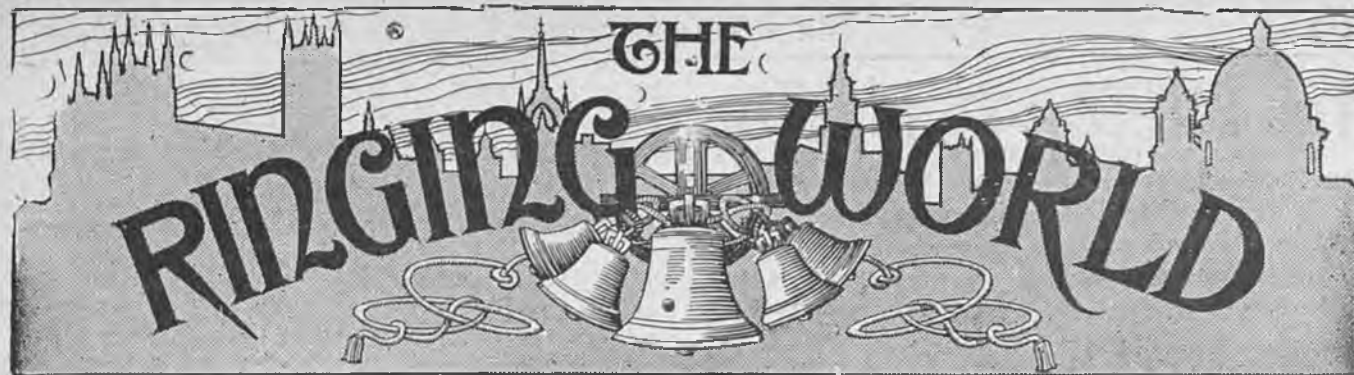


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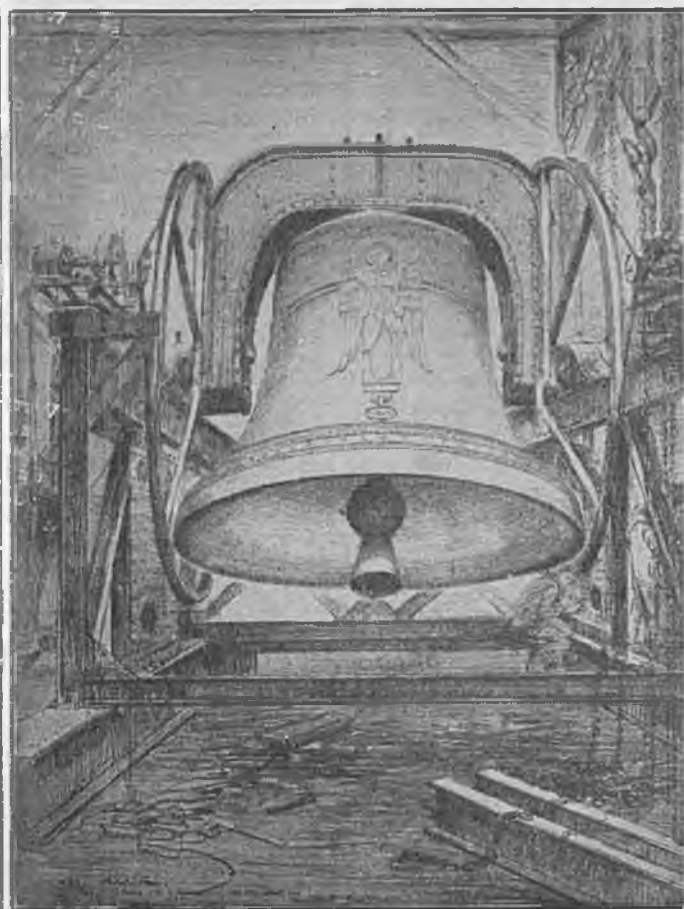
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HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

In this issue of 'The Ringing World' is Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's concluding article on one of the most important periods of the history of the College Youths. These articles must have been read with widespread interest, not only by members of the Ancient Society scattered throughout the country, but by all ringers with a desire for knowledge of the past. Mr. Trollope's articles have been based upon long and painstaking research among old books and documents, and the Exercise is indebted to him for the light he has thrown upon the happenings of a society which has always held a prominent place in the art. Coupled with the historical facts which Mr. Trollope has been able to give us, his facile pen has presented the developments of those three or four decades in a readable and entertaining style, which few could have equalled.

Mr. Trollope set out to clear up the question of the continuity of the society which was established in 1637, and whose claim to an unbroken pedigree has from time to time been challenged, largely on the strength of the notes left by Osborn, which are now in the British Museum. What Mr. Trollope has made clear is that the original society can be traced from 1637 onward to 1788 and extinction, and that the present society can be traced directly backward to 1756. Between 1756 and 1788 there were two societies running parallel and independently, and he leaves the reader to draw his own conclusions as to whether the migrations from one society to the other during the period are sufficient to substantiate the claim to continuity, while fortifying a decision in the affirmative by the fact that the Cumberlands, who, had there been a real break in their rivals' line of descent, could have laid claim to being the senior society, but have never done so, and that Shipway, who came to London about this time, wrote in his book, published in 1816, that the College Youths appeared to be the most ancient society of ringers, said to have been established in the sixteenth century.

Nothing so exhaustive as the articles by Mr. Trollope has ever before been published concerning this vital period in the history of the Ancient Society, nor, we imagine, has anyone previously gone to the same expenditure of time and diligence as the writer must have devoted to the subject. We have already lost sight of far too much of the history of the Exercise, and anything that can be permanently saved to us is a gain not only now but for the future. Mr. Trollope, by his researches, which, by the way, he is still carrying on into the early history of ringing, is making a valuable contribution to our knowledge and is bringing phases of the past before us in a new perspective.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN PERRY Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
GEORGE W. HUGHES 6	HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.
Rung as a compliment to H. E. Green on his 21st birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOUING Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	FRANK PONTING 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	THOMAS PRICE 8
GEORGE ORCHARD 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
TRAVERS PRICHARD 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
Rung for the church festival. It was also a birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble	THOMAS PERRY 6
*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ... 2	*H. F. EVANS 7
†FRED BIRKS 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 8
A. EDWARD WINTERTON ... 4	W. HAROLD JONES 9
*A. E. GARRETT 5	*W. A. RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.
* First peal of Stedman and first of Caters. † First peal of Caters.
† First peal of Caters away from tenor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 9th, and also to Mr. J. Warrilow, head ringer at the above church. Ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th hail from Brewood, 3rd from Penkridge, the rest belong to the local band.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 8
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.
The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association before starting.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER H. FARLEY Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6
CHARLES WM. COOPER 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JOHN GOODMAN 3	WILLIAM GREEN 8
HARRY GOODMAN 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, secretary of the Guild, and a much respected member of the local band.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT 1	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
*HORACE BELCHER 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
†FREDERICK DIGBY 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal with an 'inside' bell. † First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Churchwarden W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

*EDWARD BROWN Treble	*SAMUEL YATES 5
†GEORGE WORTHY 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a compliment to J. C. Pollard, president of the association, and passed F.C. (4,510) 1st October, 1931.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD HUNT Treble	GEORGE KILMINSTER 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	ALFRED RUCK 6
WALTER ROSE 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 7
WILLIAM OAKLEY 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal on eight bells by the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who hail from Badgeworth. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, captain of the local company.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 6
GEORGE MILLS 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John T. Brown (a member of the local band) to Miss A. Holland, of Swineshead; also in celebration of the harvest festival.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble	JOHN MEDHURST 5
HARRY SEAL 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
PERCY G. DENTON 3	ERNEST EVEREST 7
HAROLD HUNTLEY 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAL.

A 50th birthday compliment to H. Baker.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	*HARRY W. HOWARD 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JOHN WORTH 6
*REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH 7
JACK TIPPER 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. WHITING Treble	*W. CYRIL SMITH 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
ALBERT E. CHESMAN 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First Surprise peal.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

W. BRANTS Treble	*P. BELL 5
C. PIPE 2	E. GOATER 6
M. HAINES 3	W. PARKER 7
E. BUTLER 4	*W. JOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. GOATER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	FRANK G. RINGE 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	PERCY GREEN 7
*HARRY TORNER 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 2	T. COLIN RYDER 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ROGER W. DANIELS 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

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

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN H. R. HESSE 5
JOHN COOK 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
GORDON WOOTTON 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	ALBERT CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JOHN WEADON Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN BORLES 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday complement to Master Francis George Mennie Walden, grandson of the Rev. G. W. Mennie (the Rector of Milton), also to Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	* REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBEY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, Norfolk, who was on a visit to London, and it was also rung as a compliment to him, on the second anniversary of his wedding.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* REV. CANON JOHN YOUNG Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON 5
† HARRY BROWN 2	JOHN H. LENTON 6
WALTER SWALLOW 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR WALTER 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. This peal was arranged between the Rev. Canon John Young, formerly Vicar and Rural Dean of Pontefract, and now Vicar of East Ardsley and Rural Dean of Wakefield, and his old Pontefract ringers, the conductor having been his warden.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	JOHN R. RODWELL 6
FREDERICK GRIFFIN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams. The band were entertained to refreshments after the peal by Mr. Williams. It was the conductor's 1,300th peal and P. Griffin's first peal of Bob Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

* ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
CHARLES H. MOORE 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL 3	GEORGE G. WARNES 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	† ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal since 1914; re-elected a member. Arranged and rung as a golden wedding compliment to the composer and Mrs. Williams.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK 5
* THOMAS KING 2	JAMES HARRISON 6
NORMAN KENYON 3	WILLIAM MILLER 7
MISS M. CLAYTON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	HARRY KILBY 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	* HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT
* First peal of Double Norwich Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*HARRY ARRAND Treble	*CECIL H. HOLMES 5
GEORGE CLARKE 2	*ERNEST COOPER 6
OLIVER GREATHEAD 3	EDGAR C. STACEY 7
*HORACE S. MORLEY 4	CHARLES THORLEY Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. COOPER.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. H. Arrand was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to George and Gertrude Arrand, son and daughter of the treble ringer.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*REGINALD JENKINS Treble	BERNARD H. WELLS 5
RONALD TURFIN 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
*CYRIL HYGATE 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
FRANK JEAL 4	MAURICE A. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD 5
*HAROLD E. PENNACK 2	PERCY GREEN 6
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	MAURICE LING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. The quickest peal yet rung on these bells. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. George Williams (the esteemed Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Williams. The band wish to thank their old friend, Mr. W. J. Nevard, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

GEORGE GODARD Treble	*CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
MISS E. JESSIE ANGIN 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
THOMAS G. MYERS 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* 70th peal of Bob Major. These peals have been rung in 50 different towers. Arranged for Miss Angwin and A. S. Roberts, of Truro, Cornwall, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Woodley.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE Treble	EDWARD V. BEER 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
RICHARD A. CONSTANT 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The band wish to thank Mr. 'Ted' Hadlow for having everything ready. The composition (No. 182) is rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine and Kent, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

JAMES W. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM SAWYER 4
ALFRED B. KING 2	FRANK L. FISHER 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK TURNER Treble	GEORGE CHERRY 4
HERBERT W. WITTERING 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND 5
*WALTER BROWN 3	WILLIAM LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal of Minor.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two different six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 3
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	ROBERT BEET-SMITH 4
CYRIL BEET-SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal on the bells. First peal on five by all the band and first of Stedman Doubles by the association. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd have now rung Stedman on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE Treble	SYDNEY JESSOP 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	*JOHN YOUNG 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	*REGINALD HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor and the ringer of the 4th.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

JIM TEBAY Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 4
*ERNEST OVERSLY 2	*DAVID G. BATESON 5
*RICHARD T. BATESON 3	*JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal and belongs to the local band. First peal on the bells and by the band.

OCTOGENARIAN RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

As a compliment to Mr. E. Jones, a veteran of the Watford bellry, who, a few days earlier, celebrated his 81st birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in which he took part, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Watford, for evening, on Sunday: E. Jones 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, H. Cashmore (conductor) 4, W. Oakley 5, R. Bell 6, F. Crook 7, W. Norris 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON	1-2	RICHARD A. GOFTON	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3-4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	7-8
ROBERT S. ANDERSON	9-10		

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all except the conductor, and was rung without previous practice. The composition contains the sixth its extent home at seven course ends.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	PETER LAFIN	7-8
ERNEST BENNETT	9-10		

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

* 50th peal together on handbells. Rung on the 45th anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' initiation to the St. Albans Cathedral Company.

The following peals were rung for

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

On Sunday, October 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. W. AYRE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witnesses—Mrs. W. AYRE and Miss LONG.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

In the Staff Room of the New School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN MALYAN	1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5-6
JACK BRAY	3-4	WALTER AYRE	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major in hand.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble		JACK BRAY	4
STEPHEN H. HOARE	2	*FRANCIS KIRK	5
*JOHN MALYAN	3	WALTER AYRE	7-10

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in six methods.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

In the Staff Room of the New School,

A PEAL OF SPICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	WALTER AYRE	7-8
*MRS. G. W. FLETCHER	3-4	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER	9-10
JACK BRAY	5-6	*W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' First Spiced peal of Maximus rung 'in hand.' First peal of Maximus 'in hand' for the association.

THE IRISH TOUR.

BY W. H. F.

(Continued from page 672.)

'If stones could speak then London's prayers should sound,

Who built this church and citie from the ground.'

Saturday.—Our last day in Ireland came without invitation, and Londonderry was reached—in a Scotch mist—after nearly 40 miles' run, most of the journey alongside Lough Foyle, with its sea coast similar to that of North Wales from Rhyl. Whilst waiting for morning prayers to close the beauties of the town and Cathedral were examined, including a cannon ball fired during the famous Siege of Londonderry in 1688-89; 'roaring Meg,' one of the guns that did good work in its defence, and Macanlay's original MSS. in praise thereof. The town is situated on the River Foyle, the older parts upon a hill rising to 120ft. above sea level, the ancient Cathedral crowning an area enclosed by the old city walls, some 20ft. high, erected in 1600 to 1617 at a cost of £9,000, and still intact. Like Chester, it is one of the few walled cities of the kingdom, and bears the proud title of the 'Maiden City,' having successfully withstood three sieges in the 17th century. Its history can be traced back to the time of St. Colum, who was born not far away, and was founder of an abbey here in 546. A relic is still preserved in the churchyard of Long Tower, called St. Colum's stone, on which the saint is said to have knelt in prayer.

Originally known as Derry, its title was changed in 1613, the same year that a Royal Charter was granted to the Honourable the Irish Society, the Governor, recorder and five of the 24 assistants being Aldermen of the City of London. This body rebuilt the Cathedral in 1633 at a cost of £4,000, and a foundation stone in the tower porch records the words heading this report.

The Cathedral belfry, octagonal in plan, has large lancet windows on three sides, is handsomely fitted with high panelling, surmounted with a bold cornice all round its walls. The modern seats have bell-shaped backs similar to Rayner's chair at Newport, Isle of Wight, which was made 100 years ago. Circle and draft of rope are excellent and the sound of the bells just comfortable. My first impression on entering the room was 'here's another Exeter—all things bright and beautiful,' and I trust the Derry ringers will—for generations to come—appreciate the generous efforts of the Dean and Chapter to provide a ringers' room worthy of the chancel.

We were met by the curate—on behalf of the Dean of Derry, the Rev. R. G. S. King, who was on holiday—and Mr. O. Bryan, vergor, who kindly hastened our preparations for the 'Go—Treble Bob Royal.' At 12 o'clock the conductor called 'stand' with only an hour's faultless Kent. We were ringing ten bells and there were 13 ropes, and our bob-caller—who is still riding the tenor box in grief—suddenly discovered that you cannot buy three shillings worth of this method in one packet. This was a most annoying failure, to come to Londonderry all the way from London and then have to abandon the crown of the tour. As a consolation Norwich Major was substituted at once and another attempt made on the lighter eight—the tenor is 23 cwt. and not 20 cwt. as previously mentioned. This came home safely into rounds at 3.47 p.m., and our only train due out at 4 p.m. from the distant G.N. station.

These bells—newly cast in 1929—are by Gillett and Johnston, and are hung with new iron frame, the total weight of bell-metal being very nearly 7½ tons. This is one of the most successful modern 'ringing contracts' I have met with, and the only regret I have is that Derry bells are too far away for our English ringing friends to go over and try them.

Did we catch our train? Yes, thanks to one of the Derry boys, who took us through ancient alleys and by-ways, and the 'dressing' was completed by several men on the train. Had it not been that our 'short cut' of a mile was mostly downhill, this 12½ stone of Buck could never have done it. The carriage racks were full of bulging baggage, with the six peals in six counties in six days that our tourists were lugging back to England.

'Ruminating' in my carriage corner about 5 o'clock, I remembered our breakfast was at 7 a.m. On reaching the luncheon car I found the 'gormandisers' had cleared up the 'lot.' Oh, my!—my poor inner man: I felt as if I'd taken part in a Painswick performance.

Now on the homeward trek the whole circle of Ulster was completed at Portadown Junction, and the party had quite 'rounded' Lough Neagh, its centre, and the largest area of fresh water in the British Isles. Dear Dublin was reached at 8.5, the party having travelled nearly 400 miles for the nominal fee of 30s. a head, the railway officials having shown much courtesy to us when making arrangements for the tour. Mr. R. S. F. Murphy helped us to 'fill in' time till the return boat for Liverpool left at 11 p.m., and saw us off with the urge to 'come again soon.' It is a breach of etiquette to use the landing stage at Liverpool without notifying members of the Lancashire Association. On this occasion Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. Claud Davies were on duty, and took the tourists to breakfast, gave them a touch of Stradman at 'Old Nic's,' and a course of Cambridge at St. Luke's with the local Sunday 'stedfasts.'

Breaking up a party is always a matter of regret—like breaking up an old bell. Before this happened we all agreed that the good work of change ringing in the Emerald Isle was progressing; that the name of Lindoff was already a familiar one wherever bells were to be found, and that the clergy of Ireland fully appreciated all that he has done in the past for the Irish Association.

MOULTON BELLS RESTORED.**TREBLES TO BE ADDED LATER.**

The dedication of Moulton Church bells, which have just been restored, took place on Thursday, September 24th, by the Bishop of Peterborough, the ringers taking part in the opening touch of ringing being: T. Tehbutt, J. J. Taylor, T. Law, W. J. Dove, H. England and F. Wilford. Mr. J. Oldham, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., was present, and rang in several touches after the service.

On Saturday, October 3rd, at the special invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Turner), ringers and friends of the Northampton and other branches of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild had a festival gathering, and rang, at intervals during the afternoon and evening, on the newly dedicated peal.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. Price, of Little Billing, assisted by the Rev. Canon J. P. Friend, of Collingtree, the Rev. H. D. Smith, of Yardley Hastings, the Rev. J. White, of Pitsford, who presided at the organ, the Vicar and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Wilford). The Rev. Canon J. P. Friend gave a splendid address, taking for his text the inscription which is on the treble bell, and which, translated from the Latin, means, 'Do all to the Glory of God.' During the service whilst the three hymns were sung, handbells accompanied the organ, the performers being the Vicar, Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. J. Dunkley and Mr. A. Taylor, and this was very much appreciated. After the service, ringers and friends proceeded to the Church Room, where a splendid tea, arranged by the Ladies' Working Party, was served to 77 adults and children. Afterwards further selections on the handbells were given.

The Rev. J. White (president of the branch), praised the Vicar, the Moulton ringers and everyone concerned in the efforts they had made in raising the money required for the rehanging of the bells, as it had only been just over 12 months since it was decided to have the work done. At the same time he handed over to him the collection, £1 2s. 5d., from the service to put to the bell fund.

The Vicar thanked the ringers for the gift and hoped before long that two more bells would be added to complete the octave, as a frame for eight bells had been put in.

Mr. Weaver, churchwarden, in proposing a vote of thanks to the visitors, said that at present it was impossible to go in for the other bells, but in the course of 12 months or so it might be.—Mr. J. Fidler, for Messrs. Taylor and Co., replied, and complimented the ladies on the splendid tea provided.

Further ringing took place on the bells up to 8.30 p.m. The work of the bellhangers met with the highest commendation.

MR. & MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS' GOLDEN WEDDING.**COMMEMORATIVE BELLS FOR NORTH STONEHAM.**

The Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and Mrs. Williams celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday, when they received numerous messages of congratulation and good wishes from ringing friends.

On Saturday the ringers of North Stoneham, where Mr. Williams has built up an admirable band after getting the bells augmented to eight, and to which church he and Mrs. Williams are presenting two trebles to make a peal of ten in commemoration of their half-century of wedded life, presented them with golden wedding gifts, a walking stick to Mr. Williams and an umbrella to Mrs. Williams.

Of course, a peal was rung at North Stoneham in honour of the event, and it was conducted by Mr. George Williams, who has been one of the greatest conductors in the Exercise during the last 50 years. By a coincidence this last was his 1,300th peal. Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a handbell peal. She rang three altogether, the first being in 1892. The others were rung in 1897; all of them were Grandsire Triples and Mrs. Williams rang 1-2. The peals were called by Mr. Williams, and they were thus the first married couple to ring a peal together.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams desire to express their warmest thanks to the many friends who sent them presents and letters and telegrams of good wishes.

PRESENTATION.

On Saturday last the North Stoneham ringers held their annual outing to Sherfield English, calling at East Tytherley en route, where they rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. Meanwhile the Rector of North Stoneham arrived in his car with the Rev. T. Salmon (curate). On behalf of the North Stoneham ringers the Rector presented Mr. Williams with a walking stick and Mrs. Williams with an umbrella on the occasion of their golden wedding. The Rector, in making the presentation, mentioned the fact that Mr. Williams was mainly responsible for the treble and tenor bells being added at North Stoneham in 1909, and now Mr. and Mrs. Williams were generously giving two new bells to increase the peal to ten to celebrate their golden wedding.

Mr. Williams thanked the Rector, curate and the North Stoneham ringers for the gifts. He said he tried to do his best, although he found now he could not do as he used to do. His motto was to ring for both services and attend at least one of them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is at present under treatment in the Cottage Hospital, Claremont Road, Wallasey, Cheshire, and will be unable to attend to correspondence until further notice.

The president of the National Police Guild of Ringers (Mr. William Bottrill) has been promoted from Inspector to Sub-Divisional Inspector in the Metropolitan Police Force, and has been placed in charge of the Hammersmith Police District. His address is now No. 2, Married Quarters, Police Station, 1, Queen Street, Hammersmith, W.6. Hinging friends both in and out of the force will congratulate him upon his promotion.

By ringing the treble (approximately 1½ cwt.) to the first peal on the bells at Fools Cray, Kent, it is believed that Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen., has rung the lightest as well as the heaviest (Bow tenor, 53 cwt.) bells that have been rung to peals by the Kent County Association.

Mr. Groombridge and his son, Tom, jun., have now rung together peals of Stedman on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise on all numbers from Minor to Maximus. Tom, jun., has also rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. What, by the way, is the greatest number of methods that have been rung on all numbers by any one ringer?

The paragraph which appeared in this column last week with regard to the peal of Doubles at Wychbold was a little ambiguous. The claim to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Doubles related to a quarterly peal by the Worcestershire Association. A younger band rang a peal of Grand sire Doubles at Workton, Kettering, Northants, on August 7th, 1930. The average age of that company was only 18 years.

In connection with the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers, which is being held on Saturday, October 24th, at Buckfastleigh, the bells of Buckfast Abbey will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. In addition to the Limited Stop bus service, which runs between Exeter and Plymouth, a half-hourly bus service runs from Newton Abbot to Buckfastleigh, and visitors should alight at Dart Bridge for the Parish Church and the Abbey.

Ernest William Pye, the young son of the best known of all ringers, Mr. William Pye, rang his first quarter-peal on Sunday. And it was Stedman Triples, too. Father called it and Uncle Bob was also one of the band.

The tower of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Bristol, which is to provide the city with yet another ring of eight bells, is nearing completion, the final pinnacle, which crowns it, being well on the way. It is expected that the bellhangers will soon be at work. A young band of ringers, trained by Mr. W. A. Cave, who have been practising at St. Thomas' Church, will be ready to ring the bells by the time they are opened.

We understand that the restoration of the bells at Romsey Abbey, Hants, is to be taken in hand shortly.

If Mr. F. Simmonds, of Gloucester, will send his address to Mr. J. Poplett, Aylesbury Road, Tring, the cap which he left in the belfry will be sent to him.

The handbell peal at Chislehurst recorded last week was conducted by Thomas Groombridge, jun., and not Thomas Groombridge, sen., as printed.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL & SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Painswick 'peal' has given the Exercise a great deal of amusement from the time when Mr. Albert Wright, the conductor-composer, made his now famous claim that part of a false peal constitutes a record. The erection of a tablet recording the false peal was no less amusing, and, to my own knowledge, has caused a great deal of laughter in many parts of the country.

But surely the greatest joke of all is the resolution passed by a meeting of the Suffolk Guild members recommending their annual meeting to expel all members who continue to approve of the words '17,687 changes.' How can such a resolution be made effective? Can the Suffolk Guild control the views of its members? Quite a number of ringers never state their views on any subject, and even if the Suffolk Guild has any right to expel any member who voices his approval (which right I deny), it has no control at all over those who approve but say nothing. Thus the resolution is quite futile, and can only bring ridicule on those who passed it.

If the Suffolk Guild desires to voice its disapproval of the erection of a tablet to a false peal, which does not record the whole truth, its best way is to pass a resolution stating so. If any further action is felt to be necessary, the matter might be referred to the Central Council, with a recommendation to that body to expel any member or representative who has actually shown his approval of the tablet being erected. I venture to suggest that such a resolution would be taken seriously and would receive a great deal of support.

Resolutions which cannot under any circumstances be made effective can only cause amusement.—Yours faithfully,

31, Vincent Road, E.4.

C. T. COLES.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

Saturday, December 5th, will see a great pilgrimage of ringers to Cambridge, when the bells of St. Bene't's Church, restored in commemoration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, will be reopened at a thanksgiving service.

Full details will be given in due course.

Donations promised to the Tercentenary Fund but not yet forwarded should be sent without delay either to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

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

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BICENTENARY COINCIDES WITH STEDMAN'S TRICENTENARY.

It is a coincidence that this year, in which the Exercise is celebrating the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, is the bicentenary of the first peal of Triples on his principle. On the 25th October, 1731, that is 200 years ago next Sunday, a peal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. At that time there was keen rivalry between Norwich ringers, and the company that practised at St. Michael at Coslany in the same city rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the following December 6th. By their claims the St. Michael's company discredited the Mancroft performance, but, whichever of the two had the actual right to be termed the first, the bicentenary falls in this year.

The tablet in the belfry of St. Peter's Mancroft is worded as follows:

'On the 25th October, 1731, here was rung that Mysterious Peal called Stedman Triples: the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of tripples, as being every bell a like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchior, who first completed the Peal of Perfect Stedman Triples, with only two Doubles, and no alteration, the extent being 5,040 changes, was completely rung by us in 3 hours 40 mins., on which Occasion Wilm. Scott, in his remarks upon the ringing this peal, did Elegantly sing, viz.:-

As for the sweet and Pleasant Treble she

By Melchior well was rung that Bell, and called the bobs so free;

Blowfield the 2nd; Palmer 3rd did ring;

Ather rung 4th, and was not Loath, but made her for to Sing.

Gardener the 5th did sway; Forster the 6th did play;

The 7th round Cris Booty bound and made her to obey;

The tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat

Did ring her out & turned about that Cymbal loud and great.'

The peal at Coslany was recorded thus:

'In this steeples, on the sixth of December, 1731, Was rung that most Incomparable as well as Intricate Peal of Stedman Triples, which had been long ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application brought it to perfection with two Doubles. This peal contains 5,040 Triple Changes, 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed. The Bobs were called by Edward Crane before mentioned, and was rung and completed in 3 hours 18 minutes by us whose names are under-written: Richard Barulham, 1; Edward Crane, 2; Jno. Harvey, 3; Robt. Knockall, 4; Wm. Pettingill, 5; Thomas Crane, 6; Rice Greene, 7; R. Crane, tenor. W. Woolbright, B. Elden, Churchwardens.'

These two peals led to a bitter controversy between the rival bands, into which the local Press and public seem to have entered. Insults and accusations were bandied about, and during the ringing of the Coslany peal attempts were made outside the church to upset the ringing, and, although the peal was brought round, the affair ended in a free fight, and some people 'were sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At last we have a half-hearted admission by one of the members of the Methods Committee that the so-called six score of Double Grandsire Doubles in the new collection of Doubles and Minor Methods is something different from what it was represented to be.

In theory the bell in the hunt can be sent down before the treble, but in practice it is NEVER done; why then bring this in to try and obscure the issue?

It was shown in these columns on 14th September, 1928, that there are only two TRUE PLAIN COURSES of the method, and, seeing that the Bobs and Singles do not affect the constructional places, there was no excuse whatever for the Methods Committee trying to foist on the Exercise something that is not what it is represented to be.

A similar but a worse fiasco appeared in the 1907 book, and the figures given, to correct the error, on April 20th, 1923, contained 6 LEADS ONLY that could rightly be called Double Grandsire Doubles.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT THE 'CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.'

A very successful meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Tideswell on Saturday last, about 20 ringers being present from Bakewell, Bolsover, Darley Dale, Dore, Edinburg, Eyam, New Mills, Rotherham, Tideswell and Uttoxeter. The beautiful ring of eight bells, recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going in the standard methods till 8.30 p.m., with varying success, some good touches being interspersed with some of a very jazz-like nature. The latter, however, provided some useful experience for a number of learners. The visitors on arrival were welcomed by the genial Vicar, the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards, and those interested were conducted round and shown the beauties of the glorious old church, well known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak.' Founded on the site of an old Norman Church, the building was commenced and completely finished in the 14th century, and it stands to-day much as it was at completion—a noble monument to the glory of God, and to the pious and patient labours of its mediæval builders. An interesting fact is that building was completely stopped for a period of 20 years or so when the 'black death' fell upon the country, and the Vicar stated that experts can tell the very stones which were in position before and those which were laid after 'the death.' Another object of interest is the 'Gabriel' bell, one of the original six, by a 14th century founder, now resting from its labours and in a place of honour at the east of the church.

A bountiful tea was provided for the ringers in the schools, through the kindly efforts of a number of local ladies, who could hardly be prevailed upon to accept a modest 6d. from each in payment. During tea the usual racy anecdotes were exchanged between the Rev. W. P. Wright and the Vicar, and were supplemented by one or two from others present, to the general amusement.

A short informal business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Darley Dale on November 21st, and at the same time to try and carry out a little missionary work by making up parties to visit the two neighbouring five-bell towers of Elton and Winstar, both of them within easy reach by bus.

Amid great applause the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards was made an honorary member of the association, Mr. F. Marshall, of Edinburg Cathedral, a life member, and Messrs. T. B. and F. Bagshaw (Tideswell) and Mr. S. Beighton (Dore) ordinary members.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the ladies and local company on the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, and the Vicar, in response, stated how pleased they all were to welcome the Peak District. He expressed his pleasure at becoming an hon. member, and said he hoped to attend some of the meetings and to bring some of the local ringers with him, a statement which produced further applause.—The secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey), in supporting the various votes of thanks, referred to the most generous welcome which they always received at Tideswell, to the pleasure it gave them to welcome more local ringers into the association, to the spade work which the district was doing in the Peak in trying to arouse interest in change ringing, and to his hope that the new members would make the most of their membership and attend as many meetings as possible and obtain the greatest possible return from their subscriptions. The secretary added a word of welcome to an old friend, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, at one time one of the foremost ringers in the county, but now unhappily precluded from ringing by doctor's orders. He had come over from New Mills to listen to the bells and enjoy the meeting.

Following tea, further ringing till 8.30 brought a very happy meeting to a close.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY ABBEY BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th, when the musical peal of eight by Taylor were kept going to methods from Grandsire to London Surprise Major. Tea and business meeting took place in the Parish Hall, the Rector of Dibden in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary), and members from Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Dibden, Titchfield, North Stoneham, Twyford, Lynnington, Romsey, Farnborough, Southampton, Milford-on-Sea and Winchester.

Mr. Williams was congratulated by those present on celebrating his golden wedding on the previous Thursday.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Harry Barton in his recent bereavement.

It was mentioned that Romsey Abbey bells and clock are to be restored. The Abbey has a ring of eight with tenor of 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

It was decided to hold a combined practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, in November, and the annual meeting at Southampton on January 16th, 1932.

H. J. Huleup, of Dibden, was elected an honorary member of the Guild.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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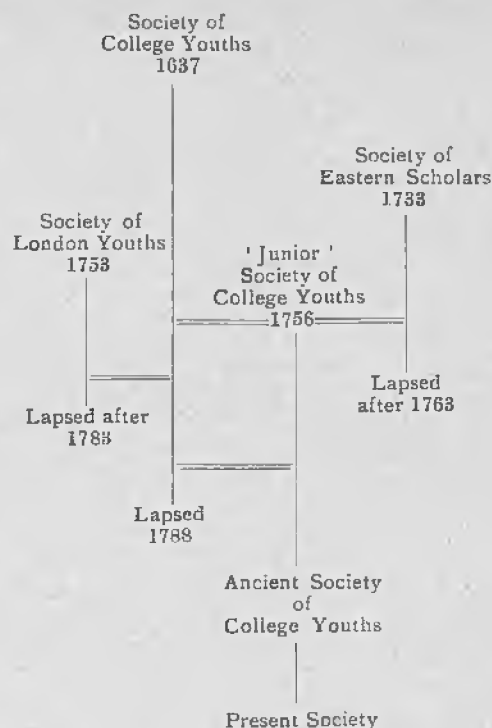
Is the Ancient Society of College Youths the same as the Society of College Youths which was founded in 1637? The reader may answer the question for himself. The account of what took place is now published for the first time, and the facts as I have given them cannot be contradicted.

My original intention was to reproduce Osborn's account in full and without comment. Osborn was a painstaking and accurate collector of facts. He was by training and profession peculiarly qualified to find the truth, and his statements may be relied on. But he had a bitter quarrel with the society, and he left it either in anger and disgust or because he was expelled under rule nine or its equivalent. He made no secret of his contempt for the College Youths of his own day, and these things might have warped his judgment. I decided, therefore, to go myself to the original records and write the story afresh.

Two things are clear. If we start at 1637 and trace the main course of the College Youths downwards, it leads us directly to 1788 and extinction. If we trace the main course of the present society backwards it leads us directly to 1756 and the formation of George Meakin's company. For thirty-two years these two run parallel; there were two distinct societies as independent of each other as both were of the Cumberlands' Society. At two points and two only there was a connection between them—one in 1756, the other in 1788. Each was a migration of members from the old society to the new. The first was of approximately half the company, the second of more than half. There was no official union at either time. Continuity depends entirely on those two migrations, and it will be seen at once that there was no link at all in any formal or legal sense. The present society has as little (or as much) right to say they are the successors of the Eastern Scholars as of the College Youths.

On the other hand, the new company always called themselves College Youths, which was, in itself, a claim to be the successors of the original society. Their great rivals were the Cumberlands, and after 1788 that company could have claimed with justice that they were the senior and leading London society. But they did not. Shipway came to London in 1785, and he must have known all about the events of 1788. In his book (1816) he wrote of the College Youths, "This appears to be the most ancient society of ringers. They are said to have been established in the sixteenth century." It is not very enthusiastic, and Shipway and his contemporaries knew little and cared little about the history of ringing. But it is good evidence that ringers at the end of the eighteenth century were content to allow the College Youths' claim of continuity. And what satisfied them may satisfy us.

The new company carried on the traditions and dignity of the old, which, after all, was the most important thing. The society has not always been so fortunate. Forty years or so later it went through another crisis. That time there was no question of continuity, but in the changes that took place it definitely lost those qualities and characteristics which had made its members for so many years the social and intellectual aristocracy of the Exercise.



THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

PUBLICATION OF A NEW EDITION.

The third edition of the 'Directory of Church Bell Ringers' (published by Bristol United Ringing Guilds at 1s.) is on sale to-day. It is twice the size of the previous issue and more than twice as useful. There are thirteen hundred names and addresses under the alphabetical list, and these names are also rearranged under the associations and towers, so that the directory has now developed into a volume which fully justifies its title. It will be of great value to ringers desiring to communicate with or visit other areas, and its usefulness to ringers is greatly enhanced by a section containing many pages of Sunday service touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters compiled by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Apart from its convenience to individual ringers, therefore, a copy of the Directory ought to be kept in every tower ready for reference in emergency when a service touch is needed. And some of these touches, by the way, will get conductors away from the rut in these methods. The Empire section, written by Mr. W. H. Fussell and dealing with ringers and ringing overseas, is full of interest, and these excursions beyond the main purpose of the directory make it all the more acceptable.

Those who subscribed to the Directory, and thus get the advantage of getting their names and addresses included, should receive their free copy in the next day or two. The Directory is on sale to others at 1s., and may be obtained from the hon. secretary of Bristol United Ringing Guilds (Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

F. A. MILNE MEMORIAL.

The following sums are gratefully acknowledged by the Memorial Sub-Committee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Tottenham ringers, 10s.; Harrow Weald ringers, 10s. 6d.; Barnet ringers, £1 1s.; Southgate ringers, £1 1s.; Harrow ringers, 10s.; Hendon ringers, 10s. 6d.; Northaw ringers, 10s.; Stanmore ringers, 7s. 6d.; collection, South and West District annual meeting, £2; Oxford University Society, £1 1s.; a friend, 10s.; Messrs. W. J. Bowden, 2s. 6d.; E. Barnett, 2s. 6d.; J. C. Jackson, 2s. 6d.; J. Bennett 2s. 6d.; W. Lawrence 1s.; I. Emery, 6d.; W. H. Hollier, 10s.; W. Pickworth, 10s. 6d.; C. T. Coles, 5s.; J. A. Trollope, 5s.; G. R. Pye, 5s.; R. K. Knight, 2s. 6d.; C. Pottery, 5s.; F. Digby, 1s.; C. Charge (New Zealand), 5s.; C. V. Ebbersson, 2s. 6d.; J. George, 2s. 6d.; W. Nash, 2s. 6d.; T. Collins, 2s. 6d.; H. S. Arbin, 2s. A sufficient sum having been collected to defray the cost of the memorial tablet and all incidental expenses, this fund is now closed, with sincere thanks to all subscribers.

C. T. COLES,
Hon. Secretary to the Sub-Committee.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**TWO NEW BANDS JOIN.**

The quarterly meeting was held at Shirenewton (Mon) on Saturday last. Favoured with beautiful weather, a good number put in an appearance from both dioceses, many probably being drawn by the fact that it was the first time the association had held a meeting at this tower. The bells, a light, musical ring of six, by Evans, of Chepstow, with the exception of the treble, put in by Mears as a peace bell after the war, were raised about 3 o'clock and various methods rung. It was a surprise to find that the local band were practising half-pull ringing, and in February last had rung a peal of Doubles, which is recorded on a peal board hung in the tower. Mr. Marsh, the people's warden, and one of the ringers heartily welcomed the visitors on their arrival. Service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. N. Williams) officiating. Following tea in the Church Room the business meeting took place. The Vicar, who presided, heartily welcomed the association on their first visit to Shirenewton, at the same time championing his own band of ringers, who, he said, were a keen and enthusiastic band of ringers and church workers.

The report on restorations was given, followed by instructor's report. New members were elected, including the whole of the Bassaleg ringers, who are now doing half-pull ringing, and also the whole of Shirenewton ringers, thanks to the interest and enthusiasm of Mr. Churchwarden Marsh.

The selection of the place to hold the next quarterly meeting was left over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at Newport on December 26th.

After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed and a return made to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in.

As Shirenewton is situated in an isolated part of the county and in a purely agricultural district, it was most gratifying to find such a number attending, and, with the results achieved, the gathering can best be described as a most encouraging and successful meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Pirbright, where H. M. Stanley, the explorer and discoverer of Dr. Livingstone in Africa, lies buried, his grave being marked by a huge rough-hewn block of stone. There is a light peal of six in the tower, and ringing took place on them during the afternoon, but, owing to illness near the church, the ringers voluntarily abandoned the evening ringing. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Slade-Kelsey), who in his address emphasised the need for a return of the country to prayer and corporate worship in these days of unrest and upheaval.

Tea in the Institute was attended by about 20 members from Aldershot, Ash, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Haslemere, West Clandon, Woking and Worplesdon. There was no formal business to transact, but the Vicar, who was thanked for the use of the bells and for the service, was asked to convey the sympathy of the members to the sufferer and relatives at 'Churchmeads'.

Admiral T. P. Walker called attention to the suggestion in 'The Ringing World' for the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary by special ringing at every church, and hoped the proposal would be generally adopted in the Guildford Guild.

Afterwards by car and motor-cycle most of those present were transported to Worplesdon Church, where permission had been kindly granted at short notice for ringing in the evening. The new Vicar and his son visited the belfry to welcome the ringers, and the latter intends to take up ringing. Various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung at the two churches, the abilities of all being admirably cared for by the District Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville).

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnesley and District Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, October 10th, members being present from Armley, Barnesley, Crofton, Darfield, Dewsbury, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Pontefract, Royston, Shelley, Wath and the local company. The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods. Tea was served to about 40 members and friends in the Parochial Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Parry) presiding. He gave all a hearty welcome and said he was always pleased to grant the use of the bells for those meetings. He also made reference to Mr. H. Robinson, who has been a ringer at Sandal 59 years, and hoped he would be able to 'carry on.'

South Kirkby was selected for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed, and further ringing followed both on tower bells and handbells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Wednesday, October 7th, 720 Bob Minor: R. W. Sear (first 720) 1, H. Sear 2, H. V. Sear 3, F. Vickers 4, S. Smith 5, W. Sear (conductor) 6.

KINGSLEY.—At St. Werburgh's Church on Tuesday, October 13th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Edwards (first 720) 1, W. Edwards 2, E. Twigg (first 720 'inside') 3, E. Wood 4, H. Cornwell 5, A. W. Hall (conductor) 6.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEMORABLE MEETING AT TRING.**

The meeting of the Western Division at Tring on Saturday, October 10th, was held on a glorious day, when about 35 ringers attended from Apsley, Amersham, Burton-on-Stather, Blechley, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Aston Clinton, Kings Langley, Ellesborough, Gloucester, Watford, Winslow, St. Albans and the local company. Ringing in various methods took place in the afternoon, and an interesting ceremony took place in the tower when the Vicar (the Rev. T. T. C. Wood) dedicated a peal board recording the peal rung at his induction in December, 1930. In the course of the brief service the Vicar's wife (Mrs. Woods) unveiled the board. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples by the same band standing as in the peal. In the belfry were gathered a number of church officials and workers, among them the churchwardens, Messrs. T. B. Fells and E. Henchin.

After the ceremony all present sat down to a splendid tea in the Vestry Hall, arranged by some of the local ringers' wives, who were complimented and thanked for their efforts.

At the meeting held after tea the Vicar, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the association, and said he should always remember the hearty welcome accorded to him on his induction. He warmly praised the ringers of the peal.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. F. West, of West Wycombe, and Miss Elsie Leach, of Berkhamsted.

The secretary (Mr. J. Puplett) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all the ladies who had assisted in providing such a splendid tea, and Mr. Good proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc. Other short speeches followed and further ringing then took place. It was one of the most memorable meetings held in the division.

VETERAN STOURBRIDGE RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. G. H. PAGETT.**

The death occurred on Sunday, September 27th, of Mr. George Henry Pagett, of Stourbridge. He had been unwell for some time and his condition gradually grew worse since he sustained a fall some weeks ago. He was a staunch churchman and had been a member of St. Thomas' Church choir for over 50 years, and a bellringer for nearly 55 years. He was a member of St. Thomas' band and helped at neighbouring towers. He was a familiar figure at the Worcestershire Association meetings as their representative some years ago.

He was ever ready to push forward the art of ringing both by advice and practical instruction, and was a general favourite with his fellow-ringers. In all he undertook his genial manner earned him a host of friends, by whom he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Pagett was for over 27 years porter at the Midland Bank, Stourbridge, from which post he retired in November, 1922, when he was presented with a handsome chair from the staff of the bank as a parting gift. He was 73 years of age and is survived by his wife.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, October 1st, the first part of the service being held at St. Thomas', the Vicar (Canon Newland, R.D.), the Rev. E. G. Horner and the Rev. W. Smith officiating. The choir were in attendance and the hymns were 'There is a Blessed Home' and 'Jesus lives'; the 23rd Psalm was also chanted. The organist, Mr. Bertie Allechurch, played appropriate music, including 'O rest in the Lord.' There was a large assembly, including members of the Ancient Order of Foresters (of which Mr. Pagett had been a member for 53 years), the Church Council, the churchwarden (Mr. W. A. Horne), Mr. C. H. Cartwright (manager of Old Bank), and the following bellringers: Messrs. W. Farley, W. Short, J. Bass, J. Carter, H. Hartshorn, H. V. Cooper, H. Kirkham, Sidney Thompson, H. T. Amphlett, A. L. Dunn, J. W. Smith and C. W. Cooper. The interment took place at the Borough Cemetery, and following the committal the Foresters' funeral service was read and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. H. T. Amphlett, H. V. Cooper, J. Bass and W. Farley.

Floral tributes were many and included those from 'His sorrowing wife'; the Vicar and Miss Newland; St. Thomas' ringers; organist and choristers, St. Thomas'; Mr. A. J. Skelding, secretary, Northern Branch, Worcestershire Association; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper. A half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Thomas' Church immediately after the burial.

YEOVIL BELLS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I was particularly interested to read in 'The Ringing World' this week of the wonderful improvement in the peal of ten at Yeovil. I am sure all that Mr. Dyke says is true, as I have personally heard these bells from time to time in the foundry.

I quite believe that, with the careful way these bells have been tuned, they are now the finest ten in Somerset, but, in my opinion, it is a pity that the ninth is not a better match for the glorious tenor.

Can any reader of 'The Ringing World' let me know if they know of a heavier bell ever being cast at the Chew-Stoke Foundry by the Billies? I believe Yeovil tenor is the heaviest bell that was ever turned out from this noted old West County foundry.

The report which you quote says, 'Wells Cathedral tenor of over 52 cwt.'—she is considerably over 52, as she goes 57½.

J. H. B. H.

BEQUEST TO RINGERS.**TWYFORD FEAST DAY.**

The 7th October in each year has been known for very many years at Twyford, Hants, as 'Ringers' Feast Day,' when, according to the will of the late Mr. William Davis, a resident of Twyford, the ringers of Twyford Church bells are to receive £1, providing they ring twice on that day, morning and evening. A copy of the will hangs on the north wall of the church, near the tower, the late Rev. Charles Buston having been instrumental in obtaining a copy of the will, for which the ringers of Twyford have always been grateful. Tradition has it that Mr. Davis was returning home when he lost his way in the dark, probably across either Twyford or Shawford Down—no one seems to know which—when the church bells of Twyford rang out, and Mr. Davis was able to tell in which direction he was going, and suddenly discovered he was actually on the brink of one of the deep chalk pits. A few steps further and he would have fallen over. He owed his life to the sound of the church bells, and therefore provided in his will that this sum be paid annually to the ringers of Twyford.

This sum is augmented by the ringers themselves, and they invite a number of friends interested in bellringing to a supper or feast on each October 7th. The event was held as usual this year, when about 24 sat down to an excellent repast catered for by Mr. W. Hills, of the Cafe, Twyford. The Vicar, the Rev. Harold S. Morris, took the chair, and Mr. L. S. Lampard, conductor of the local band, the vice-chair. There were also present two of the old Twyford band of ringers, Mr. John Ashford and Mr. George Smith, both members of the Diocesan Guild, and who have attended those suppers for a number of years. Dr. G. A. E. Roberts, also an old supporter of the bellringers, and who has attended for very many years, Dr. G. Marsden Roberts, Dr. Hugh Mallinson, Major Duncan Lewis, Mr. Henry Hewlett (people's warden), Col. F. J. Parker (Vicar's warden), Mr. E. Watling, Mr. Arthur Smith, Mr. W. G. White, Mr. P. W. Lynch and the ringers. Mr. Walter Young, captain of the band, was unfortunately unable to be present.

After the supper the Vicar proposed the toast of 'The King,' and Major Lewis the toast of 'The Bellringers,' which was responded to by Mr. Lampard. The Vicar read the will, the copy of which had been brought from the church for the occasion. The following is an extract:—

'In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, in the will of William Davies, late of Twyford in the County of Southampton, deceased; dated twenty-second April, 1754, is as follows:—

'I also give to the Ringers of the Parish of Twyford the sum of twenty shillings to be paid them every year for ever, on the 7th day of October (New Style), provided they ring on the morning and evening of that day, but not otherwise. And I do hereby charge my freehold estate in Twyford with the payment thereof, and if the said sum of twenty shillings be not duly paid them every year as aforesaid, I do hereby give the Vicar of Twyford, for the time being, full power to enter on the whole or any part thereof for the use of the Ringers aforesaid.'

Mr. Lampard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the chair, and the Vicar, in reply, said that that evening was his 22nd year of attending those suppers.

The rest of the evening was spent in games, etc.

ABERAVON RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING.

In April last 15 Aberavon ringers and friends experienced a great disappointment when they arrived at a certain cafe to find that no supper awaited them—although it had been arranged for—and all had to return home empty. Needless to say, this establishment didn't get a second chance. However, all's well that ends well, and at the Charlton Cafe on Tuesday evening of last week, the ten ringers, with the Rev. W. H. Jones, Vicar, the Rev. Ivor Davies and the Rev. E. H. Jones, curates, and Mr. W. M. Evans, Vicar's warden (Mr. F. D. Jones, people's warden, was unable to attend owing to illness), sat down to a splendid supper, and an enjoyable 'free and easy' evening was spent.

The Vicar, in a short address, spoke of the good work the ringers were doing, and said how delighted he was to be there amongst them that evening, and hoped they would go on for years to come doing the work which they had undertaken.

A brief account of the bells, ringers and peals rung was given. The years of service of the ten ringers are as follows: Messrs. W. Williams (46), J. Weatherby (28), A. J. Pitman (22), W. J. Norton (21), E. Stitch (17), F. E. Stone (15), C. Hughes (11), C. Jones (7), C. Mathers (7) and G. Chappell (5); total 179 years. The bells were rung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1893, the first peal rung on them in 1904, and the first local peal was rung by eight of the above on March 20th, 1931, Mr. W. Williams taking part in both. The first peals on the bells of Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were all conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman. There have been 29 peals rung on the bells, but none without a local man in it.

Nearly all present said a few words, and all agreed that the gathering had been a great success, and spoke of making it an annual event, next time inviting wives and sweethearts. It was a disappointment to all that Mr. F. D. Jones was kept away through illness, everyone wishing him a speedy return to health.

E. S.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, October 18th, 1,056 Bob Major: G. Green 1, A. Bartholomew 2, P. Green (composer and conductor) 3, Miss W. Linn 4, P. Felton 5, F. A. Watts 6, H. Pennack 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, for evening service, on Sunday, October 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major in 44 mins.: W. Sturgess 1, W. J. Dove 2, A. Robinson 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Hoare 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. H. Austin 7, W. R. Parker (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 18th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, F. Turner 4, T. H. Townsend 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

EDMONTON.—On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Wheeler 1, J. Saxby 2, G. W. Fletcher 3, W. J. Bowden 4, G. B. Collins 5, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 6, J. Parker 7, P. Pearce 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 5th and tenor.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints on October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Davies 1, G. Davies 2, C. H. Woodberry 3, T. J. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, K. Salter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, A. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to Albert Wright and T. J. Salter.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Taylor 1, H. Taylor 2, H. Jackson 3, H. Pickles (first quarter-peal) 4, F. Walker 5, J. Clayton 6, E. Garside 7, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 8. All are regular service ringers at Mossley except the conductor, who comes from Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOUTEGATE.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters in 51 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, W. Pickworth 2, A. Crane (of Blechley) 3, D. Overington 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8, N. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor, and on the occasion of the christening of Jeffery Michael Pink, son and heir of one of the local band, the ringer of the third being uncle and of the tenor grandfather of the infant.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, at Christ Church for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: P. L. Dohlin (longest length in the method) 1, J. S. Morton 2, A. J. Hill 3, E. C. Patten 4, L. J. Cullum 5, F. A. Coley 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Grundy 1, N. Berry 2, John Denner 3, F. Grundy 4, John Potter (conductor) 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, C. Gudgeon 7, A. Burton 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving festival.

RINGER'S MOTOR-CYCLING FATALITY.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley Hastings, suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Fred Wooding, who met with a fatal motor-cycling accident on Sunday night, October 4th, and died in hospital the next morning without regaining consciousness. He was only 18 years of age, but had been ringing for six years, and had taken part in six peals.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday afternoon, and the coffin was borne to the grave by six members of the local band. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Smith), assisted by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

After the ceremony Mr. Wilford, with the local band, rang several touches of Minor with the bells fully muffled, and on the Sunday following the bells were rung half-muffled.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; St. Magnus' on 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock; preacher, Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

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. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Frequent electric trains to Guildford, and all ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, to be conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). Tea at 5 o'clock in Coventry Road School. The business meeting will follow. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 24th. Service 4 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Heartly welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wrexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A monthly practice meeting at Ufford at 6.30 on October 24th.—C. E. Fisher, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, October 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. On the afternoon of the 24th, the rings of eight at Headingley St. Michael's and Far Headingley, Christ Church, Upper Armley, together with the new ring of eight at Burley, will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Through unforeseen circumstances the bells of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, will not be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Langham (6). A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham Church on Saturday, October 24th. Service at 4.15 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at Dedham Gun Hotel, price 1s. each. Stratford (6) and Higham (6) will be available. Suffolk ringers living near district will be welcomed.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Chiseldon. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Norton (by Gaulby) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Eight bells. Red bus leaves Hind Hotel (L.M.S. Station) at 3.10 for Great Glen. Meet there 3.30. Proceed to King's Norton by car as arranged. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m. Names for tea must be guaranteed, and should be sent to me as soon as possible. Please make it your duty to attend and make it a good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Buckfastleigh (Ashburton not available). Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Luke's. Tea 5. Buckfast Abbey bells available 3 to 4 p.m.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, October 24th. Buses leave Millstone Lane (Platform No. 4) at 2.20 p.m. and every hour after. Will those requiring tea please advise Mrs. Harrison, Barton-in-Fabis, Notts, early.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the school.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., to mark the completion of the fund for the restoration of the old six bells and the provision of two additional trebles. Preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30. Bells available 2 p.m. to 3.15 and after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea will greatly assist by sending their names as soon as possible to the Rev. C. C. D. Oake, Ambrosden Vicarage, Bicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor and Liss on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available in both churches from 3 p.m. Service in Blackmoor Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, Blackmoor, at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—W. Read, Heather Park, Blackmoor, Liss.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Swanmore (6) also available before and after meeting. All ringers welcomed.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. Kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea at 4.30. Tea will only be provided for those who apply not later than Wednesday, October 28th. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3.15. Will those requiring tea please send card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 28th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Those intending to be present kindly advise by 27th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Elmley Castle (near Pershore) on Saturday, October 31st. Service with an address by the Rev. Harcourt Fowler at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday, October 27th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (9d.) and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 28th. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at Ten Bells 4.45, 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by the 28th inst. A good opportunity for ten-bell practice.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me on or before Thursday, October 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Market Drayton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting at 4.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (1s. each). Please send number for tea before the 26th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. Good bus service. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this new ring of six.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good number of ringers and friends are requested to attend, as the popular local tower secretary has 'something up his sleeve.' Kindly notify by the 27th for tea.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 31st, 1931. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the City Church of All Saints, Oxford, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, 28th.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

NORTH HERTS CALLING!—A meeting will be held at Kingswolden on Saturday, Oct. 31st. The bells (6), recently rehung on ball bearings, will be available from 3 p.m. As the tea question is rather a difficult one in these villages, a postcard if you wish to stay to tea would be much appreciated.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at Thorne. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough, near, Rotherham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall (not at Holbeck as suggested) on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Members are requested to attend this meeting; important business.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those wanting tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, 28th.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at Hallow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, November 4th. Buses run from Worcester every half-hour.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on November 7th. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Business includes nomination of officers for next year. Mr. F. Woodiss is arranging the tea. Members please send their numbers to him at 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, before November 5th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than November 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, November 7th. Six bells. Tea to those who notify Mr. E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, by the 4th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A special meeting of the above will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of the peal of ten at St. Oswald's Church. These bells have been restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. A special service will be held in church at 3.30 p.m., and bells will be available immediately afterwards. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street. Notice to Mr. Rosson, 6, Water Street, by November 4th. All ringers are welcome at this meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, November 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

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