August 28th, 1785. It was composed and conducted by Reeves. The composition was a one-part in forty-three courses (fourteen bobs Before) and has the Sixth twelve times each way. It is given in Shipway's book.

The Norwich visit closely followed this peal, and the rivalry between Reeves and Blakemore soon came to a head. Blakemore appears to have been conscious of his own great abilities as composer and conductor, and was jealous of his colleague's still greater abilities. It is impossible now to judge between the two, but posterity has done Blakemore something less than justice. His name is unknown to present-day ringers, and his compositions do not appear in any ringing books, while Reeves is universally acknowledged as one of the great ringers of all time and his peals are still rung. Yet it would be surprising if some of the peals in the 'Clavis' were not the work of the lesser known man. The rivalry between these two was, as we have seen, the factor which decided the fate of the old Society of College Youths.

For the moment Blakemore has got everything his own way. At St. Martin's he was supreme. His rival was gone. The most active and skilful members of both societies of College Youths were at his disposal, and on October 6th, 1788, he achieved his ambition and called the first peal of Stedman Cinques, his own composition. The length was 6,204. In addition to Blakemore, the band included Christopher Wells, Inville and Williamson, from the old society; and Donkin, Povey, Worster,

Lyford, Sylvester and Pilgrim from the junior society. Hammett and Lawrence were members of a band which was ringing peals at Fulham and the district. Almost as interesting are the names of those who did not ring. Besides Reeves and the tenor man, five of the 1787 Stedman Caters band were not included. Of the junior company, Holdsworth (Note 24) and Monk and Samuel Muggeridge and Winstanley Richardson were dropped. Monk had been ringing peals regularly since 1755. He rang one on July 12th, 1788, and then no more till a peal of Treble Bob Major in 1792, the first on Leatherhead bells. This was his last peal. He died in his seventyninth year and was buried at Camberwell.

The collapse of the ancient society left the ground clear for the junior company. They removed their headquarters and belongings from the Barley Mow to the Barn (Note 25) and assumed the rights and traditions of the old Society of College Youths. Presently they added the word Ancient to their title. Up till then the title had been the Society of College Youths, whether borne by the old or the junior company. As was the custom in the eighteenth century, people sometimes added fancy or complimentary adjectives. Thus Stedman calls them the 'noble' society and the 'honoured' society, and elsewhere they are the 'ancient' and 'respectable' society. As the survival of a similar thing, there are still the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers and the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, and suchlike.

When the adjective 'ancient' is used of the society between the years 1756 and 1788 it always means, as in the 'Clavis,' the original society, which afterwards lapsed, in contradistinction to the other and newer company which was using the same name.

NOTE 23. Blakemore was a bookseller of 4, Dorby Court, Piccadilly.

NOTE 24. Joseph Holdsworth held a position in the Post Office.

NOTE 25. 'The Barn' was pulled down when Trafalgar Square was laid out and the National Gallery built.

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT GODALMING.

The rehanging of the bells of the Parish Church, Godalming, Surrey, has just been completed by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and on Monday evening of last week a service of rededication was held in the belfry. The Vicar (Canon G. S. Richards) officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. B. Eddrup (curate). The ringers attended. Hymns were sung and the Vicar gave an address.

After the service the bells were rung to Grandsire Triples by the members of the local company, with the addition of Mr. R. White.

Following the ringing, the ringers were entertained to supper by the Vicar at the Angel Hotel, the guests also including the Rev. W. Havard-Jones and Mr. W. T. Ruck (churchwarden).

Mr. C. Childs, captain of the Godalming company of ringers, thanked the Vicar on behalf of the ringers, and remarked that they were pleased to receive the report of Mr. White that none of the bells is cracked.

The Vicar said that in 1741 the bells were newly cast and hung, and increased from five to their present number of eight in 1799.

The bells have been quarter turned and rehung on ball bearings, with new clappers, wheels and headstocks. The frame has also been strengthened.

MR. M. SWINFELD'S GREAT RECORD.

ONE HUNDRED DIFFERENT PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Mr. Maurice Swinfield's great forte is conducting Stedman Triples, and almost every week we record a peal by the 'Wednesday' band which he has called, and every time it is a fresh composition. Last week he called his one hundredth different composition for the Midland Counties Association, and he has called only 108 in all. Of the remaining eight, only three were duplicated, as four of them were the reverse of others, although claimed by different composers, and one was Brooks' variation of Thurstans'. Moreover, many of the compositions have been very involved, and would probably defy the efforts of many Stedman conductors; yet Mr. Swinfield comes up with a fresh one every week! We suppose there must come a time when he has no new worlds left to conquer, but till then—well, more power to his brain and elbow.

YEOVIL BELLS REOPENED.

WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENT IN HISTORIC PEAL.

Yeoil's historic peal of bells are once more in sound order and in better tone than ever before. The trebles have been recast, the rest tuned and in the opinion of those who have since heard them among the finest rings in a county of many glorious peals. The bells have the advantage of weight—the tenor is over two tons—and balance, and a marvellous improvement has been effected.

The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The upper tier framework, which carries the second and fifth bells, has been refitted on a steel girder foundation, and new and heavier sides have been fitted to the main frame to carry the eighth and ninth bells. The rest of the framework has been refitted and the whole frame and supporting beams tied together with bolts. All the ten bells have been rehung in ball bearings, new clapper staples have been fitted and the clappers readjusted. Those on the ninth and tenor are fitted with counter-balances to ensure the bells being pulled up 'clapper right side.' New rollers have been fitted, and these run on ball bearings.

Originally the tenor was said to weigh 44½ cwt., but the removal of the heavy cautions, when the bells were rehung in 1891, have reduced it considerably. The net weights of the bells are now:—

| | cwt. | qr. | lb. |
|--------------|------|-----|-----|
| Tenor | 40 | 2 | 23 |
| 9th | 24 | 1 | 21 |
| 8th | 17 | 2 | 22 |
| 7th | 15 | 1 | 26 |
| 6th | 11 | 3 | 6 |
| 5th | 10 | 3 | 2 |
| 4th | 9 | 2 | 8 |
| 3rd | 9 | 1 | 19 |
| 2nd | 9 | 1 | 11 |
| Treble | 7 | 3 | 3 |

The dedication of the work by the Rt. Rev. Bishop De Salis, the former Bishop of Taunton, took place on Thursday of last week in the presence of a congregation that filled the great church in every part. The service, says the 'Western Gazette' (to which we are indebted for the report of the proceedings), was a wonderfully impressive one. Thanksgiving was the keynote, and two special hymns, written for the occasion by the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison), were sung. The first was 'From our ancient belfry, joyful bells now ring,' which was sung in procession. The other, a hymn of dedication, was on the theme, 'Praise ye the Lord—Praise Him and magnify Him for ever.'

The Psalms chosen were the 29th, 'Afferte Domino' and the age-old song of praise, 'O Praise God in His holiness.' The choir also sang the anthem, 'Come, let us sing.'

Every phase of life in the town was represented at the service. Clergy and ringers came from far afield. Among them were the Rev. E. S. Lock (Master of the Bath and Wells Association), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Rector of Kingston Magna and hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), and Mr. F. Farrant (Ilchester Deanery Branch). An interesting feature was the presence at the ceremony of a representative of the Church of Japan, in the person of the Rev. P. Y. Mori, from Fukuoka, a priest in the Japanese Church.

With the clergy standing around at the west end of the church, the Vicar asked the Bishop to rededicate the bells.

The Bishop, in reply, 'by virtue of his office,' solemnly rededicated the bells. 'Receive these bells, Mr. Vicar,' he said, 'as a sacred trust, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish. Take heed they are only used in God's service and for His greater glory. Let the bells now ring loud.'

The bells were then rung by ringers drawn from the Parish Church Guild of Ringers, which includes Messrs. J. E. Baker (conductor), C. Norman, F. Hunt, W. Fry, H. Batty, E. T. Griffin, F. Smith, C. Jeans, T. J. Setter, S. Ricketts, F. Padwick, J. Lukins and T. Marks.

To the singing of the hymn, 'From our ancient belfry,' the Bishop, clergy and choir then walked in procession through the church.

TOWN'S INTEREST IN THE BELLS.

The Vicar, during the service, said he would like to express his deep gratitude to those who had given so liberally to the Bell Restoration Fund. The number of subscriptions, including many small subscriptions, and also subscriptions from members of many other churches in the town, had really been most extraordinary. It showed very clearly the great interest they all had in the beautiful peal of bells. The total cost of the whole work was about £470, and voluntary contributions so far amounted to about £350, leaving about a little over £100 to raise.

The Bishop, in his sermon, said a text was unnecessary, but he could not help referring to the words they had heard read in the First Lesson that evening, 'Let the people rejoice, for that they offered willingly.' He thought a wonderful response had been made to the appeal for the restoration of the bells by all sorts and conditions of people in and outside the parish. This was the Mother Church, he said, and apparently Free Church people had been glad to subscribe. Nothing could be too good for that glorious church, which spoke of the glory of Almighty God. It was matter for con-

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It is 23 years since the Lancashire Association favoured Manchester with an annual meeting, so this year they decided to revisit 'Cottonopolis.' Owing to a choral wedding at the Cathedral, there was only a short service touch before 3.30, when the association service began. The organist altered the usual anthem to what is known as the Bell Anthem. Owing to a clash of dates, the Archdeacon of Manchester could not give the address, but sent a good deputy in Canon Peter Green, Hon. Chaplain to the King and Canon in Residence. As the Cathedral has no schools, tea was served at the Mitre Hotel, when over 100 taxed the caterers, who had only orders for 54.

The business meeting was held at Cheatham's Hospital, a Blue-coat school, dating back to 1300. A party was taken through the hospital earlier in the afternoon and shown some of the treasures there, including the 110,000 volumes in the library and 'the cock which crows when it smells roast beef' in the Board Room.

Canon Elsee, president of the association, took the chair at the business meeting. There was only one nomination for ringing secretary (Mr. A. Tomlinson), and this, with the two nominations for auditors (Messrs. S. Greenhalgh and A. Barnes), was confirmed. There were two nominations for vice-president, and, on a card vote, Mr. P. Crook was elected for two years.

The committee's suggested alteration to rule 3 was accepted, and Chorley was chosen for next year's venue.

A discussion on 'Shall we have an annual dinner?' followed, and it was decided to pass the question on to the committee for consideration! The new Dean of Manchester sent a message that he would try to visit the ringers, but as he had only been inducted on the previous Monday, the members were not surprised that he could not manage it.

The usual votes of thanks to those who helped to make the day a success was carried, and the meeting closed.

READING SOCIETY'S TRIO OF OUTINGS.

St. Giles' Society, Reading, have just terminated their usual annual ringing outings. Although these excursions were only half-day events, they were all very successful and enjoyable to the ringers, their wives and others who were privileged to take part in them. The first trip was a visit to Highclere, Hants, where some capital ringing on the delightful octave was indulged in, after which a visit was paid to Thatcham, Berks, and touches on this capital peal of eight bells, the clapping of which is simply perfect since their rehanging. The ringing included three courses of Oxford Treble Bob Major and, without setting the bells, three courses of Double Norwich without a false blow being struck, which was enjoyed by those ringing and listening. On the second outing a visit was paid to Marlborough, Wilts, where ringing was done on the peal of six first, which, by the way, would make a grand eight if two trebles were added. After some capital touches, the eight-bell tower in the same town was visited, and here the bellhanger ought to be a found a job before very long. Some ringing was indulged in for nearly an hour and the visitors were congratulated by the local foreman on the striking, especially of a touch of Stedman Triples. The concluding excursion took place on Saturday last, when Sonning-on-Thames and Shipplake were visited, and some good striking enjoyed at both towers. The methods rung on these tours were Grandshire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Major, and, on each occasion, Double Norwich. The conductors were A. Bailey, J. Swain, A. Jeffery, E. Humphrey, L. T. Osborne, H. Osborne and A. W. Osborne. The ringers wish to take this opportunity, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' of thanking the incumbents and foreman of the towers mentioned for permission to ring and for having the bells ready. On each occasion a motor-coach was the means of conveyance, and the lovely scenery on the various routes was very much enjoyed.

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gratulation that the work of restoration had been started before the great financial crisis through which they were passing. There were some who would, perhaps, regard church bells as rather a luxury, but he asked them to think of the bells, not as a luxury, but as a means of lifting their hearts Godward and giving greater glory to God.

It was an interesting coincidence, the Bishop continued, that the tercentenary was being kept of Stedman, who might be regarded as the father of change ringing. It was change ringing that had helped them to go forward so much in the care and proper use of church bells. The Bishop went on to speak of the appeal that bell music had. Personally, he thought it had a very real part in their religion. In times of sorrow it did seem to express something of their feelings, while in times of gladness the bells seemed to lift up their hearts and sound out a message of joy. The bells entered their lives very much, and especially in that dear county of Somerset. The message of the bells in the present time of crisis should surely be, 'Be not alarmed, be not afraid; keep firm and steady.'

The recessional hymn was 'Now thank we all our God,' and at the conclusion of the service several touches on the bells were rung by members of the Yeoil Guild and a number of visiting ringers.

The collection amounted to £16 18s. 1d.

The visiting clergy and ringers were entertained to refreshments in the Schoolroom by ladies of the congregation.

THE IRISH TOUR.

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'Wid me bundle on me shoulder,
Faith, there's no man could be bolder,
For, I'm off to Ballymena in the morning.'

Monday.—We were all about in good time for our strenuous week, with glorious sunshine, some of our members finding their 'holiday' baggage a little cumbersome. The late Isaac Shade never carried much when on tour, and, therefore, never came late to the belfry or the dinner table—his overcoat pocket was his 'holdall.' Going to the other extreme I recollect three members of the Surrey tour, 1913, turning up with large bulky cases suitable for a month's tour in America, but they have since grown wiser. To those who have never enjoyed a ringing tour I can recommend Mr. Bankes James' practice—just a simple 'rucksack.'

St. George's Church, Dublin, stands at the junction of several bold thoroughfares. It is of classical design in stone, by Wren, and resembles several of his churches in the city of London. It is surrounded by high iron railings, the ancient headstones of the departed being levelled. With its central tower and spire, the west front matches St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury. The bells—the oldest ring of eight in Ireland—were cast by Mears in 1820 (tenor 20 cwt.). They are a sister peal to the octave at Waterford Cathedral by the same founder in 1872. Rehung in 1928 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., we had a unique experience of good music and good going for our first peal attempt, thanks to Mr. Dukes and several of the home band, who met us and raised the bells for us. The ground floor of the tower forms a porch entrance, and stairs up to the galleries lead out on either side. With the belfry door open can be seen a bell of about 24 in. diameter standing on the floor, which seems to appeal to one 'to come in and ring me.' Its inscription is interesting, viz.:

Gift to St. George's Church 1719.
JAN ALBERT DE GRAVE ME FECIT
AMSTELODAM ANNO DOMIE 1719.

The performance finished at 2.20 p.m., and, with Amiens Street Railway Station nearly a mile away and the 3 o'clock express to catch for Drogheda, dinner was out of the question. Everybody 'scroured' for himself and again to find a seat on the train. However, all got aboard with their baggage somehow. On the run to Drogheda—35 miles—the line skirts the Irish Sea and crosses several inlets with a good view of Lambay Island and the coastal scenery. At Drogheda there are two churches dedicated to St. Peter—each crowned with lofty tower and spire—Roman Catholic and Protestant. Both have rings of eight bells each. The one set are 'chimed' by carillon and the other 'rung' by hand. After inquiry we found the belfry we wanted—a cool and comfortable octagonal room, its windows, very high up, are restful to the eyes; a good circle and draft of rope, but the bells 'lumpy' in their going. There are 11 men in the local company. Mr. Burrows, the hon. secretary, and the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Allman, M.A., met us and also kindly came to congratulate us after the peal, in which both our tenor and treble men proved themselves 'worthy' hands. The bells are by Rudhall, tenor reputed to be 22½ cwt. in E flat. Several of the team agreed the weight of metal was there, but that was 'after' the ringing.

A fine portrait of Sandy Milne, a Glasgow N.P. banker, who was foreman for 23 years, hangs on the belfry wall, whilst the present Vicar was president of the I.A.C.R. for 1929-30. The town is a large and important trade centre, and the high level viaduct across the River Boyne gives a good view of its many spires and the old castle mound, now a barracks.

Hungry and weary at 9 o'clock at night, we were like one of the lost tribes of Israel, saved only by the tiny tinkling of a little bell, which gleefully responded to the call, 'Are you there?' It was the White Horse Hotel and its never to be forgotten landlady that gave us dinner and bed at 'telephone' notice. Yes, we were there, instead of being at Lurgan 70 miles on.

Tuesday.—No need to say, 'Call me early.' 'Mr. Someone' did it, and at 6 a.m. all were stirring and the breakfast ready; our only train, the Portadown Express, due out at 7.17 a.m. if we were not to addle the pair of Irish eggs on our programme for this day. In glorious weather we left the Irish Free State and entered Ulster, or Northern Ireland, at a place called Adavoyle, where the customs officers carefully examined our baggage. As we were separated on the train, I do not know if anyone was 'surcharged.' In my own bag the officer found a bottle—it was Jules Freres' hair 'ointment.'

Christ Church, Lurgan, was erected in 1862, and is the largest Parish Church in Ireland, in the decorated Gothic style, with a very open, light and bright interior. Like those of many of our Victorian architects, the planning of the tower and its rooms is seriously at fault. It sounds like an Irish yarn, but I've heard of more than one house of two storeys being erected in England without a staircase, and this is a case where a church tower is without one. The tower, with very fine spire, is at the west end of the nave. There are lobbies each side with stairs leading to the galleries, that on the right, or south side, being used by the ringers. A short step ladder, in a dangerous position, gives access to a low opening cut through

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIX-BELL MEETING AT SEALE.

Seale, one of the tiny villages lying between Farnham and Guildford, on the Pilgrim's Way, was visited on Saturday by the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Time was when Seale lay in a quiet backwater, far from the madding crowd, and it is still, by comparison, a peaceful spot, and very little spoiled by the hand of 'progress.' The picturesque church, with a central tower, stands in a beautifully kept churchyard, and even under the grey skies of Saturday presented a charming picture amid the trees. Seale has six light bells and a struggling band, depleted in the last year or so by the departure of some of its main bulwarks, and Saturday's gathering, it is hoped, gave some encouragement and help to the local ringers.

The customary service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith), and the organist was also present to give his help. The Rector, in his address, welcomed the Guild and gave a brief review of the history of bells.

The Rector also presided at the tea and business meeting; those also present among the company of 30 being Mrs. Arrowsmith, Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master) and Mrs. Hasted, Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary), Mr. W. Melville (Guildford District Ringing Master), Mr. G. Grover (Guildford District secretary), and ringers from Aldershot, Farnborough, Farnham, Ash, Seale, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas') and Woking.

The Aldershot band, already 20 strong, received two additional members by the election of G. Challen and S. Gill.

The general secretary drew attention to the forthcoming celebration at Cambridge in connection with Stedman's Tercentenary. It is hoped to make up a motor-coach party from the Guild (fare 8s.), and those who would like to join in this excursion were asked to communicate with Mr. Melville.

The next meeting of the District, to be held at Aldershot on October 31st, is to be a joint gathering with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

Mr. Goldsmith proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the blower (in this case a lady, Miss Dodd), Mr. Gardner and the local band, and Mr. Barnard, the caterer.—Admiral Walker seconded and the motion was carried by acclamation, the Rector replying.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise, while rounds were rung for beginners, including one bright boy, who had to stand on a 14 in. box to reach the rope end.

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the tower wall to the ringing room. The captain of the local band and the steeplekeeper met us, and one hand came from his work to oil the bells, but this had already been kindly done. In the belfry is a model of the bell frame—a two-tier, weak arrangement—its original giving us a 'handful' before 'that's all' was sounded to a well-earned peal. Framed and hung in the belfry is an antiquarian document, dated 18th January, 1675, respecting a sum to be paid into the hands of a local trustee for a bell to weigh 100 lb., 'which bell wee also agree shall be got up in the Market House of Lurgan until a suitable steeple for containing ye said bell is erected.'

One o'clock and no dinner ordered. Messrs. Wooler and Barnett were hailed before the captain and reprimanded for neglect of duty. A neighbouring cafe supplied our wants and a cup of tea, and the tour was resumed by the 2.20 train to Lisburn, where a local bus service landed the party at Hillsborough Church at 3.30.

Dedicated to St. Malachi, this church with lofty spire stands on an eminence well back from the road, with entrance gates and a double avenue of trees on either side of the approach, very much resembling Kettering. We found the Rector (the Rev. F. Matchett) and his band of ringers waiting to greet us and do anything needful to assist. The bells are an ancient ring of eight by Rudhall, of Gloucester (tenor 20 cwt. in E), but several have since been recast. The plan of the old frame gives a complete and true circle of ropes for seven men, the tenor rope falls directly in the centre of the room, and whoever rings this bell should have his head 'swivelled.' This same fault exists at St. Paul's belfry at Dundee, and both form a serious handicap to our brothers' progress in Ireland and Scotland. It was proposed to try Cambridge Surprise, but we hadn't a Pye with us, and Treble Bob was rung instead, as the bells had not improved in 'go' since 1909, when the Pye party made their Surprise tour of Ireland, and Ernest turned this tenor in to London.

On leaving the tower the Rector and a few ladies very hospitably entertained us to a substantial meat tea, for which we were quite ready and most thankful. Time passed quickly, Mr. Hughes offering our thanks for the kindness, and the Rector wishing us a fair journey and every success on the tour. Bus and train took us to Belfast (14 miles), and we arrived at the Kensington Hotel at 10.30 quite ready for bed.

(To be continued.)

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. each).—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St Thomas, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. John's, Hillingdon, October 31st.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, at 4.30, in the Church Hall, followed by short business meeting. Twyford bells available after the meeting.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. at both churches, St. Mary's and St. John's. Tea will be served at St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. (kindly given by Col. Nash). Ringers' service at St. John's to follow. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Please make an effort to come and make a record meeting.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at Sowerby, near Halifax, on Saturday, October 3rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Winhill on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corby on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. You are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend.—H. Baxter, Breton, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Cavendish, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6), rehung by Taylors, available from 3; also Glemsford (6). Short service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the New Inn 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Ford End on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Burton-in-Lonsdale. Tea one shilling. Meeting 5 p.m.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Oct. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Wood), followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Wilby (8) Oct. 10th. Tea, 9d. each, at 4.30, at the School. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting in Church Hall. Tea, 1s. per head, *only* to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, not later than Oct. 8th. Friends from neighbouring societies most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells of St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Messrs. Griffiths, Mercer's Row, at 5 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mr. R. G. Black, General Sec., on the occasion of his recent marriage.—F. Wilford, Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The monthly meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6.30. Service at 6 p.m., when it is expected the Rev. F. L. Edwards will give the address.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A joint meeting with the Western Branch of the Norwich Association will be held at Terrington St. Clement's on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for 1s. each. All ringers are welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 7th, those who require tea.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The F. A. Milne memorial will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of Mrs. Rowland, daughter of the late F. A. Milne, in the Salisbury Hotel at 5 p.m., but only to those who advise me by October 6th. A meeting of the North and East District will be held after tea. Bells available during the afternoon from 3 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Joint Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Please notify Mr. F. Hurry, 2, Portobello Lane, Sawston, Cambridge, by October 7th.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (Christ Church) on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Preacher, Canon Elsee. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Utting Avenue, Liverpool North. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Norton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at 1s. per head. This will be the first meeting of the association held at Norton (Gloucester). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by October 6th? Bus leaves Worcester Street 2.55 p.m.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Will requiring tea please notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield. —A good attendance is requested. Good bus service from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on October 10th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5. Tea to follow. All ringing friends are invited to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at Wenden Ambo. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 3 p.m. A welcome to visitors. Please notify.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 10th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, before October 8th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea (1s. per head) please notify Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bowman Street, Agbrigg Road, Wakefield, by Tuesday, October 6th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk and Aughton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available at both churches at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th? — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 13th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at a low figure. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, near Stockport, not later than the 15th. Meeting after tea. Special business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good muster is therefore requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The October meeting will take place on the 17th inst. at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Immanuel bells available after business following tea. Shoals of postcards expected by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation, to those only who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. will be made, should reach Mr. L. W. G. Morris, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 20th. An endeavour will be made to make peal arrangements for those who so desire on the Saturday morning, if sufficient applications are received.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.—Preliminary Notice.—A meeting of ringers will be held here on Saturday, October 24th, with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and ringing to mark the completion of the fund of £750 for the restoration and augmentation of the bells (8) and tower. All ringers welcome.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. Lubbock 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul (first quarter inside) 3, W. H. Stevens 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb (first quarter) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, September 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Edwards 1, J. Beagley 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, 13th September, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, J. Armstrong 3, D. Ovington 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.—On September 27th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major in 50 mins.: D. Ovington (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 1, S. Wade 2, G. Plater (first quarter-peal of Superlative) 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

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