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Now that the dark evenings are returning, there will be in many parishes a return of ringers to the belfry for the weekly practice, which in summer has been allowed to fade out. There are arguments for and against the maintenance of ringing practices in summer, and those who would keep them going are frequently also faced with hard facts, which make effort in this direction entirely futile. Force of circumstances compels them to close down while long evenings and outdoor labour and pursuits claim their members, yet there are other bands who succeed in keeping together, and find it possible to meet for the weekly practice as readily as the Sunday services. But whatever has been done or left undone through the past summer, now is the time to set out with renewed vigour and interest to make some definite effort during the coming winter. There are few bands in which there is not room for new ringers, and few also who are so accomplished that they have no new fields to conquer.

We believe it to be a fact that in something like half the towers in the country there are insufficient ringers to ring all the bells for the Sunday services. Here, then, is a great opportunity to do some useful work this winter by, first of all, bringing all the depleted bands up to full strength. 'Where are the recruits to come from?' we shall be asked. It is not always easy to find them, but we would say search first among the congregation—among those who are already devoted to their church and who may be looking for a way to serve it further. And remember that ringing in these days is not limited to men. Women may prove equally useful recruits to the belfry, while the boys as they leave the choir are also good material. Only one in ten, perhaps, of those who are started will stick to ringing, so the task will not be an easy one; but that is no reason why an effort should not be made to build up bands, and there is no success so sweet as that ultimately achieved in face of difficulties and discouragement.

In those towers where the band is fortunate enough to have a full complement there ought to be no marking time. No company should be satisfied with being able to ring Grandsire, or Plain Bob, or Treble Bob, or even London Surprise. There is always something else to be learned, and there is no excuse for stagnation. It may be that there are companies who have just learned the elementary stages of change ringing and who find themselves unable to advance further by their own unaided efforts. For these there is always help available if they will go to their associations and seek it. Most of the ringing organisations have schemes for providing instructors, but in any case there are nearly always men

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available who are only too ready to give their help voluntarily where they know that help is needed. Every band should set before themselves some new standard to aim at—a stronger company, an improved level of striking, a new method, a 'local' peal—anything, as long as it will require fresh effort and create new interest and lead in the end to the advancement of the art of change ringing. And so, as they say in another field, "Here's good huntin'."

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	ALFRED ADAMS 8
*BERT HORTON 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
JOHN C. ADAMS 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* 100th peal for the society. Rung on St. Matthew's Day to celebrate the opening of the new St. Matthew's Church and Blue Coat Schools, built at a cost of £25,000.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

A. JAMES HARRIS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*RONALD H. DOVE 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
*DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 300th peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
HARRY HOPKINS 2	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
HORACE BELCHER 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a 29th birthday compliment to Henry William Hawkins, son of the treble man, and to enable the ringer of the 6th to ring his first peal of Cambridge Royal.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, September 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 6
RALPH COLES 2	FRANK WEST 7
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	P. S. CECIL A. SMITH 8
GEORGE F. HINTON 4	EDWARD R. COLES 9
F. DONALD BOREHAM 5	WILLIAM H. PLUMBRIDGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

Rung by a complete band of Sunday service ringers in honour of the Rev. Charles Elliott Wigg, curate of All Saints', ordained priest in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on above date.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DARKE Treble	JOHN S. MORTON 5
*CYRIL E. PALMER 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
THOMAS H. CULVER 3	†BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	LIONEL J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 50th peal, also first peal as conductor.

STRETFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
ROBERT DAVIES 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by J. POTTER.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester on the 14th inst. Rung to celebrate the inauguration of the borough of Stretford, which took place the same day.

PINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
*ERNEST J. RUNTER 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
HERBERT DEVENISH 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 80th birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, of Great Tey, which occur on the 18th and 22nd September. Monthly peal for the district.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

ERIC SPEAKE Treble	HAROLD L. FLAVELL 5
THOMAS G. MARTIN 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
CHARLES R. COLLINS 4	*VICTOR FERGUSON Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal rung by members of a Church Army Social Centre, and was rung by eight members of the Blakenhall Branch as a mark of respect and farewell to Capt. and Mrs. R. S. Richardson, the local officers, prior to their departure for Egypt.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	PETER CHARMAN 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	JOHN COOK 6
WILLIAM M. STONE 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 17th, in connection with the harvest festival for a young people's service at the Church of St. Edmund, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins.: Miss D. G. Moir (first attempt on tower bells) 1, H. T. Eastbrooke (first 720 'inside') 2, A. S. Toseland 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

BROAD CLYST, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER Treble	EDWARD SPRAGUE 5
ALFRED LOVERING 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
FRED DIMOND 3	WILLIAM HAYMAN 7
JOHN M. SKINNER 4	CHARLES R. SANDFORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR STEDMAN Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 6
GORDON WHITIAM 3	JAMES E. BURLS 7
*JAMES E. BROWN 4	WILLIAM LANGHORNE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Brown, of Whitehaven.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in a new frame last December by Taylors. The circle was formerly anticlockwise. The band is particularly grateful to the Rector for affording the opportunity to ring this peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMEROSE, BRISTOL EAST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MRS. F. SKIDMORE Treble	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 5
†ALBERT C. BAKER 2	FRANK SKIDMORE 6
ALFRED KNIGHT 3	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE 4	*JOHN COX Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor. Arranged as a wedding compliment to the Rev. F. H. Cresswell Higgs (curate), who was married at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on September 12th. An attempt on the day of the wedding failed after about 1 hour 20 minutes.

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	HUGH THOMAS 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	PETER HEATH 6
EVAN COLES 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
FREDERICK HANNINGTON 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Arranged specially and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hilda Heath and Mr. Albert Stoodley, which took place the same afternoon at the neighbouring Parish Church of Rumney. The bride is the daughter of Mr. A. W. Heath, the ringer of the second bell, and a sister of the ringer of the 6th. The band take this opportunity of wishing them long life and happiness.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ..Treble	WILLIAM C. BUNN 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	FRANCIS W. NADNTON 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ALBERT E. WHITING 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First in the method by 5th ringer, and first in the method with an 'inside' bell by 4th ringer. J. Bennett has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... ..Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 18.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOSEPH BAILLY 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS 4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was arranged for Mr. N. C. Lewis, B.Sc. It was his first peal of Stedman.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRED PRICE ... ..Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS 4	JONATHAN PRESTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* 100th peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, it being his first peal for 38 years. The thanks of the band are due to him for his hospitality after the peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED L. RYMAN ... ..Treble	BERNARD SAUNDERS 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KERBLE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM DENT 5
AMBROSE MASON 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
GEORGE RASHBROOK 3	*JOHN W. EUSTON 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

* First peal of Surprise. This makes the 15th tower the conductor has 'circled.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..Treble	JOHN MCLEAN 4
JAMES E. BROWN 2	THOMAS W. VARREY 5
ALAN W. CASSON 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHEWAITE.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge.

ALFRED H. MARTIN ... ..Treble	AMOS SMART 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	FRANCIS BALL 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER:

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Two Hours and 1 thirty-Nine Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
PERCY L. HARRISON 3-4	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT 7-8
JOSHUA MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal 'in hand.'

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

*LILIAN M. WHEELER 1-2	†GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5-6
†GEORGE B. COLLINS 3-4	EDITH K. FLETCHER 7-8

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Umpire—Jas. Parker.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, September 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3-4	EDWARD J. BEER 7-8
STUART SANDFORD 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Harry Hovord.

First peal of Treble Ten 'in hand' by all. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bevan.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	GABRIEL LINDOFF	8
WILLIAM PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
JOHN G. NASH	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal in the county and by the Guild.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	JAMES BENNETT	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

JAMES BENNETT ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	3	GABRIEL LINDOFF	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung on the harvest festival.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

First Surprise peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the Isle of Wight. Rung on the harvest festival.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. NASH ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the Isle of Wight.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM PYE	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	GABRIEL LINDOFF	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	...Treble	JOHN G. NASH	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

RINGING TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE.

WITH A HOP INTO THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A full measure of success on a ringing tour is an event to be proud of, and the Hampshire tourists sincerely congratulate their Worcester-shire 'rivals' on the ringing of all the peals attempted. That the same measure of success did not attend their own efforts was, perhaps, due to a little bad luck, although nothing is certain in peal ringing, but the bare fact remains that two were lost through causes other than lapses on the part of the ringers themselves. Indeed, it was noticeable that on no occasion was a second start necessary, and, apart from the two abortive attempts, the programme arranged was carried out in its entirety.

The band met at North Stoneham at 4.30 p.m. on the 16th inst., where a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung, conducted by Mr. George Williams. The next morning London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters were the order for morning service, in which some of the local ringers took part.

At Dibden in the afternoon an attempt was made for London, but after one hour's good ringing the sixth rope broke below the sally ('Observer,' please note!). The whole of the party were afterwards the guests of the chairman of the Southampton Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to tea at the Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. Triton were warmly thanked by the ringers, before departure, for their generous hospitality. On Sunday evening part of the band rang at St. Mary's, Southampton, whilst others paid a visit to Christchurch Priory, where Grandsire Cinques was rung for even-song with other visitors and the local ringers.

Apart from the successful peals, which are duly recorded in the appropriate columns, an attempt was made for Bristol at Romeys Abbey on Tuesday, which failed after 2 hours and 50 minutes through the 5th rope slipping wheel, leaving the bell set up. Enough said!

At Whitchurch on Wednesday, after a good peal of Superlative had been rung, the band and friends were entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Rev. M. S. and Mrs. Douglas.

Thursday was a busy day, a rush to the Isle of Wight and back leaving not much time to spare, but two good peals were the result of the visit. Friday and Saturday brought four more successes, the peal ringing part of the tour concluding with a good peal of London at Ringwood. Six of the band shared in the conducting, and it is a point worthy of notice that Mr. Lindoff last called a peal of Cambridge 40 years ago!

The tour was arranged in an admirable way by Mr. George Williams, to whom the thanks of Mr. William Pye and his colleagues are due. Sincere thanks are also accorded to the Rector of Dibden and Mrs. Triton, and to the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas, of Whitchurch, for their hospitality, also to the several towerkeepers for having the bells ready at the towers visited. Practice on Tuesday evening at St. Mary's, Southampton, was attended by some of the party, whilst on Saturday, after the peal at Ringwood, some eight members of the band paid a visit to Christchurch Priory, where Mr. George Preston had very kindly arranged a special practice for their benefit. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were rung on the very fine peal in this beautiful old building, making a fitting termination to a very enjoyable ringing holiday. It is hardly necessary to add that the lovely scenery of the New Forest was greatly enjoyed on the many occasions it was passed through, whilst the shipping in Southampton Water was an object of interest, the 'Berengaria,' the 'Majestic' in dry-dock and the 'Empress of Britain' being specially noticed.

HANDBELLS AT WINCHESTER PRISON.

A LECTURE TO H.M.'s GUESTS.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews, a prominent member of Winchester Rotary Club, and captain of the Cathedral ringers, was invited to lecture on bells and change ringing at H.M. Prison, Winchester, on Wednesday, September 21st. He was accompanied by Mr. G. Noice and Miss Noice.

The party were met at the main entrance by the chaplain and chief warden, and were escorted through numerous doors and iron gates, and up winding stairs to the chapel, where about 200 prisoners were privileged to be present.

The lecturer, armed with a large assortment of manuscript, photographs and books, kept his audience's keen attention for about 30 or 40 minutes. He explained the casting of bells and how they were hung in church towers for ringing, and also described with the aid of diagrams on a blackboard the method of change ringing. He mentioned several outstanding peals of considerable merit that had been rung recently, including the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral, which he described as a very fine performance.

Miss Noice (1-2-3-4) and G. Noice (5-6-7-8) then rang on handbells courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and one or two other selections. This is believed to be the first change ringing ever done in one of H.M. Prisons.

At the conclusion, one of H.M. guests thanked the lecturer and his helpers for the very pleasant hour spent.—Mr. W. Andrews, responding on behalf of his colleagues and himself, said they were well repaid if a little pleasure had been given.

VETERAN AUSTRALIAN RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. J. M. GUEST.

The death occurred on August 15th at Melbourne, Australia, of a well-known ringer, Mr. J. M. Guest, at the advanced age of 87 years. Mr. Guest had been closely associated with ringing in Melbourne since his arrival there about the year 1880, first at St. James' Cathedral and later at St. Paul's Cathedral when the latter was consecrated in 1891. He remained at St. Paul's Cathedral for five years and then gave up ringing.

In 1907 he was induced to return, and remained an active member up to the time of his death. Mr. Guest rang in two peals—conducting Holt's ten-part January 1st, 1890, a year before the Cathedral was completed. Thirty-six years later (1926), at the age of 80, he rang the 6th to Reeves' Variation of the same peal, conducted by the late Arthur Fitzgerald. Mr. W. R. Madgwick also rang in this peal. With increasing years Mr. Guest seldom attempted to call, preferring to leave this to younger and aspiring men.

Mr. Guest was a native of Staffordshire, England, and attributed much of his knowledge to that well-known ringer and teacher, the late Mr. William Micklewright.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KNUTSFORD RECORD PEAL BAND.

The Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Marple on Saturday, September 16th. The weather was gloriously fine and sunny, and the old six bells were set going early. These bells were cast by Rudhall and hung in Stockport Parish Church, where they did duty until a new ring was installed there about 1800. Some years later the old bells were hung at Marple, where they have been ever since.

Service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Spackman), who also gave the address. Tea followed in the Parish Institute, at which over 40 sat down.

At the business meeting, which was held outside in the grounds, the chairman, Mr. James Fernley, sen., congratulated the band who had rung the record peal of Treble Bob Minor at Knutsford on August 5th. He said that it was a very great achievement, and they deserved every credit for their performance. They had upheld the prestige of the branch for Minor method ringing. The branch was proud of them, and hoped they would go on further still and break their own record in the future.

There was no business on the agenda for this meeting, and, after votes of thanks to the Vicar and all who had catered for the tea, a return was made to the tower.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEET AT TICKHILL.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Tickhill on Saturday, when upwards of 30 members were present, the towers represented being Conisborough, Rawmarsh, Ecclesfield, Eastwood, Rotherham, Barnsley, Doncaster, Norton, Arksey, Sheffield Cathedral and the local company. Touches in methods ranging from Stedman to Double Norwich were rung previous to tea.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Lewis presided. Messrs. W. H. and J. C. Taylor, of Handsworth, were elected members of the association.

For the next meeting on December 16th an invitation was kindly given by the Rotherham company to have the meeting at that tower, and this was accepted with thanks.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and to the local company concluded the meeting. It was very interesting to learn that one visitor had travelled from Essex, via Grimsby, to attend this meeting, which must be something of a record, but it is not true he was brushing up the dialect ready for the Snowden dinner at York.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Elkstone on Saturday afternoon, attended by some 30 members. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson, and a most interesting address delivered by the Rev. P. C. W. Earee. Tea, by invitation of the Rev. Tonkinson, was presided over by the branch chairman, Archdeacon Sears.

The business meeting was very short, and handbell ringing was indulged in and much appreciated.

Grateful thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting such a happy one. Amongst those present were the Rev. N. E. Hope, of Chedworth, and Mr. Fred Townsend, of Poole, Dorset.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the above branch was held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, September 16th. The bells were available to the visitors from 3 p.m., and several good touches were brought round before service time, which was 4.15. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Card, who gave an inspiring address on the duty of the ringer to his church and services.

Tea was served in the schools and was presided over by the Vicar. The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair. Although a non-ringer, he very tactfully conducted the business. He was supported by Mr. W. Short (Ringing Master of the association), Mr. H. F. Martin, Bromsgrove (Ringing Master of the branch), Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian), Mr. H. Mason, of Hagley, and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

The secretary read a letter from the Stourbridge ringers, giving them a very hearty invitation to hold their next meeting at Stourbridge on January 6th, 1934. It was unanimously agreed to accept that very kind invitation for the new year. Mr. A. Wyer, of Cradley, was disappointed that he had not been earlier with his invitation.

Special reference was made to the loss the association had sustained by the death of the Rev. P. C. Thomas, Vicar of Clent, who was always a warm friend of the association; also to Mr. W. Page, of Worcester, who had filled several offices of the association, the members standing in silence for a brief period. Apologies were received from Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, and Mr. H. Martin, of Birkenhead.—The Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. H. F. Martin, and the branch secretary were re-elected, and Mr. W. H. Webb, of Halesowen, was elected Central Committee representative. On the proposal of Mr. H. Mason, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Card) was elected an honorary member. Several performing members were also elected.

It was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted by the local company and conducted by G. H. Detheridge, jun. Mr. W. H. Webb emphasised the importance of the branch. The largest part of the county was in that branch. The secretary also asked the members to be kind enough to allot themselves the duty of letting him know if they would be likely to attend the meetings. He had only 30 names sent in, yet 60 turned up for tea. It was hardly fair to him or to the local ringers who had to provide for them.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ringers' wives who had so kindly assisted at the tables on the proposal of the Vicar, and he spoke very highly of their husbands, who gave of their best Sunday by Sunday.

Mr. H. F. Martin said it gave him great pleasure to move a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kind way he had received the ringers, for arranging the service and presiding at that meeting.

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BOSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

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and for the use of his bells, and to all those who had assisted to make them feel at home. The vote was carried with applause.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked them very sincerely for their vote of thanks and hoped the next time the branch visited Rowley Regis things would be more prosperous and they would be able to entertain them to tea.

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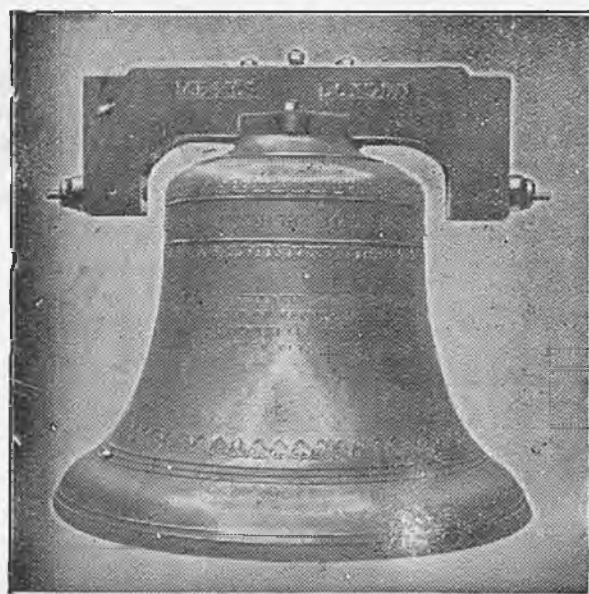
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A number of letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

The memorial to the late Mr. H. W. Wilde will be opened on October 28th. The memorial takes the form of a tablet, cast in bell metal and placed in the baptistry of Eccleston Church, near the belfry door. The tablet has been made by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Last Saturday, Mr. George H. Williams rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Coleshill. It was his first peal for 38 years! What a gap!

Mr. D. Cecil Williams, of Shirley, Southampton, has just taken the degree of Mus.Bac. in the University of Durham. Few ringers have achieved similar distinction.

Mr. W. J. Moss, of Stretford, Lancs, has just completed 35 years' service at St. Matthew's Church, where he learned to ring in 1898. He rang his first peal in 1902, and on September 18th of the same year his first peal in his home tower.

The 3rd bell at Rowberrow, Somerset, which was cracked by a chiming hammer, has been recast by Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, Surrey, and his sister, Mrs. Marshall, of Wroughton, in memory of their father and mother, the late Lt.-Col. J. B. and Mrs. E. M. Hesse.

The cracking of this bell was the source of some discussion at the last meeting of the Central Council.

A gentleman wrote to us this week for a copy of a method sheet and enclosed the cost—3d. We do not supply these publications; therefore, the application was forwarded to the hon. librarian of the Central Council. Moreover, the 3d. was sent through the post in coin of the realm—result, a surcharge of 6d. on the letter! This is going to be a profitable transaction for someone.

The Rev. C. Elliott Wigg, curate at All Saints', High Wycombe, who was recently appointed Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was on Sunday, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, ordained priest. A peal in honour of the event was rung by a local band, of which Mr. Wigg is a popular member, at High Wycombe on the same day.

A member of the Oxford University Society was giving some explanations to a beginner, when a friend standing by, but not interested in the matter, observed, 'It doesn't sound a very respectable sort of business—such a lot of dodging and lying in it.'

By the way, the first meeting of the society for the new academical year will be held on October 10th.

The peal of Bob Royal rung at Gravesend on Sunday, September 17th, should have been credited to the Kent County Association.

REMOVAL OF A LINCOLN CHURCH.

ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES TO BE DEMOLISHED.

A £15,000 scheme to remove the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, to another district has been adopted. The new site is in the parish of St. Giles, and the material of the old church is to be absorbed into a new and larger building, which, owing to the circumstances of the site, is to face west instead of east.

St. Peter-at-Arches has a ring of eight bells and a 'ting-tang.' These are to be retuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and hung in the new church.

PREJUDICE IN HIGH PLACES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Quite seriously and earnestly I implore you to reprint the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of September 15th, and earnestly I ask someone who has inter-diocesan knowledge to direct a copy of this reprint to the chairman and secretary of every Diocesan Advisory Committee. It is, as your article says, 'the opposition of a type of antiquarian' which is so baneful.

You might also open your correspondence column to receive stories of fatuous suggestions put forward by diocesan architects and such.

Here is one. The frame in the parish of T— is eaten by death-watch beetle and wood worm. It is built so high that it swings backwards and forwards. The ends of the beams are rotten. The parish, naturally, wanted a new frame, and got a tender from two leading firms of bellhangers. But in steps the diocesan architect and describes this suggestion as 'vandalism,' and gets out a scheme for splicing, undergirding and patching the old frame, which then 'might last 60 years.'

Knowing the difficulty of facing the Advisory Committee with the architect against them, the parish thought it best to get estimates for this patchwork scheme. The estimates were slightly higher than the cost of a new frame.

Fortunately, a certain Canon, who is a well-known ringer, was good enough to come down and give his opinion. I need not say what his advice was.

There the matter stands at present, but is it not monstrous that a parish should be at the mercy of a committee of country parsons who know as much about bell frames and ringing as a cow knows about ironing a shirt?

R. H.

MEMORIAL TO RINGING ADMIRAL.

BELLS DEDICATED AT WOKING.

A memorial to the late Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O., for nearly a quarter of a century churchwarden of the Parish Church, Woking, and hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild from its foundation until his death, was dedicated on Friday. A bronze tablet on marble has been erected in the church, and the bells, which he loved so well, have been tuned and the sixth recast. The Guildford Diocesan Guild associated themselves with the parochial scheme, and undertook to defray the recasting of the cracked bell, and so readily did the members respond that, when it was found that more money was needed to complete the scheme than had been raised locally, the Guild contributed the balance.

The work in connection with the bells was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who in 1929 added the two trebles, for the provision of which Admiral Walker was chiefly responsible. A vast improvement has been effected in the ring, which are now one of the finest in the diocese. The tenor is now approximately 18½ cwt. The new sixth bell is inscribed:—

'This bell was recast by the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers in memory of their first Hon. Treasurer, Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O. A.D. 1935.'

The inscription on the tablet, which is surmounted by a naval anchor, is:—

In affectionate memory of Admiral Thomas Philip Walker, D.S.O., for upwards of 24 years (1908-32) churchwarden of this church. Entered into rest 27th August, 1932. The bells in the tower were retuned and this tablet erected by friends and relatives.

The dedication took place at the harvest festival service, and was performed by Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop and Archdeacon of Dorset). There was a large congregation, Mrs. Walker (the widow) and other members of the family being present. Many ringers attended, including the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, G. Glode (Guildford), W. Denyer and C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), A. Harman, A. H. Smith and W. Whiting (Leatherhead), H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) and Mrs. Kippin, Mr. F. E. Dawe and a full muster of the local band, including Mr. J. Brackley (captain) and Mr. D. Munday (hon. secretary). Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders.

The Vicar (Canon G. Askwith) conducted the service, and the Bishop first dedicated the tablet, after which a procession to the tower was formed. Those who assembled in the ringing room with the Bishop were the Vicar, the churchwardens (Lt.-Col. R. R. Hill and Mr. F. C. T. Mann), Mr. A. E. Garrod (hon. treasurer of the Memorial Fund), the Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. A. Hughes and the local ringers.

The Master, on behalf of the Guild, requested the Bishop to dedicate the new bell to the memory of Thomas Philip Walker, while the Vicar, on behalf of the subscribers, requested him to rededicate the other bells.

The Bishop then performed the ceremony with the prayers customary on such occasions, and while the clergy and churchwardens returned to the chancel, the local ringers rang the bells in some good rounds. The Bishop preached a striking and thought-provoking sermon from the words, 'For what we have received may the Lord make us truly thankful.'

Afterwards, the hour being rather late, ringing was limited to two short touches of Stedman Triples, the first being by a band representative of all the four districts of the Guild.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S 'GIFT OF LOVE.'

The proceedings were continued on Saturday, when the Guild held a special meeting, which was attended by over fifty ringers from all parts of the diocese. A service was first held in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Guild's form being used. This includes the 150th Psalm, which was specially sung at the late Admiral's funeral, and the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' which was one of his favourite hymns.

The Vicar, in his address, paid a tribute to the late Admiral Walker's services and devotion to that church and the diocese, and spoke of the special interest which in his later years he displayed in the ringing of church bells. The tribute which they, as ringers, were paying to him that day was, he said, not one of mere memory, but a practical token of esteem and affection. On the previous evening they had dedicated the memorial tablet and the returned bells, and he thought it was a wise and considerate suggestion on the part of the hon. secretary of their Guild that they should have that service in order that the ringers who were unable to be present at the dedication service might feel that they were not left out of some little share in what was being done. On behalf of himself, the churchwardens and the members of his own belfry, he welcomed the Guild. The Vicar then went on to speak of the message of the bells, which, he said, was one of cheer, comfort and a call to come to the House of God. Such a message could be given effectually only when sent out by straight men and women. They must not contradict in their lives the message they wanted to give.

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RINGING TOURS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of the 22nd can only be described by any broad-thinking ringer as rot and rubbish. I heartily agree (as I think 75 per cent. of ringers would if it was put to a vote) with the remarks of Tyson Hogarth, of Keswick. To your question of would it be fair to expect touring bands to make room for a local in their peals, I would, and I believe scores of others too, decidedly answer, 'Yes.' How many ringers worthy of the name of change ringers are there who could not at the least ring treble to any Plain or Treble Bob method or drum tenor to Stedman? Yet these men would rather ring those bells themselves than give a chance to a local whose generosity they are enjoying for their ring at that particular tower. Whether the parson grants the use of the bells or not, the locals have also a perfect right to say who shall ring at their tower and who not. It would be so at the home tower of any of these touring bands, and they would not be particular at saying what method should be rung. I know of plenty of towers where, if a Grandsire band wanted a peal there, they would be refused, but if a Surprise band asked to go they would almost run after them with a taxi to meet them. No band who were genuinely out for a pull at a strange tower would mind what method they rang providing it was 'struck.' The very fact that they want to pick out those methods which only fit in with their own ideas proves that they are for themselves and themselves only. Such ringers are useless and only ornaments to the Exercise.

My remarks can be proved still further by anyone who takes the trouble to read 'The Ringing World' thoroughly each week, as I have done for 12 years. They should know that these touring bands act exactly the same when at home as when out, for they never do any helping with learners (as far as peal ringing is concerned at any rate). They are 'Surprise mad' and nothing else, and one can only express surprise at you, sir, backing up ringers with such selfish methods, particularly when one reads other articles of yours preaching the encouragement of beginners.

'A VOICE FROM NORTHANTS.'

We are sorry to have provoked 'A Voice from Northants' to such a wrathful outburst, but, having thus delivered himself, perhaps he will read the 'rot and rubbish' again, when he may have time to realise that he has taken out and criticised one sentence from a reasoned argument and ignored the rest as well as the hard facts of these ringing tours. 'A Voice from Northants' apparently belongs to a ringer who imagines that peals should only be rung for the benefit of beginners. Peal ringing of any other sort is anathema to him. We doubt if those who read his letter will put him in the category of 'broad thinking' ringers. A peal ringing tour, when ringers travel hundreds of miles at great expense for a set purpose, is on a different basis to peal ringing carried on locally, but, of course, you cannot make people see this if they have made up their minds that they do not want to see it.—EDITOR, 'R. W.'

(Continued from previous column.)

Afterwards ringing took place, and later tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by Mrs. Walker, the churchwardens (Lt.-Col. Hill and Mr. Mann), the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary of the Guild.

After tea the Vicar extended a welcome to the ringers, and the hon. secretary expressed the gratification of the Guild in being able to take a share in the memorial to Admiral Walker. He apologised for the absence of the vice-presidents (Mr. Walter Harrison and the Provost, the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) and the Master (Major Hesse). In their absence he had, he said, great pleasure in handing to the Vicar the Guild's donation to the Memorial Fund—a cheque for £60—and expressed the hope that the bells, which had been vastly improved, would find no lack of enthusiastic ringers to maintain the purpose for which they were placed in the tower and the art which Admiral Walker was so keen to foster.

The Vicar expressed deep appreciation of the Guild's generous gift, but reminded those present that they had got it at tremendous cost—the loss of Admiral Walker. The Vicar added that he was pleased to see so many young ringers present, showing that there were those coming on who would be able to take the places of the older members.

Lt.-Col. Hill, who succeeded Admiral Walker as churchwarden, thanked the Guild for their invitation to be present that day. He had, he said, a great interest in everything connected with Woking Parish Church, but after the proceedings connected with that memorial he would have a still greater practical interest in the bell-ringers and sympathy with their work.

The hon. secretary thanked the Vicar for holding the service and the use of the bells. He also thanked him and the churchwardens for their presence, and said they were specially honoured in having with them Mrs. Walker, whose interest in the Guild, first prompted by her husband, had continued to grow.

Mrs. Walker made an exceedingly gracious and brave speech in reply, in the course of which she thanked the Guild for their 'gift of love.'

Afterwards the ringers returned to the tower, where touches in a variety of methods were rung—from rounds to London Surprise. Five ladies took part in the ringing, and one of them, Miss Viggart, of Aldershot, rang the tenor admirably to a touch of Stedman Triples.

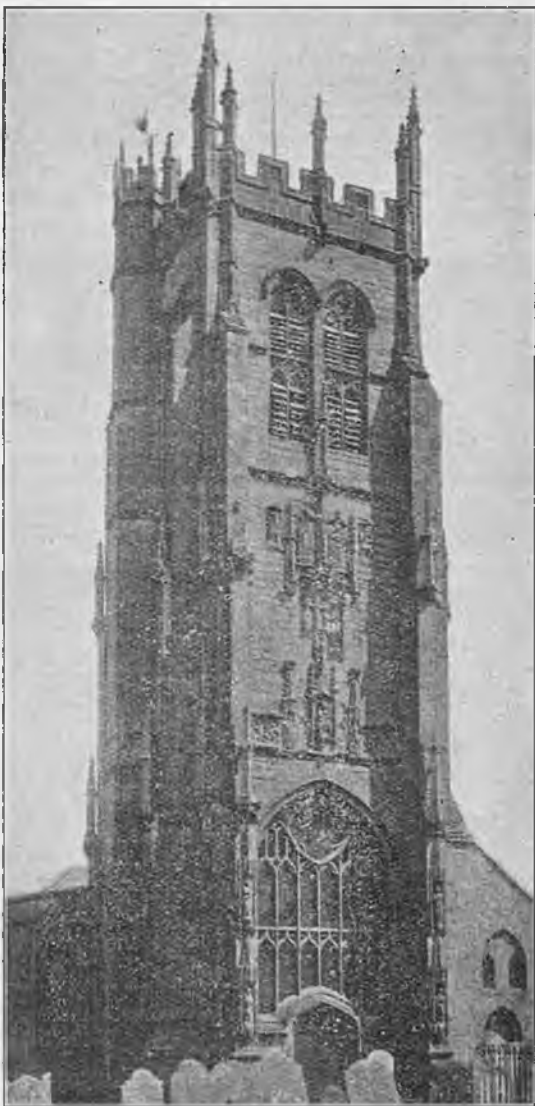
WANDERINGS IN WESSEX.

SOME DORSET TOWERS.

Dorset is rightly called 'a county of varied charms,' for here the wanderer can find some of the finest of cliff scenery; bold, rugged hills; gently smiling valleys, babbling streams; woodland, wild heath, and 'high places,' from which one can obtain views as varied as they are beautiful. But Dorset's charms do not end here; the ringer will find an additional attraction in the glorious towers and bells which abound in this region.

Some 'tower grabbers' from Bucks spent an enjoyable fortnight amongst these Dorset bells, which are as varied as the scenery.

Ringling activities began at All Saints', Wyke Regis, on the first Sunday morning, where we met with a hearty welcome from the local band, and greatly enjoyed the touches on these lovely bells. The evening found us at Dorchester, where, after exploring the



BEAMINSTER'S 'TUDOR TOWER OF RED STONE.'

fascinating old Roman town and Maumbury Rings (an excellent specimen of a Roman amphitheatre), we rang on the fine bells at the ancient Church of St. Peter. Outside this church stands a statue of the Dorset poet, William Barnes, famed for his charming poems in the Dorset dialect.

'Sweet Be'mi'ster, that bist abound
By green and woody hills all round.'

Thus Barnes describes the secluded, quiet little town of Beaminster, placed in a charming countryside, from which its 'Tudor tower of red stone' (the finest in Dorset) rises with great dignity. What a thrill we felt as we studied the wonderful architecture of the tower and its magnificent proportions. And what a grand setting for the famous bells that hang within the tower. These are a fine ring of eight, cast by Thomas Bilbie and his son in 1765, in the adjoining churchyard, owing to difficulties of transport in those days. In spite of the obstacles which they must have encountered, the Bilbies succeeded in casting a maiden peal, which is a sheer delight to listen to. All the bells of this notable ring bear the names of the founders, 'T. Bilbie, sen., and T. Bilbie, jun.,' the names of the churchwardens, Thomas Harris and John Hearn, and the date, 1765. In addition the tenor bears the inscription, 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.'

A climb to the top of the lofty tower reveals a wondrous view of

'The zwellin' downs wi' chalky tracks,

A climmin' up their zunny backs.' (BARNES.)

And so a long cherished dream was fulfilled—to ring on Bilbie's masterpiece—and as we thanked the enthusiastic ringers who met us there (some at considerable inconvenience), and made it possible for us to try these glorious bells, we secretly cherished the hope that we might have the privilege of ringing a peal there—some day.

Saturday was devoted to an interesting tour of Dorset in a comfortable motor coach, with facilities for ringing in four towers. The first call was made at Puddletown, a peaceful little village, though not so many years ago it was a flourishing market town. It was interesting to find that this church is the one described by Thomas Hardy in his novel, 'Far from the madding crowd.' The fine, carved oak singing gallery, dated 1635, is still to be seen. Here Thomas Hardy's father used to play as one of the musicians accompanying the choir. But the glory of the church is to be seen in the beautiful old silver-grey oak roof, wonderfully carved, which was added in 1400, and which has, unfortunately, been found to be unsafe through attacks by the death watch beetle. After ringing on the handy little peal of six here, we journeyed on to Bere Regis—the Kingsbere of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'—where the tombs, memorials and famous window of the Turberville family may be seen. This beautiful church has a pinnacled tower and an extraordinary timber roof, richly carved, ornamented and painted with figures of cardinals and bishops. Two touches were rung here before the journey was resumed to Milton Abbey, where a meeting was in progress. This glorious Abbey, set in such beautiful, natural surroundings, forms a picture which will long remain in our memories, but as it has already been described in 'The Ringing World' I will say no more. After taking part in the service and social arrangements, and enjoying a few touches on the harmonious eight, we visited the charming little old-world village of Hilton. Here we safely negotiated the thick darkness of the bellfry steps, and rang our last touches for the day—a day that will not easily be forgotten.

On Sunday evening, after exploring the fascinating ruins of Corfe Castle, we were enabled to ring on a beautiful modern eight at Kingston, cast by John Taylor and Co. 50-60 years ago. Here we received quite a welcome, for the ringers were short-handed owing to several of their members having been called away to fight a heath fire some miles off. However, we just numbered eight, and the bells were soon going to a nice little touch of Grandsire, in which the mellow music of the bells was heard to good advantage. The time passed all too quickly, and we felt like expressing Oliver Twist's sentiments; at all events we certainly hope to repeat this experience at some future date!

The church itself was worth the visit, being known as Street's masterpiece; it is built of the beautiful Purbeck marble and stone, all of which was quarried within two miles of the church. Situated on a tree-clad eminence, it commands a wonderful panorama of the surrounding district.

Monday was devoted to the varied interests of Abbotsbury—the old Abbey ruins and picturesque fifteenth-century tithe barn (the largest in England), the quaint little Chapel of St. Catherine on the extreme summit of a hill, the attractive swannery, and the ancient Church of St. Nicholas. Here we spent a happy evening with the local ringers, together with some enthusiasts from Dorchester and Upwey, and became so much engrossed that we nearly forgot there was such a thing as a last train!

The following day was spent at Lulworth, 'that small basin of sea enclosed by the cliffs,' and one of the most romantic spots on the south coast. The afternoon was spent at Holy Trinity Church, West Lulworth, where some very enjoyable touches were brought round, thanks to the assistance of two of the local ringers.

We should like to express here our very great appreciation of all the kindness which was extended to us by the genial Dorset ringers during our stay in Dorset, and also the very deep debt of gratitude which we owe to Mr. C. H. Jennings, the hard-working secretary of the Dorchester District, who did so much, through his abilities as guide and ringer, to add to the enjoyment of an extremely happy holiday.

D. R. F.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Members from both dioceses attended the meeting held at Peterston on Saturday, September 16th. It was most interesting to learn that the locals had made definite arrangements to reorganise the ringers, who for the past couple of years had done little ringing. The band is formed, a new leader appointed and there is every likelihood of Peterston band being once again affiliated to the association after a lapse of about 15 years. The bells, a ring of six, were rung during the afternoon in the standard methods, and at 4.30 service commenced, the Vicar, the Rev. M. Jones-Powell, D.D., who for many years was Vicar of Cardiff, officiating.

Following the service tea was taken in the Church Hall through the generosity of the Vicar. The business meeting followed, and the various items dealt with included reading of minutes, instructors' reports, restorations and the election of several new members. The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for taking the chair, for the service, for the use of the bells and for his hospitality. Afterwards the bells were kept going unusually late, bringing to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting. The next meeting will be held at Bedwellty.

DEVON GUILD BRANCH MEETING.

The Exeter District Branch of the Devon Guild held an autumn meeting at Kenn, near Exeter, on Sept. 16th, with an attendance of 34 members, although facility for ringing was practically limited to the six bells of the Parish Church.

A service in the fine old church was conducted by the venerable Rector, the Rev. F. W. Vining, with organ and choir. Tea in the Schoolroom adjoining the Rectory was followed by the business meeting, under the chairman of the branch. The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, presented certificates to seven members of Ide band, and congratulated the voluntary instructors on their success. Mr. Cox said he thought Kenn was one of the most lovely churches they could visit for their meetings, and the presence of the Rector at their meeting was an honour for which they were grateful. He hoped the spirit of unselfishness which had borne such good fruit at Ide would be continued, and that members would show ambition to progress in their ringing to something higher than the plain methods. He emphasised the need of greater support for 'The Ringing World,' of which every tower should regularly take at least one copy weekly.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Mr. A. T. Truman, the local representative, having appealed for assistance in training some recruits, after discussion it was resolved to apply for a grant for car hire, as the bus service was unsuitable. After the meeting members returned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. A party went over to Exminster to ring there, a three miles walk through typical Devonshire lanes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held their autumn meeting at Spelsbury on Saturday, September 9th, with about 50 in attendance. Ringing commenced at 2 o'clock. The service was held in the church at 4 o'clock, when the Vicar gave the address.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall. After tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman). The Chairman asked all members to stand in silence in remembrance of an old member, the late F. Candy, of Chipping Norton, who was always a regular attendant at their meetings. The secretary (Mr. J. Kye) then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted and passed.

Kingham was chosen for the annual spring meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Spelsbury for his invitation there that day and also for giving the address, also to the organist, blower and ladies for providing the tea. The ringers then rang at the following towers: Spelsbury, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Churchill and Chipping Norton, the following methods being rung: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Ringers took part from Chipping Norton, Churchill, Chastleton, Charlbury, Ilmington, Shipton and Coventry. This brought to a close a very successful meeting.

WEDDING BELLS AT RUMNEY, CARDIFF.

On Monday week the wedding was solemnised by the Rev. F. A. Oswell (a bellringer), who deputised for the Vicar, of Mr. Albert Stoodley and Miss Hilda Heath, daughter of the popular Cardiff ringer, Mr. Bill Heath. The bride was given away by her father and looked most charming, as also did her young sisters, prettily dressed, who acted as bridesmaids. Whilst the register was being signed the bells struck out in the usual rounds, Queens and firing and were kept going for nearly an hour. It had been arranged to go for a peal on Rumney bells, but, owing to a serious case of illness near the church, it could not be attempted. In the meantime, not to be disappointed, the Vicar personally arranged with the Vicar of Peterston for the use of his bells; the peal was rung as recorded elsewhere. The ringers were afterwards the guests of Mr. Heath.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FEERING, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for harvest festival matins; 1,040 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, R. Grainger 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, H. Nichols 6, C. W. Burton 7, F. Fludder 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,230 changes): R. Grainger 1, A. Mason 2, C. W. Burton 3, J. Elliott 4, E. Mingay 5, W. Elliott 6, G. Hayward 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by ringers of 1 and 4.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denis' Church on Sunday morning, September 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: L. Mitchell (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Hammond 2, A. Lewery 3, A. Helder 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, W. Hitchenside 7, H. Hammond 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On September 24th, at St. Nicolas' Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: B. Rawlinson 1, W. Butler 2, V. Glass 3, W. Mellin 4, J. Chalk 5, A. Evers 6, W. J. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8. Also arranged for Mr. J. Chalk, who used to belong to the local company.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church for harvest festival morning service on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Howells 1, J. Hanson 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins 5, Will Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 24th, at St. John's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (A. P. Wakely's composition): W. A. Waylen 1, Miss F. M. Child 2, L. J. Lockyer (first quarter-peal) 3, A. G. Rose 4, Miss M. White (conductor) 5, H. Bennett 6, H. R. Mitchell 7, F. Longman 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, W. Pickworth 3, D. Ovington 4, G. Plater 5, S. Wade 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: W. F. Holloway 1, H. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. H. Kilby 4, J. H. Botham 5, T. J. Look (conductor) 6, T. Collins 7, E. B. Hartley 8. Rung for morning service on the occasion of the incorporation of the borough of Willesden and visit of the Bishop of Willesden and the Charter Mayor.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Over thirty members visited Berkswell on Saturday, September 16th, to try the bells which have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Those who had rung there on previous occasions pronounced a marked improvement in the 'go' of the bells. The only drawback is that there is so little space for the ringers to stand. However, when the difficulty of ropesight was overcome, some good ringing resulted. After tea much amusement was caused by Mr. W. A. Stote (Coventry) producing from his pockets a set of handbells, the tenor of which was about 3in. in diameter. The handles were of wood.

The tower bells were put to good use again in the evening until about 8 o'clock, the majority of the better known methods being rung. The following towers were represented: Allesley, Arley, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Erdington, Lillington, Nuneaton, Stoke (Coventry) and Warwick. The best thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. James, the local captain, for his welcome and the trouble taken to ensure the success of the meeting.

NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, October 7th, at Andover. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 2, Vigo Road, Andover, for tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newton Parsonage, Newbury.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chawton, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6), available from 2.30, also at Bentworth (5), about three miles distant. Service at S. Nicolas', Chawton, 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m.—A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d., non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Committee meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head). General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton (six bells) and Holbrook (six bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Bus leaves Ipswich at 2, 2.30 and 3 for Holbrook R.N. School (near Stutton Church), 1s. return fare. Also Harkstead (6), which is one mile from Chelmondiston by the Shotley bus, thence 1½ miles to Holbrook. Tea at Holbrook Compasses at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 6th cup contest will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells open to visitors after tea. Please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, if you require tea. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham, Saturday, September 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 5, with address by the Dean of Durham. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 o'clock, followed by the annual meeting, and concluding with a social evening. Admission to Cathedral belfry at 2, 2.30, 3.30, 4 and 4.30 only. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 30th. A service will be held at St. Thomas' Church at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Mears Ashby (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (five bells) on Saturday, September 30th.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Nearest station, Charfield.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Method for special practice, Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—October meetings at St. Clement Danes', W.C.: Sunday, October 1st, service ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, October 2nd, practice at 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; Mondays, 16th and 30th, practices at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting will be held at 8.15 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd, following a practice at 6.30 p.m. at St. Clement Danes', Strand. All members should attend.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Thursday, October 5th. Bells open 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar, 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please let me know by October 1st?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than October 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Willesden, Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by October 4th. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me? These bells have recently been recast and rehung in modern fittings.—E. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting to be held at Bampton on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Talbot Hotel. All those wishing to attend let me know by first post Thursday, October 5th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by October 2nd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 7th. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Gaywood's Rooms, at 5.15 p.m. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, October 5th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Tickets for Jubilee Dinner (3s. 6d.) are available, early application necessary.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? Tea 1s. each, members 6d. All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 7th. Short service at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by tea at the Townhead Tea Rooms. (Tea is by kind invitation of the St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh.) Those intending to be present please let me know by Monday, October 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the North Norfolk and West Norfolk Branches of the above association will be held at Elmham on Saturday, October 7th. Please advise W. B. Duncan, Reepham, Norfolk, or myself, if coming.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish on Saturday, October 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify Mr. E. Birchall, Preston Road, Standish, for tea (6d. per head) before Wednesday, October 4th.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Youlgrove on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Uffington on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (5) available at 2.30. Service at 3.30. Please notify for tea by October 5th.—R. Gillling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to an error, the branch meeting will not be held at Moorside, but will be at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5 p.m. Christ Church bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Willesden on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5.30 p.m. All members requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, October 3rd.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. It is requested that all members requiring tea will please advise Mr. Harry Chapman, Keyston, Hunts, by October 5th.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, October 7th, instead of September 30th, as per calendar.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambs, and R. C. Sharpe, Newmarket, Dis. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby (eight bells) on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will ringers intending to be present please let me know before Tuesday, 3rd?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley (eight bells) on Saturday, October 7th. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bellhouse Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, at 1s. per head, not later than October 5th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Warrington, on Saturday, October 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles', Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough (eight bells) on Saturday, October 7th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, October 3rd, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, October 7th. Arrangements as usual.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kelston on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 3rd?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTER.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). Frame repaired and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by Right Rev. E. J. Palmer, Assistant Bishop of Gloucester, on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. Bells available during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—St. Mary's Church.—The ring of five bells (tenor 11 cwt.), recast, frame repaired, and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Archdeacon of Hastings on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the academical year will be on October 10th. The secretary will be glad to give information to prospective new members, whether already ringers or not. Special attention is given to teaching beginners.—Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m. 'Sing-song and chin-chin' in St. John's Hall from 7.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning. —J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson) a joint meeting of the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Branches will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 10th? —Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note, a combined practice will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Tuesday, October 10th, for Surprise methods, commencing 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poulton Parish Church on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Rd., Blackpool, S.S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses paid to members up to 2s. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is arranged to take place at King's Langley on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringers—learners and otherwise—cordially welcome. This tower is easy of access, can be reached easiest by bus. What about it? A postcard by previous Wednesday, please.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Further details next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (by invitation of the wardens). Service 6.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Liverpool, 4. A hearty welcome to all.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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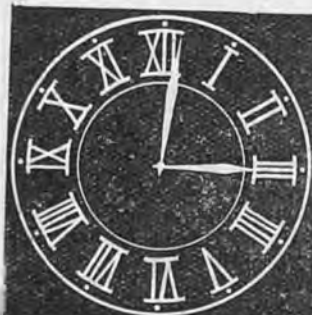
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