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There was something more than personal interest in the gathering of ringers which took place in London on Saturday, when those who a year before started out on the tour to Australia met to commemorate the event. It was the materialisation of a happy suggestion that they foregathered thus, to be reunited for a few hours in the atmosphere in which they travelled as companions through sixteen wonderful weeks. Here in England they are a very scattered company, but their great adventure together had united them in the strongest ties of friendship, and it was only natural that so fitting an occasion as the first anniversary of their sailing should be seized to meet as a party once again. But the reunion had a greater significance than this. It proved to be a gathering of wide interest and brought together, as never before, probably, in ringing history, a company from far away parts of the British Empire. The presence of ringers from South Africa and Tasmania, as well as of others who had not only visited, like last year's tourists, but actually lived and rung in Australia and New Zealand, made it a memorable gathering.

Until a year ago the ties between ringers in the out-flung parts of the Empire and those in the homeland had been very flimsy; indeed, they hardly existed except in the common interest in the art, and interest in ringing in the Dominions is apt to reach a very low ebb. Facilities are few and far between, and a man cut off from bells must naturally find his interest flagging. Even where there are companies it is hard to maintain keenness, and only those who have had the struggle to keep ringing going in such isolated centres can fully realise the difficulties. But the tour to Australia last year did at least two things. It stirred up a new interest among the ringers and churchpeople in the Commonwealth—as our readers have seen in the reports which have come to hand from time to time. A course of Grandsire Doubles here, a peal attempt there and, in the case of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, the decision to add more bells, and at Hobart, to have bells hung for ringing instead of for chiming only at the Cathedral. That is one thing.

The other is the kindling of a new spirit among the ringers in Australia, and, we hope, in New Zealand as well. They know now that their efforts to raise the flag and keep it flying is not only their own concern. They know that the ringers of this country are following their endeavours with the closest interest and solicitude. That alone is an incentive worth having. If from this vast distance it is not possible to extend a helping hand to the ropes, the encouragement that can be given from the

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Motherland will surely not be wasted. The bonds of friendship which were created and cemented during last year's tour will, we hope, be lasting in character and their maintenance, coupled with the interest which such a gathering as last Saturday's creates, may in due time produce another band of adventurers to visit their brethren in those distant parts of Empire, to give them further inspiration and help.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	JOSEPH JESSOP 6
THOMAS STRANGEWAYS 2	LEONARD DRAKE 7
*ALBERT HUGHES 3	FRANCIS BARKER 8
FREDERICK W. DIXON 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 9
FRANK RENTON 5	*SIDNEY BARRON Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH

* First peal of Caters.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 6
ERNEST STITCH 2	*REGINALD ADDIS 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 3	†THOMAS J. SETTER 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

LONDON.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 3	GEORGE MARTIN 8
JOSEPH HARCADISTLE 4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 9
*CHARLES SHARPLES 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

First peal in the method for the society and rung on the anniversary of the sailing, in 1934, of the English ringers who toured Australia. All the above have rung a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. * First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY Treble	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLLER 2	J. HILTON SYKES 6
VICTOR COPLEY 3	CHARLES H. GILLOTT 7
WILLIS HAIGH 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

The annual peal. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary Brearley, B.A., and Miss Bessie Brearley, A.L.C.M., older daughters of the treble ringer, and sisters of the conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	HERBERT CHADDOCK ... 5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 7
HAROLD DENMAN ... 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. O. Burchnall and Miss M. Pinney, who were married in London the same day.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SFERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
FRED HARTMAN ... 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... 7
GEORGE JONES ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
 First peal in the method by all. First peal of Hereward Major in Wales.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
 * First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	†RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
 * First peal in the method. † 400th peal for the Guild. First Surprise peal on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... 5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
FREDERICK W. HOODSEN ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Treble	JOHN W. UNWIN ... 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 6
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE ... 4	GEORGE H. SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 11, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 5
TOM O'HARA ... 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 6
*VICTOR COPLEY ... 3	J. HYLTON SYKES ... 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
 * First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANK BENNETT ... Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 5
ROBERT J. DAWZ ... 2	GEORGE W. STOKES ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
*JOHN WHITEHEAD ... 4	†JOHN C. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
 * First attempt for peal of Stedman. † First peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARNOLD ARMITAGE ... Treble	FRANK LORD ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 6
FRED LACEY ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
ERNEST BRITAIN ... 4	*HAROLD JUDD ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
 * First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY LACEY ... Treble	*SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 5
LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 2	JOHN GRUNDY ... 6
GEORGE BUTLER ... 3	HORACE MOULT ... 7
JOHN BOOTH ... 4	*BERT QUEMBY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. STEVENS.
 * First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor, and arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

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BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	FRANCIS KIRK 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey, and a patron of the association. It was the conductor's 150th peal (all on tower bells) for the Herts Association and his 25th on above bell.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*RONALD F. SALTER Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT 6
FRANK BROWN 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
ALBERT COPPOCK 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH Tenor

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRETT.

* First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	*JAMES G. NEWMAN 5
ALBERT FLEET 2	HARRY TYSOE 6
EDGAR H. TINGEY 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	FREDERICK BOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Cyril Herbert, vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH 5
WM. E. PITMAN, Mus. Bac. ... 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*REGINALD A. BALDOCK 4	*JOHN W. EUSTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN.

* First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
WALTER H. RAXTER 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Raxter, this being his first peal in a Treble Bob method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*LEWIS BUSH Treble	FRED WIGMORE 5
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 6
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Weir, curate at this church, who was married in London on September 7th.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	A. PADDON SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

* 100th peal. First peal of Major as conductor on tower bells. Rung in the octave of the 74th dedication festival of this church.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE CORNWALL Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 5
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	ERNEST COX 6
JOHN J. WEBB 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... Treble	*MRS. L. L. EAST 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT 6
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
HORACE BYFIELD 4	†WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRETT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Thompson.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, September 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Dickens 1, G. F. Swann 2, W. H. Funge 3, W. H. Hall 4, J. Preston 5, W. G. Anker 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, E. Roper 8. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of Sir Alfred H. Evans, J.P., the ringers wishing him 'many happy returns of the day.'

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SIX BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Headington,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE HORWOOD Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4
RICHARD A. POST 2	FRANCIS E. MAY 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, 10 of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob, and eight of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 17 cwt.

R. DANIELS Treble	A. WILLIAMS 4
W. OAKLEY 2	L. HARPER 5
G. KILMINSTER 3	C. STAITE Tenor

Conducted by W. OAKLEY.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Crane, a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first association meeting held at this tower.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

E. A. STEVENSON Treble	H. C. READ 4
MRS. H. CARTER 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
H. F. CARTER 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

Rung in honour of H. C. Read's wedding.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

GORDON LIMMER Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	JAMES F. SMITH 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Birmingham.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre, (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (4) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (6) London, Cuneastre and Wells, (7) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
*CHARLES W. WOODS 2	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 26 methods. Arranged for the wedding of Mr. G. E. Pickering and Miss E. A. Neal, daughter of the tower captain, who were married in this church the same afternoon.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) London Bob and Lytham Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (7) College and Wavertree College. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LOIS M. NEALE Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minute

In the Belfry of St. Michael's.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT 3-4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First half of peal composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Second half of peal composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Umpire: J. A. Godfrey. First peal on handbells by the ringer of 1-2 for 23 years.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

On the Lawn at Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

*EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	†GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First handbell peal in the method. † 100th handbell peal. ‡ First peal in the method. This peal was witnessed by seven ringers and others.

The following peals were rung during a ringing tour in and near Dorset:—

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRED. W. ROGERS.
First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

KEITH HART Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise in the county and by the Guild.

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SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	5
KEITH HART	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol Surprise in the tower. C. E. Smith's 250th peal.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	5
KEITH HART	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING	5
KEITH HART	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ORIGINAL.

There is a tendency among many ringers to despise the simple things, but there is often a great deal to be learned from them. One of the neglected methods is 'Original,' so called, we presume, because it is the foundation of all methods—the plain hunting of all the bells. Nothing is simpler than this in change ringing—that is probably why it is neglected, but it is splendid practice. Indeed, it is surprising that more use is not made of it as an introduction to the art for the beginner.

Plain hunting has been fully explained in these hints to beginners, but briefly to recapitulate: After leading you strike in turn in all the places on the way to the back, until you get behind. Thus, if you have five bells, when you have led, you strike in 2nd's, 3rd's, 4th's, twice in 5th's (which constitutes the whole pull behind and turns you round, so to speak), and then go back to lead a step at a time—4th's, 3rd's, 2nd's. How to find the right bell to strike over was described last week. Read that article if you missed it, it may help you.

Now the method, Original, consists merely of this plain hunting. The odd bells (1, 3, 5, etc.) start by hunting up, and the even bells (2, 4, 6, etc.) by hunting down. Actually you can ring the method by starting the bells in the opposite directions, but we need not bother about that here.

If you ring Doubles, the bells come round at the end of ten changes; if you ring Minor, at the end of twelve changes, and so on. There are just twice as many changes in a plain course as there are bells employed. Let us confine ourselves for the moment to Doubles. In order to get the full 120 changes, bobs and singles must be employed, as in any other method, and the conductor will find the calling an interesting job, even if the method is simple, because the bobs can come very close together.

In the construction of the Doubles you get all the bells in turn leading a whole pull right, that is, at handstroke and backstroke. At the other end of the changes, the whole pulls behind come at backstroke and handstroke, and the bob is made by a bell making 3rd's place and causing the bells in 4-5 to dodge, one after its whole pull behind and the other before it. The bell making 3rd's place goes back to lead, in front of, instead of behind, the bells that dodged.

When a single is called, the bells behind, instead of dodging, 'lie still,' as it is called; that is the bell coming down makes a whole pull in 4th's over the bell making 3rd's, and then lies another whole pull behind; the bell going up lies a whole pull behind (two blows over the same bell), and hunts straight down.

THE CONDUCTOR'S JOB.

Now, if you once have rope sight, it ought not to be very difficult to ring this method, but the conductor has got to keep awake. He can get 60 changes by calling a bob as he passes down through 3-2 for the first time, and another bob a whole pull later, just as he leads. Then after going behind he calls a bob just as he leads the next time. This he does twice more alternately, and the bells come round at the end of the course—that will be when the conductor gets back to the point from which he started. In the actual ringing those who are dodging behind at the first of the pair of bobs must remember to stop for another dodge when the second bob is called.

To extend the 60 changes to the full 120, two singles are needed, which must be called in the corresponding place in each half. For convenience, as a first attempt, it may be well to call it in passing through 3-2 coming down the last time in each half, in which case it has to be followed by the remaining bob a whole pull later. Here are the figures of this 120; they may help the budding conductor.

12345

21435

24153

Call first bob 42513

45251

Call second bob 54213 First bob made here

52431

25413

24531

42351

43215

34125

31452

13542

15324

Call third bob 51234

52143

25134

21543

12453

14235

Third bob made here

This, repeated twice, produces 60 changes. The complete 120 is got by calling a single the last time you pass through 3-2, and then ringing another 60 changes in the same way. The studious conductor will soon learn to put his singles elsewhere if he wishes, and he will probably be quick to find out that the calling of the bobs may be varied by having one in the first course and two in the second, and also by using any of the five bells as his 'observation.'

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SOUTH WALES.**PENARTH'S ACQUISITION.**

Penarth Parish Church now has the proud possession of a musical ring of eight bells. The old ring of six bells had been silent for the past few years, and, thanks to an anonymous donor, were recently sent to the Loughborough Foundry, where they have been broken up and recast into a ring of eight, with tenor 12½ cwt., and hung with entirely new fittings in a metal frame.

The Bishop of Llandaff dedicated the new bells at a special service on Wednesday evening, September 11th. The church, a very large one, was full to overflowing, many of the congregation having to stand. Immediately following the dedication ceremony, the bells were rung in rounds whilst the clergy returned to their places. The Lord Bishop gave an address.

The opening touch was one of Stedman Triples, rung by members of the Diocesan Association. Afterwards various methods were rung by visiting ringers. Everyone was delighted with the beautiful tone and go of the bells, which reflect the highest credit on the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT HENFIELD.**

On Saturday, September 14th, a very successful meeting of the Southern Division was held at Henfield. Fifty ringers were present from Brighton (St. Nicholas', St. Peter's, and the Good Shepherd), Shoreham, Steyning, Lower Beeding, Billingshurst, Hurstpierpoint, Bolney, Twineham, Tunbridge Wells, Worthing, Hastings, Lewes, Warnham, Southborough, and also from the local tower.

The Rev. Canon R. J. Lea (Vicar) conducted the service, and the Rev. S. G. Blaikie preached from the text, 'As workers together with him,' stressing the point that ringers were also members of the Church organisation.

Tea took place in the Church Room, and was by the kind invitation of the Vicar, who also presided over the business meeting which followed.

New members were elected from Shoreham, Mr. F. Page; non-resident, Mr. R. V. Fuller, of Reigate; and the division was pleased to welcome another honorary member from Henfield, Mr. P. J. Avis.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality and his arrangements at the service.

A collection was also made for the Benevolent Fund of the association amounting to 17s.

At six o'clock the bells, which had been kept going during the afternoon, were set going again to methods which ranged from rounds to Bristol and London Surprise, while some good touches of Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on handbells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**FRESH GROUND BROKEN.**

For the first time during its 57 years' existence, the Norwich Diocesan Association visited Upper Sheringham and received a very hearty welcome from the Rev. J. F. G. Guinness and Squire H. E. S. Upcher.

Members were present from Aylsham, Buxton, Cromer, Northrepps, Norwich, North Walsham, Wiveton, Dersingham, Fakenham, Saxlingham, and the local band, and a variety of methods rung on the six bells during the afternoon and evening.

A short service conducted by the Vicar was followed by tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting Messrs. Sydney Flint (Dersingham) and John King (Bodham) were elected members of the association; Wymondham was selected as the venue of the next meeting on December 7th, and Mr. Coleman (general secretary) made known the Central Council's decision to compile a register of peals rung prior to 1826.

It was decided to consider ways and means of teaching a band at the local tower, and, in conclusion, the Vicar was thanked for the use of his bells, his address and his hospitality.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING.**

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, September 7th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Beedon, Hungerford, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore and Thatcham. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master) was present with visitors from Beaconsfield, Swindon, Bramley, Aldbourne, Farnborough, Twyford and Wootton Hill.

The Rev. H. Wardley King (Vicar of Hungerford) being away on holiday, service was conducted by the Rev. C. Elliot Inchbald, of Hungerford, who gave a very helpful address. Mr. D. Davis was at the organ. Tea was served in the Church House, 36 sitting down. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 16th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. Elliot Inchbald for his address and welcome, to Mr. Davis for playing the organ, and to Mr. and Mrs. Reed for providing the tea.

The Deputy Master addressed the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were no belfry elections necessary before the peal at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, rung for the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. All the ringers held the society's certificate of membership.

For those who are interested in such facts, here is a coincidence. The conductor, who thus called the first peal for the Melbourne Society in the British Isles, had previously called the first peal of Cinques, out of the British Isles, in Melbourne. More than 30 years ago in Ireland he called the first Surprise peal rung out of England, and, a little later, the first Irish Association peal rung in England.

A very pleasant joint meeting of the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Thames Ditton on Saturday week, and was attended by about 30 ringers, most of whom were members of the two organisations.

In the notice of the East Grinstead and District Guild meeting at Lindfield in our last issue, the date was erroneously given as September 21st. The meeting was, however, held last Saturday.

The London County Association's Sunday evening ringing at Bow is postponed until September 28th.

Ringings at St. John's Church, Worcester, on the occasion of the Worcestershire Association's annual dinner on September 28th is curtailed to one hour—from 4 to 5 p.m.

Lancashire and Northern ringers will have an opportunity of seeing and hearing Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's ringing machine at Preston on September 28th. There are, of course, only two of these machines in the world. The other, invented by Mr. John Carter, is in the South Kensington Science Museum.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are rehanging the ring of five bells of Melbury Abbas, Dorset.

Mr. Fred G. Goddard has just completed 53 years as a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth on Sunday evening celebrated the event.

The reports of a number of ringing excursions and a letter from Mr. G. L. Joyce on the Central Council publications are unavoidably held over until next week.

REV. W. GREENWOOD'S RETIREMENT.

VICAR OF STEDMAN'S CHURCH AT CAMBRIDGE.

The Rev. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, retired last Saturday. Ordained 59 years ago, he was for ten years Vicar of Foxton, and was appointed to St. Bene't's in 1907 by Corpus Christi, who are the rectors and patrons. Despite his 82 years, Mr. Greenwood has until recently taken an active part in the life of the parish.

It was largely owing to the wholehearted support given by Mr. Greenwood that the restoration of the Saxon tower of St. Benedict's and the rehanging of the bells on which Fabian Stedman rang were made possible to the ringers of the world, to commemorate the tercentenary in 1931 of Stedman's birth.

CHIMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The point raised by 'Campanologist' is an interesting one, as it must involve the question of church clocks. If ordinary chiming is harmful to bells, then the clock chimes must be equally harmful.

Those of us who listen to some of the broadcast services can sympathise with the inhabitants of 'Campanologist's' parish, as bells are often chimed for the Sunday evening broadcast instead of being rung as one would expect.

PHILIP A. CORBY.

Sydenham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Shropshire Association selected one of the most northerly towers in the county for the September meeting, held at Ellesmere.

Transport facilities and holidays restricted the attendance somewhat, but the following towers were represented: Hodnet, Wem, Shrewsbury (St. Chad's), Coalbrookdale, Great Ness, Whittington, Stanton and the local company. A visitor in the person of Mr. Dean, Stoke-on-Trent, was a welcome addition.

The melodious and historic ring of bells were much appreciated by all, although the weight (tenor 25 cwt.) was a little too much for six-bell ringers. Stedman is practically the only method rung by the Ellesmere company, and so Stedman Triples was the order of the day, with Grandsire Doubles, rung with 6-7-8 and 4-6-8 covering, for learners, to whom some useful practice was given.

The next meeting is at Edgmond, near Newport, on a date to be announced shortly.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Holy Trinity Church, Dartford, on Saturday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Jenkins 1, J. Wheadon 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, F. Walker 5, N. Summerhayes 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, H. Simmons 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, and as a 79th birthday compliment to the tenorman.

AN 'EMPIRE' GATHERING OF RINGERS.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF SAILING DAY.

Visitors from South Africa and Tasmania.

Ringers from Tasmania and South Africa and others who have visited and rung in Australia and New Zealand were present at the Australian Tourists' Reunion gathering in London on Saturday, the anniversary of their departure from England.

On September 14th, 1934, a party of twelve sailed out of the river Thames on that great adventure, which was to take them on a memorable journey of over thirty thousand miles, and ending, for some of them, in a trip round the world. While the tour was still in progress a suggestion was made that, all being well, they should celebrate the event with a meeting when the anniversary came round, for these ringers, when at home, are widely scattered through the country.

As the arrangements for this reunion took shape, it became apparent that others, beside the tourists, would like to share in the proceedings, and the upshot was that a party of over 70 dined together on Saturday evening at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Prior to this, however, the tourists, as members of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Clement Danes' Church—the Australian Church in London—the special interest in this, apart from the fact that it was the society's first peal in the method and its first peal in England, being that all the band had rung a peal in the Cathedral at Melbourne, nine of them being of the party who rang there last October, and the tenth, Mr. W. R. Madgwick, who rang a peal at St. Paul's in 1925—the last peal rung in Australia before the visit of the tourists.

While this was in progress, others who had come to join in the gathering were able to enjoy ringing on the ten bells at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the eight at St. James', Clerkenwell.

Dinner at the Bedford Head was presided over by the Rev. E. Banks James, who was supported by Canon G. H. Ridout (Johannesburg), Mr. M. R. Taylor (Hobart), and, in addition to the tourists, ringers were present from Liverpool, Oxford, Gloucester, Burton-on-Trent, Walthamstow, Slough, East Ham, Harrow Weald, Putney, Crayford, Gravesend, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, Ealing, Cookham, Croydon, etc. Some of those who attended had been present to see the party off on their journey a year before, and the gathering proved a very happy one.

After dinner a short toast list was gone through. The Chairman proposed 'The King' and spoke of the loyalty of Australians to the Crown.

MESSAGES FROM AUSTRALIA.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having first expressed regret at the absence of one of the members of the party—Mrs. Sharples, who was unable to be present—mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) and Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool), and a telegram addressed to 'Empire Ringers, Bedford Head,' conveying 'Best wishes for happy evening from Guildford Diocesan Guild and visitors at Haslemere.' Mr. Goldsmith then read a letter of greeting from St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. In this, Mr. A. A. Savage (the hon. secretary) said: It is understood that a reunion of bellringers who took the long journey here towards the end of last year is being arranged in London on the anniversary of the sailing date from England. It is the wish of the ringers of St. Paul's, Melbourne, that I should convey to you on that occasion their best wishes and appreciation of your visit here. You set us a standard of bellringing and fellowship that we must endeavour to follow. Your visit cannot fail to have a lasting effect for good. Of course, progress in change ringing in Australia is slow, and we are afraid it always will be, as there are so few ringable bells here, and continued practice, which is so helpful, is practically out of the question. It would have given great pleasure to the ringers of St. Paul's to be with you at the reunion, but perhaps you may arrange the next reunion in Melbourne (laughter and applause). Adelaide has a centenary next year. The peals you rang here are not forgotten. The Chapter has had under consideration for many weeks the tablet for the Cinques, and it has been decided to have a record of the peal of Royal and the handbell peal printed and framed. In conclusion, the St. Paul's ringers hope your meeting will be most happy and enjoyable and the peal of Royal successful.

Those who made the journey, continued Mr. Goldsmith, would ever remember the personal kindnesses extended to them by Mr. and Mrs. Savage, whose home was always open to them all. Mr. and Mrs. Savage had written a letter conveying their best wishes 'to the good people who took the long journey to Australia last year.' 'We assure you,' added the letter, 'that your visit here will never be forgotten by us. Your company gave to us the greatest pleasure we have had since we left England. Our only regret was that we were not able to do more for you. When you left Melbourne it was, to us, like being parted from a big, happy family, with the consolation that we had met and made friends with the best people in England.'

We should have enjoyed, very much, spending the evening with you' (applause).

ACTIVITY AT BALLAARAT.

Mr. Goldsmith also read a message from Miss Frey Shimmin, of Melbourne, who took part in the peal of Cinques, and an extract from a letter from Mr. H. R. Maddern, secretary of the ringers at Ballarat Town Hall, in the course of which he said that he had recently given three broadcast talks on bellringing, the first on the history and uses of bells, the second on methods of ringing,

and the third, from the belfry itself, describing the Alfred Memorial bells in the Town Hall, with a descriptive 'ring out' on them and a few minutes of Grandsire Triples on handbells. 'The result of the broadcast did much for bellringing, and practice is now possible, with the very comforting feeling that our fellow-citizens do in some measure appreciate our difficulties,' said Mr. Maddern. He added: 'We have since turned our attention to the handbells once more, and this time we progressed with the plain course of Grandsire Doubles. At this we soon became proficient, and then followed some ringing practice with the tongues tied. A few weeks at this, and then the stage was set for an open go. To our delight we went through like a seasoned team. We certainly felt proud of our achievement, and a reference in the local Press the following day was most congratulatory, and concluded with something like "Giant oaks from tiny acorns grow." A very true saying, indeed, and we hope that some day we will get a peal' (applause).



MR. A. A. SAVAGE.

Mr. Maddern sent his greetings to all the ringers of the tourist party. Miss Frey Shimmin, the young Australian lady who took part in the peal of Cinques at Melbourne, also sent a message of greeting, with wishes for success and a happy gathering. She added that she hoped some day to visit England, and, said Mr. Goldsmith, if she did she would certainly receive a great welcome (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith went on to propose the toast of 'Our Australian Friends.' He referred to the wonderful time which the Australian ringers and churchpeople in the centres visited gave to the tourists. Their hospitality was unbounded from Perth to Sydney, from Melbourne to Hobart, and was continued in New Zealand to those fortunate enough to visit those islands. The visitors made many fast friendships on this historic journey, and they were delighted to have with them that night Mr. Malcolm Taylor, one of the Hobart ringers, who had recently come to England to stay for about a year. He wished success and prosperity to all their Australian friends (applause).

Mr. Taylor briefly responded to the toast. He said that in Tasmania they were delighted to extend what hospitality they could to the English tourists, and since he landed in England three weeks ago he had received nothing but kindness. There were many difficulties confronting ringers in Tasmania, as they would realise when they remembered that there were at present only one peal of bells and only about twelve ringers in the whole State. It would not, however, be the fault of the bellringers in England if he did not become an efficient ringer before he returned to Tasmania (applause).

REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPIRE.

Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed 'The Visitors.' He said a year ago that day a party of twelve left the British Isles and travelled in the Southern hemisphere. They came back again from that wonderful journey, and he was thankful to say were all alive to meet again on that occasion. On behalf of the Australian team he sincerely thanked all those who, although they were friends, some of them of many years' standing, had come as visitors to meet them that night. It was typical of the warm and kindly feeling that existed among ringers, and helped to cement the brotherhood. It promoted the art of ringing and was an aid to the welfare of the Church and her bells (applause). That gathering was an Empire gathering. The Empire

was like part of a patchwork quilt. They had with them Canon Ridout from one corner—South Africa. They had with them Mr. Taylor from another corner—Tasmania. They also had Australia represented by Mr. Madgwick, who lived there for some years and rang a peal at Melbourne long before the visit of the touring party, and who was almost entitled to be called an Australian. Then there was with them Mr. Richard Deal, who also lived in Australia for some years, and Mr. John Cheesman, who from his residence in the islands and his love of Christchurch could be said to represent New Zealand. It was a very happy thing to have these representatives of the Dominions with them that night to cement the bond of Empire, and the tourists felt honoured to have their company (applause).

BELLS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Canon Ridout, who responded, said he nearly joined in the Australian tour. He received an invitation from Mr. Fussell to do so, and had made all arrangements, when, at the eleventh hour, he was prevented by the coming of visitors to stay with him for some months. He then asked himself if it was worth while inviting the tourists to visit South Africa on the way, but he came to the conclusion it would hardly have been worth their trouble, for there were only four rings of bells in the country—a heavy eight, quite unringable, at Grahamstown Cathedral, a peal of eight at Woodstock, a suburb of Cape Town, and a ring of ten and a ring of eight, both in good order at Durban. At these last-named churches there used to be some change ringing done, but the ringers had drifted away, and he was afraid change ringing was now moribund. Canon Ridout referred to other bells in the Union, not hung for ringing, including a fine carillon of 48 bells in Cape Town, and to others in towers too fragile to allow the bells to be swung. At Johannesburg Cathedral, eighty feet of the tower had been erected, but another 100 feet had to be built before it was completed. The authorities there missed a great opportunity 30 years ago, when a gentleman, very fond of Beverley, offered the then Rector, if he would undertake to build the tower, to write a cheque at once for a peal of bells like St. John's, Beverley, with a 40 cwt. tenor and a six ton bourdon bell. But the Church Council turned it down, and a great opportunity was missed. Next year Johannesburg would be celebrating its jubilee, and the church there would be keeping its jubilee the year after. The Dean was hoping that the completion of the tower might then materialise and a full ring of twelve bells be put in (applause). He himself was in charge of a poor Mission, and it had taken 20 years to raise the money for a church, so that he was afraid that it would be many years, and long after his time, before they got a tower and bells. Canon Ridout went on to refer to the few ringers scattered about South Africa, among them Mr. F. G. May, formerly of Bristol, and to another whom he met there years ago, Mr. E. H. Behan, who is now in Melbourne, and who spent some time with the tourists during their visit. In South Africa, Canon Ridout concluded, they tried to keep up their heart, and looked forward to the future with the hope that developments would not be too long in coming (applause).

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed 'The Australian Tourists,' whose undertaking, he said, had aroused the admiration of everyone. Few people, he was sure, anticipated the success that attended the trip. For himself, he expected they might ring three or four eight-bell peals, perhaps, but the result, both in organisation and peals, was a wonderful achievement, in which the peal of Cinques stood out foremost in the whole tour (applause). All other outings paled into insignificance against this tour, and it was not beyond imagination that it might be repeated at some future date. If it was after next Christmas he hoped he would be able to go as well (applause). It was a very happy idea to meet on that anniversary, and he hoped the tourists would long be spared to meet together (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Afterwards Mr. Rupert Richardson gave an exhibition of the cinematograph pictures which he took on the tour, and this proved full of interest to the party. Mr. Goldsmith acted as commentator, and the company were shown life on shipboard, scenes in and around Melbourne, including the many wonderfully decorated cars in the floral float procession during the centenary festival. The beauties of Tasmania; the gold diggings, for the benefit of the Duke of Gloucester, in Bendigo; Sydney Harbour and Blue Mountain scenery; and native life in Ceylon, Aden and Port Said, as well as many of the interesting features of Malta, were passed over the screen, and with intervals for handbell ringing, the entertainment lasted nearly two hours and a half. At the close Mr. T. J. Fowler proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Goldsmith, which was carried by acclamation.

It was a memorable gathering and a delightful evening.

The thanks of the tourists are due to the Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) for permitting the peal to be rung, and to Mr. J. S. Hawkins for having the bells in readiness. The thanks of all the visitors, too, must be given to the Rectors of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. James', Clerkenwell, for the use of the bells at those churches, and to Mr. W. Hewett and Mr. A. W. Coles for their services in this connection.

A VISIT TO SALISBURY.

FARNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Farnham, Surrey, for their 14th annual outing on Saturday, August 17th, had a circular tour to Salisbury and back. Leaving by coach at 7.40 a.m., the ringers, with their wives and friends and Messrs. Denyer, sen., and Jonas (Aldershot) and Alexander (Farnborough), proceeded via Odiham and Basingstoke to Whitechurch, where they were met by Mr. Clarke, of the local band. Here a pull on this nice ring of eight was enjoyed for about three-quarters of an hour, every ringer of the party having a touch. After ringing, the party was welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Taylor, late of Binsted, to whom several of the ringers were known personally, Mr. Taylor having, whilst at Binsted, been hon. secretary of the Alton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The party were invited by the Vicar to inspect a new electric organ of beautiful tone which has recently been presented to the church, and on which Mr. Wiltshire (organist at St. James' Church, Farnham), who was one of the party, played for a short time.

On leaving Whitechurch, the journey was continued through Andover and Amesbury to Stonehenge, where a halt was made for about half an hour to allow an inspection of the Monoliths, in which the whole party were greatly interested. Salisbury was reached at 11.50 a.m. Here the party dispersed for refreshments and a general look around, many of them visiting the Cathedral. At lunch at the Central Cafe the party was joined by Canon E. M. Girling, Rector of Farnham, Mrs. Girling and Miss Girling, who had motored to Salisbury for the purpose, and Mr. F. W. Romaine, of St. Martin's band, Salisbury.

Mr. Edwards, in a short speech, said how pleased the whole party were to have the honour of the Rector, Mrs. and Miss Girling with them. He referred to the good feeling that had always existed between the Rector and the bellringers since the Canon had been the incumbent. The Rector was at all times willing to let them have the use of the bells, when they wanted them, not only for themselves, but also for any band of ringers who might be visiting Farnham.

The Rector replied in a happy speech. Last year, he said, he was not able to be present, owing to being in Germany, but this year, as in previous years, it gave him great pleasure to be with them again, and hoped it would not be the last occasion he would join them at their annual outings.

After lunch with Mr. Romaine, the ringers proceeded to St. Martin's Church, where further ringing was indulged in for nearly an hour, before going on to Romsey, which was reached at 4.50 p.m. The ringers were met by Mr. Paskins, of the local band, and at the fine old Abbey the splendid peal of eight were made good use of for about an hour, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The journey was then continued via Winchester, Alresford and Alton (with stops for refreshment, etc.) to Farnham, which was reached at 9.30 p.m., everyone having had an enjoyable day. The weather was ideal for the occasion.

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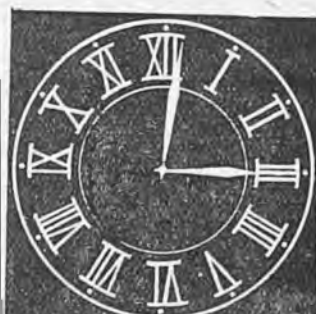
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THE WEEK IN THE WEST.

By 'RIPONIAN.'

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A SOCIAL EVENING.

From Fry's a return was made to St. Mary Redcliffe, where there was permission to ring. A short period of waiting gave an opportunity of inspecting what is reputed to be the finest parish church in England. It is a magnificent church, and has, through the munificence of Lord Dulverton (a member of the Wills family), been most carefully restored. One of the assistant clergy welcomed us to St. Mary Redcliffe and its bells. Everyone was given an opportunity of ringing on this famous ring of twelve, with a tenor 50½ cwt., and after a pleasant hour's ringing, the back ten were brought down in peal. Bidding farewell to a veteran ringer who had turned out to see the visitors on hearing the bells, they returned to headquarters at The Assize Courts Hotel for the official social evening of the tour.

A large room had been reserved, and a company of about 60 assembled under the presidency of the chairman of the B.U.R.G. The company consisted of the tourists, together with members of the B.U.R.G. and their wives and friends. Bill Thomas was present, and on this occasion found it necessary to produce two 'Kitties,' the first disappearing unexpectedly early.

A varied and interesting programme had been arranged. Mr. George Veale sang some good West Country and humorous songs and was assisted at the piano by a brother of Mr. Edgar Guise. Mr. Hart, one of the tourists, rendered selections upon the piano, including Mr. Poppy's favourite song, 'Poor Old Joe.' The company was mystified by some clever conjuring tricks performed by Mr. E. M. Leaker, nephew of Mr. F. Leaker, the Bristol ringer, but regret was felt that he could not produce a fresh 'Kitty' for Bill Thomas. Mr. G. W. Spikes (bass-baritone) was in excellent voice and sang some fine old songs in good style. A quintette of the tourists sang some of the hits of the week, including the 'Kruschen Song,' by special request of the ladies. The cigars, cigarettes and tobacco provided by Messrs. Wills earlier in the day were in evidence, and the party were pleased to have with them some of the lady Guides from the tobacco factory. The waiters were kept busy, and used some unusual methods and receptacles for conveying the refreshments into the room. The beer came up in buckets instead of pint pots.

During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. Edgar Guise, to whose brilliant organisation and hard work the success of the tour was so largely due. The presentation took the form of a solid silver cigarette case, subscribed for by all the tourists. Mr. John Swinfield, in asking Mr. Guise to accept this token of esteem, spoke of the good work done by Mr. Guise and by the B.U.R.G. as a body. He appealed to all ringers present to support the New Directory, shortly to be published by the B.U.R.G., and to support 'The Ringing World,' pointing out that such a tour would have been impossible without the columns of this journal in which to advertise.

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. GUISE.

Mrs. Thompson made the presentation on behalf of the company, and thanked Mr. Guise for his efforts. She stated that though she herself was not a ringer, her daughter was, and she (Mrs. Thompson) read 'The Ringing World' from cover to cover every week.

Mr. Edgar Guise, in thanking the tourists for the present, accepted it on behalf of the B.U.R.G., and stated that he would endeavour to have the case, full, on the table at all meetings of the Guild. He pointed out that the number of applicants for the tour was just sufficient, and hoped that future tours would be equally successful: the fact that 17 of the members of the present touring party had taken part in the last tour was a pleasant feature, and he (Mr. Guise) was pleased to do all in his power to assist the Guild.

Later in the evening copies of the Jubilee Edition of the Bristol City Handbook were presented as souvenirs to the tourists. Dancing followed, and some of the younger members gave evidence that the rhythm of the bell(s) is not the only rhythm that appeals to them.

The dancing and balancing feats of one gentleman caused much amusement, but eventually met with disaster. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the honouring of the King brought a successful evening to a close.

Most of the party then made their way to St. Michael's Hill, but the tourists' quintet were seen, accompanied by certain ladies, going in the direction of the Corner House. We understand that these gentlemen acted as guides to their lady guides of Messrs. Wills, but, missing all the late cars back into the city centre, were observed by the police 'hiking' through Bristol in the direction of St. Michael's at varying times in the early hours of the morning, the baby of the party being the last to arrive.

So ended a varied and interesting day.

A FINE AND FINAL DAY.

Saturday brought a fine day and seven towers. 'Freddie' and his coach first took the party to Churchill, where the peal of six (tenor 13 cwt.) was rung in good style. At Banwell they found a new organ in process of being built, and they also admired some good wood-work in the church. The bells are a rather heavy six, both in weight and 'go,' and would be preferable as an eight. The tenor is 24 cwt.

At Burrington Coombe a stop was made to photograph the 'Rock of Ages,' the rock, in the cleft of which, according to tradition, Top-lady, sheltering from a storm, found the inspiration for his well-

known hymn. To the accompaniment of 'Dusty Rhodes' mouth organ, the choir rendered the first verse of this hymn, sitting on the actual rock.

The run through Cheddar Gorge was much admired, and when Cheddar was reached some of the party took the opportunity of inspecting the famous caves. Lunch was served at the Cliff Hotel, at the time very busy with tourists.

Afterwards the short journey to Wells was made. The fine Cathedral was much admired, and the famous clock was inspected with interest. The noble ring of ten were set going, but time did not permit of very long touches.

Having collected the party and obtained the usual supply of picture postcards, the journey was resumed to Shepton Mallet. The Misses Fletcher had, to the great regret of all, left the party at Wells to continue their holiday elsewhere, but Mr. H. Birt joined the company at the Cathedral, and spent the remainder of the day with them.

Shepton Mallet bells are a useful ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.), and one of the party rang his first course of Bob Major at this tower. On a board in the belfry the Ten Commandments are painted, together with the figures of Moses and Aaron, and it is interesting to ringers to note that the bells and pomegranates on Aaron's robe are faithfully depicted.

At Wanstraw is a small church with a ground-floor belfry on the south side. The bells are a light ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.), and they were quickly set going to the great delight of the villagers, who complain that the bells are seldom rung. One of the visitors, in attempting to find a postcard shop, caused some amusement when he entered the wrong house, having mistaken the door of a private house for the shop door.

CONCLUSION.

Arrived at Frome, the tourists found quite a party to meet them, for, in addition to the local ringers, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Guise had motored over, as had also Mr. F. J. Smallwood, accompanied by his wife and daughter. The bells were raised in peal with two men on the seventh and two on the tenor, and despite the fact that the tenor is 35 cwt. all the bells went up the right way. Following ringing and inspection of the church, the visitors adjourned for a well-earned tea. Despite the size of the party and the smallness of the cafe, a very good tea was served at a remarkably cheap rate. Here Miss Foulk said goodbye to the party to continue her holiday near Frome.

'Freddie' drove us away at a rate that Mr. Hore-Belisha would not have approved of, and soon had us at Timsbury, the last official ringing call of the tour. At this small, but well-furnished, church, there is a good light peal of six (tenor 12 cwt.). The touches rung here were short but well struck, and the rising and falling in peal was really very good. Ringers are reputed to be made, but it is significant that we passed a large asylum on the outskirts of Bristol, at the very end of the tour, without being invited to 'come inside.'

Although certain of the party had to dash off to catch trains immediately they reached Bristol, there were enough left to hold the usual session at headquarters. A few ringers stayed in Bristol over the week-end, and a full band of the tourists rang for Sunday morning service at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, whilst in the evening a few found their way to Brington, and assisted the local ringers to ring for evening service. Later a small party gathered at headquarters for the official 'good-bye.'

A great variety of methods was rung during the week, including Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Major and Royal, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Kent and Oxford Minor, Major and Royal, London Surprise Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

The tourists, who gathered from about nineteen different counties, enjoyed the tour immensely, and many new friendships were formed and old ones renewed. 'Nobby' will long remember his nickname, another gentleman will remain ticklish, and the choir will remain silent till the next tour.

As the official scribe of the party it gives me great pleasure through these columns and by courtesy of the Editor to record the sincere thanks of the party to all who conspired to make the tour such a success. Particularly do they wish to thank the clergy and local companies for placing the bells at their disposal, and in many cases for meeting them and showing them the interesting features of the churches; also the members of the B.U.R.G. who accompanied them on the tours and acted as hosts, especially Mr. H. Knight, who by energetic chaperoning of the tourists managed to keep them all up to time at no small effort. Finally to the official organisers of the event, who did everything in their power to ensure complete comfort, and succeeded.

The Exercise has reason to be proud of the B.U.R.G., and we wish them success in all their efforts to extend the spirit of comradeship amongst ringers. Long may they flourish.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Thursday, September 12th, 720 Bob Minor: *Sidney Hollis 1, Edward Drake (Carlislebrook) 2, *Lester Bailey 3, Harry Phillips 4, William Upton (Newport) 5, Charles Dennes (first 720 as conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

FAILURE TO PULL TOGETHER**HASLEMERE RECTOR CHIDES THE EXERCISE.**

Is there a failure on the part of ringers to pull together? Canon S. Martin Jones, Rector of Haslemere and an Honorary Canon of Norwich, gave members of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild a very heart to heart address on the occasion of their meeting at Haslemere on Saturday.

Success in any undertaking, he said, whether peace or war, business or sporting events, depended on three things—unity of action, a dogged perseverance and a courageous initiative and spirit of adventure. 'I have been in Orders for nearly 40 years,' he added, 'and have been in parishes in the North, the Midlands, East Anglia and the South. In four of those parishes there were excellent rings of bells, but in all of the four there was a conspicuous absence of unity of action. It is the hardest thing out to get bellringers to pull together. The famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was silent for a year owing to the absence of a spirit of unity. What I say does not apply to Surrey, but I cannot see why they should be different from other bellringers I have met in Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Norwich.'

He wanted them to realise, if he made no other point, that their work was a work for God, and by getting slack and failing to turn out they were letting down the whole side. Their place would not only be missed by man, but also by God when they were doing God's work. They should not be content with ringing rounds or one method, but have in their work a great incentive and ambition to achieve more than they had done in the past.

The true spirit of pulling together prevailed at the meeting. The well-hung peal of ten at Haslemere were fully employed, and the presence of stalwarts from Beddington and Croydon added to the enjoyment and standard of the ringing. Following tea at the Broadway Cafe a short business meeting was held, and the secretary, Mr. George Grover, was instructed to send a telegram containing the good wishes of the meeting to the Australian tourists assembled for their reunion dinner.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.**

Llanbradach, situated in the Rhymney Valley, was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held on Saturday inst. The bells, a light musical ring of eight by Taylor, were put in 24 years ago. Soon after 3 o'clock they were raised and rung in the standard methods until 4.30. The Rev. David J. Wills, B.D., Vicar, then conducted the service and gave an inspiring address.

Tea, very kindly provided by the church authorities and the ladies of the parish, followed in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. In the report of restorations and augmentations, mention was made that during the week the dedication of the new ring of eight took place and that the reopening and rededication of the restored ring of eight at Cowbridge was to take place on October 1st. Mention was also made that a new chime of eight, with a 16 cwt. tenor, had recently been installed at Porth. The reason these bells were not hung for ringing was the want of a suitable tower.

The hon. secretary read the circular letter he had received from the Central Council in regard to the proposed 18th century peal records.

Mr. H. Broughton gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting move that the date of the annual meeting be altered from Boxing Day. The general opinion was that it would be an advantage if it were held in the summer.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Marshfield. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed and the bells were again rung. The attendance was not so large as usual. Nevertheless, the meeting proved a pleasant one.

LATE NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th, at Henbury. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Please let me know for tea not later than 25th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

BLYTH, NOTTS.—The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd, by the Bishop of Southwell. Ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Birstwith, near Harrogate, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the new peal of 8 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) also in the schools at 5 p.m. General meeting immediately after tea. There is an hourly bus service from Harrogate, leaving at a quarter past the hour. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested in order to help a young band.—W. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves L.M.S. Station Yard, Wolverhampton, at 1.50 and every half-hour. Reports ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sileby on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting Riddington, Sept. 21st. at 5 p.m. New members and learners welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 in the Church School, price 1/-. Frequent bus service from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Hope on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells open 3 p.m. Ringers make own arrangements for tea. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright St., North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, September 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (9d. per head). Service at 7. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at The White Cot Dairy at 5. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A practice meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 2.30. Please notify Mrs. Brindley, Burghclere Parish Room, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church, on Saturday September 21st, instead of 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chesham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 21st, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Havering on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6 recently rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. L.P.T. Bus No. 175 from Romford Station passes the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Northwold on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Littleport on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Please come.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambridge.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (a fine peal of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—By kind permission, the Southern District will hold a meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, September 21st. Bells 4—6, 7—9. Tea may be obtained at Express Dairy, G.W. Road, Cheap fares, Underground, to any Hounslow station, thence 1d. bus.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. Annual dinner on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, at usual terms. Service at 6 o'clock. Ringing afterwards. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

POSTPONED, from Sunday, September 21st, to Sunday, September 28th, L.C.A. evening ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow. Will members please note and support?

LEA, LINGS.—A Ringers' Day will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at Lea (one mile from Gainsborough). Excellent bus services are available from Gainsborough and Lincoln. All will be welcome, and everybody who can handle a bell will be catered for.—Leslie Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye to-morrow (Saturday), September 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—The ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), restored by Gillett & Johnston, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Sunday, September 22nd, at 3 p.m. Ringers' day, Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea for ringers at St. Andrew's Hall at 5 p.m.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—The Lord Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25th. A ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Will members please note that subscriptions for the current year are due and should be paid without delay?—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so that arrangements for tea can be made?—J. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notice for tea must be sent by Tuesday, the 24th, to D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Babcary (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 8th annual cup contest will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m. Contest commences 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Aston, Sheffield, before Sept. 25th. The bells will be open for visitors after tea and meeting. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Hanslope (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at 5 p.m. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wed., Sept. 25th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Preston, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at Preston Parish Church (10 bells), Preston St. Mark's (6), Penwortham (8), Higher Walton (8). Service at Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in School, 5 (1/6 each to all who send their names to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, before Thursday, September 26th). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse will demonstrate with his ringing machine from 2.30 to 3.30, and 5 to 5.30.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11; A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Last day for receiving subscription (1s.) Sept. 28th. Subscribers to the former edition are asked to send their forms duly filled in, even though they may not subscribe to the fourth edition. Association general secretaries are asked to kindly send (even though on loan) a copy of their latest annual report to assist compilation. Ringers wishing to subscribe please apply for form to Edgar Guise (for B.U.R.G.), 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol 2.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby. All attending must notify E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than first post 27th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 6 p.m. The Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, will preside. Hotel situated two minutes' walk from Foregate Street Station, and car park available on premises. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) 3 to 5.30, St. John's (8) 4 to 5 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Sept. 24th, from branch officers, Dinner Committee, or Joseph D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Blewbury on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea, please notify me by the 25th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD will hold a meeting at Hastings on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild are to attend this meeting, and members are asked to be present to welcome them. Ringing at Blacklands 3.45 to 4.30, All Saints' 5.30 to 7, St. Clement's 7 to 8.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 28th.

Service at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Tea at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall; price 1s. each. Notification re tea should be sent to your own Branch Secretary by the 23rd. Ringing arrangements: Wraysbury (8) 3—4.30, Egham (8) 3.30—4.30 and 7—8.30, St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7—8.30, St. Peter's, Staines (8), 3.30—5 and 7—8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Rd., Thames Ditton; A. W. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough; F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Burton on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Please let me know by Tuesday, September 24th, if you intend to be present.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on September 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart., at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please let me know numbers by September 25th latest.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to follow. Those requiring tea should notify Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by Wednesday, September 25th, without fail. Gentlemen welcome.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by September 25th. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, September 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Method for special attention, St. Clement's. Every ringer will be welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Committee meeting in Choir Vestry at 4. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 5. Dinner and annual meeting in the Royal County Hotel at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social gathering. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 to 4.30, and the bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will also be available. Those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting, by invitation of the Vicar, will be held at Ravenshorpe on Saturday, September 28th, as a grand ringers' opening of the restored peal. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening. All members and friends cordially invited. Please turn up and make this a bumper meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Bus No. 342 from Barnet to Hertford passes by the church. No. 340-341 from St. Albans passes half-mile from the church. Tea arrangements will be made. A visit to this old church is worth while.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 p.m. Ring of eight rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

TATTERSHALL, LINCS.—The bells which have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on Friday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting for this year will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. The district secretary appeals to all members to attend. Important item on agenda affecting everyone. Please notify of intention to attend by Tuesday, October 1st.—Alec. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea notify E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, by Tuesday, October 1st, without fail. Walthamstow St. Mary's bells (10) will also be available from 7 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, W. H. Lawrence and E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free through the kindness of Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton. Names, please, to Mr. H. Allison, Wyngarth, Algarth Estate, Pocklington, York. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—A good attendance is hoped for.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Please bring wives and friends. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Further details next week.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, October 8th, from divisional secretaries, or Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belie Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

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