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It is, we think, a hopeful sign that one of the old London societies, the Royal Cumberland Youths, took part recently in a joint meeting with two of the modern territorial associations that function in and around Greater London. It will be all for the good of ringing in the metropolis when such gatherings become a feature, instead of an exception, in the proceedings of the London societies. Meetings in which the associations officially share not only help to break down artificial barriers but emphasise the common purpose of all the organisations within the Exercise; and yet, in London, where we might look for a lead, the oldest of the societies have been the last to take advantage of the opportunities thus offered. One could, perhaps, have understood such an attitude in the old days, when jealousies and selfish ambitions kept them in rival camps, but this spirit should now have no place in the ranks of ringers if, as we are encouraged to believe, the promotion of the art of change ringing and service to the Church are the two great aims of ringing organisations.

The first step towards this happier relationship might well be the abolition of the rule which excludes a member of one of these old societies from membership of the other. A plea for this was put forward at the meeting at Shoreditch, and we know there are many members of both societies who would like to see such action taken. The tradition behind this attempted exclusiveness may be of long standing, but its incorporation in the rules dates back to more recent times. Ever since the days when the St. James' Society came into being, the custom of preventing a man joining any other society failed to be really effective, and with the growth of the territorial associations and the expansion of the old London societies to include provincial members, the barrier has simply developed into an absurdity. If the College Youths and the Cumberlands were merely what they were originally, two rival London companies, adherence to the rules might have some justification, but in the present circumstances the inhibition is not only outworn but useless; not because there would be so many ringers who might want to join both societies, but because it tends to harbour rivalries of the wrong kind, sets up false conceits, and prevents that co-operation which might be turned to most valuable purpose in setting right some of the things which obviously need taking in hand in connection with London bells and bell-ringing.

It is to the younger generation that the Exercise must look for a change in the present policy. It is hardly to be expected that the men who have grown up steeped in a

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tradition, which they have accepted as a matter of course, are likely readily to listen to the voice of reform; but until there is a more amicable official relationship among all the ringing societies that operate in the London area, little can be hoped for in the improvement which is so badly needed in the scores of neglected towers. A custom which had the purpose knocked out of it a hundred years ago, and from which the usefulness, if ever any existed, vanished long before that, ought not to be allowed to stand in the way of action which, let it not be forgotten, will yet be needed to save the bells of London for the art of ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY	Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES	8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	9
*MRS. C. MCGUINNESS	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	10
JOHN WALDEN	5	HAROLD WALKER	11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	6	JACK BRAY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	Treble	*ALBERT G. WARNES	6
GEORGE MAYERS	2	*RUSSELL W. CURSON	7
HENRY TOOKE	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	8
*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	*GEORGE BAILEY	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes, at 8

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 2

*RALPH NARBOROUGH	Treble	JOHN WALDEN	68
JOHN FREEMAN	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	8
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	*GEORGE W. CREASEY	9
FREDERICK W. STOKES	5	HAROLD WALKER	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	6
CHARLES ALLSOP	2	LESLIE W. STEVENS	7
*MRS. N. S. BAGWORTH	3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	8
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	HARRY BROUGHTON	9
ARNOLD BRUNTON	5	JOHN T. GRANT	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN F. ATKINS Treble	NORMAN G. GOODMAN ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	ERNEST BOYLIN 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	*ERIC COLE 7
WILFRED MUMFORD 4	†THEODORE RUSSELL Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

* First peal of Major. † First peal on a working bell.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD AUSTIN Treble	JAMES J. CAUSON 5
FRANK COLE 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM STAITE 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
LESLIE BARRY 4	MELVILLE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FRED LACEY Treble	*FRANK LORD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN 6
*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	*GEORGE DOBBS 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTROW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*IVAN POLLARD Treble	*STEPHEN MAY 5
WILLIAM J. BRADFIELD ... 2	SYDNEY J. LEVETT 6
†ARTHUR H. FUNNELL ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT 7
ALBERT A. EASTON 4	WILLIAM LEVETT Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Leslie Hook.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER TOMLINSON Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	*HAROLD WALKER 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal in the method.

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CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	CECIL NICE 5
KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK PAGE 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*STANLEY WOOD Treble	JAMES FIELDING 5
EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... 2	RICHARD BENSON 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... 3	PETER CROOK 7
ALBERT FORD 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by Miss G. ANNIE CROOK.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a thanksgiving for the maintenance of peace.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WOODSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN C. OKE Treble	WILLIAM H. HOWE 5
ARTHUR GOODING 2	*ARTHUR MITCHELL 6
THOMAS LAVER 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	*GEORGE SKINNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	SYDNEY DABINETT 5
JAMES HUNT 2	JACK ROY 6
*RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 3	J. THOMAS LOCKE 7
PERCY H. LOCK 4	EDWARD STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Grandsire.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	*FRANK C. MAY 5
*WILLIAM S. MAY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
†GERALD FROST 3	ALBERT E. NORTH 7
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMMING.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	CYRIL BRENT-SMITH ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

A birthday peal for Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., and E. Brett.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ALLEWAY ... 5
*DENNIS CATTELL ... 2	EDWARD ASHBY ... 6
*FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	FREDERICK W. HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Grandsire away from the treble.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS H. JUSTICE, JUN. ... Treble	FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 5
WALTER FARLEY ... 2	WILLIAM H. LOWE ... 6
DENNIS HOLLEN ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
NORMAN LEECH ... 4	THOMAS H. JUSTICE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal away from the tenor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	*CHARLES SHARPLES ... 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TYSON ... Treble	MAJOR CROOK ... 5
JAMES FIELDING ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
JOHN F. WOOD ... 3	CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to Bolton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LLANDOVERY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt.

D. G. FRANCIS ... Treble	H. REES ... 4
D. LLEWELLYN ... 2	G. E. PARMENTER ... 5
S. V. REES ... 3	W. ROBBINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. V. REES.

A birthday compliment to W. Robbings.

HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD WRIGHT ... Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 4
MELVILLE JORDAN ... 2	THOMAS WORRALL ... 5
LESLIE BARRY ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung for harvest festival.

BASSINGHAM, LINES.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... Treble	PERCY HOLMES ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	KENNETH W. MEYER ... 5
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung during the octave of the patronal festival.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED CHALK ... Treble	ERNEST J. RUTTER ... 4
*JOHN SHEPHEARD-WALWYN ... 2	*RICHARD C. CLARK ... 5
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... 3	LESLIE J. CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 11½ in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	HAROLD WALKER ... 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. CHAMBERLAIN, 2, EASTHORPE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 1-2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3-4
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RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire—A. J. Chamberlain.

A HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung for
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Monday, October 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		FRANK BENNETT 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3		ERNEST J. MUNDAY 7
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 4		REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
A 20th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Monday, October 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2		GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3		REGINALD A. REED 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS 1	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3		REGINALD A. REED 7
FRANK BENNETT 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2		FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4		REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A silver wedding compliment to the Rector (Canon R. B. Jolly) and Mrs. Jolly.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS 1	Treble	*LESLIE TREMEER 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2		†ERNEST J. MUNDAY 7
FRANK BENNETT 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4		HAROLD P. REED 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5		REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First ten-bell peal as conductor.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

On Friday, October 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 1	Treble	REGINALD A. REED 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3		GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
†REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

On Friday, October 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3		REGINALD A. REED 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR 1	Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3		JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4		REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**A MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip on Saturday, October 1st. Instead of the usual Guild service, members and friends attended the choral evensong held at 6 p.m., in which the special prayers of the Guild service were incorporated. In the course of the service, the Provost, the Very Rev. J. H. Richards, M.A., made special reference to the ringers being present and to the value of their services in the belfry.

In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the vice-president, Councillor A. Paddon Smith, presided at the business meeting.

The secretary reported that on applying for the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, he was informed that Saturday, March 4th, was already booked. He had, therefore, booked the previous Saturday, February 25th, for the dinner.—This arrangement was confirmed, and it was unanimously agreed to invite the Rev. Canon Stuart Blofeld, Vicar of Edgbaston, to preside at the dinner.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. H. King and T. H. Gostling, of Hampton-in-Arden, Messrs. J. T. Atkins, E. Boylin, W. Mumford, T. Russell, of the Parish Church, Edgbaston.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at headquarters on January 7th, 1939, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Rowley Regis on Saturday, November 12th.

Reference was made to the illness of Mr. James George and Mr. Tom Miller. It was reported that Mr. George's leg was still giving him considerable pain and that Mr. Miller had now been discharged from the hospital and was continuing to make good progress.

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The September meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Lindley, when members attended from Longwood, Meltham, Elland, Brighouse, Ripponden, Halifax Parish Church, All Souls', Halifax, and Lindley. The bells were kept going throughout the day, and the methods included Kent, Oxford, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Stedman.

The business meeting took place after tea with the joint president (the Rev. A. L. Minns) in the chair. The practice meetings for the Halifax District were changed to All Souls', Halifax, on Wednesday evenings, and it is hoped that they will prove more successful than they have done in the past.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers was proposed by Mr. F. Rhodes and seconded by Mr. S. Manchester.—Mr. W. Hargreaves replied on behalf of the local company.

There was some excellent Minor ringing, and one ringer from a certain six-bell tower said that he was yet to be convinced of the superiority of Major ringing. If he had paid a visit to Elland on the occasion of the inauguration peal on September 11th he would most certainly have been won over.

LONDON RINGERS' COMBINED MEETING.

STEP TOWARDS GREATER HARMONY.

A joint meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Essex Association and the Middlesex Association was held at Shoreditch on October 1st and was attended by a large number of well-known London ringers. The ringing at St. Leonard's was under the direction of Mr. A. E. Coles, Master of the Middlesex Association, and the service in the church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. Cecil, the lesson being read by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey.

In his address, the Rector said how pleased he was that the meeting had coincided with the news that peace had been preserved. People had asked him that morning why the bells were not ringing, and he had been happy to be able to reply, 'Wait till this afternoon.'

The preacher then referred to several things for which Shoreditch Church is famous, but what makes it best known to people all over the world is, he said, its bells. He gave a short account of them, but unfortunately he took as his authority a history of Shoreditch Church, where legend and fable are pushed to the utmost limits, and beyond. As a matter of fact, the Duke of Cumberland never had anything to do with Shoreditch, he was not a ringer, and he did not give the two trebles which made the ring of ten. There is not the least bit of truth in the story that his portrait once hung in the vestibule of the church and was removed to St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where it now is. We imagine that this tale arose from the fact that the medallion worn by the Master of the Cumberlands Society bears the duke's portrait and that the society moved some peal boards from St. Leonard's to St. Martin's when they changed their headquarters.

Tea was served at the depot of the Express Dairy Company to about 70 people. Afterwards Mr. George Steere, on behalf of the Cumberlands, in the absence of the Master, welcomed the two other associations. It was the first time the Cumberlands had taken part in a joint meeting and he hoped it would not be the last. He added that he could assure the Rector that if a picture was taken from St. Leonard's, the present members were not responsible for the theft.

Mr. C. T. Coles, speaking for the Middlesex Association, said it was a red letter day, for it was one step further in the movement for bringing all the ringers of London into greater harmony and concord, and he hoped that it would do much to remove misunderstandings which ought never to exist. The societies had everything in common, and existed for one aim—the advancement of ringing and there was no reason for rivalry. Speaking as a Cumberland Youth, he hoped that the society would repeal the rule which forbade its members to join another society. It was said that this rule promoted healthy rivalry, but in his opinion it promoted much more undesirable feelings.

Mr. E. J. Butler spoke for the Essex Association. He considered that joint meetings would do an immense amount of good, and he did not see why their scope should not be considerably enlarged.

Mr. Summerhayes moved a vote of thanks to the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers, and to others who had contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment.

During the evening there was ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and St. Olave's, Hart Street.

SALISBURY GUILD'S LOSS.

DEATH OF MR. R. N. DAWES AT DORCHESTER.

Branch Chairman for Twenty Years.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Councillor R. N. Dawes, of Dorchester, who died on September 29th at the age of 71 years. By his death Dorchester has lost one who, for 42 years, had been prominently associated with the life of the town and who had given of his best to public service in many ways. For two years, in 1933 and 1934, he was accorded the highest honour that the town could confer on him, that of the Mayoralty, and both he and Mrs. Dawes filled the respective offices of Mayor and Mayoress with dignity and distinction.

In 1910, when the present hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild called the first meeting to inaugurate the branch, Mr. Dawes, who was then churchwarden at St. Peter's, Dorchester, was elected chairman. This office he held for 20 years. His efficiency and good humour at the meetings, his great interest in the Guild, in ringers and in ringing endeared him to the members and won him the highest respect.

Of the many meetings held, one in particular he used to look forward to, the annual gathering at his own church, St. Peter's, Dorchester. When he relinquished his office (owing to pressure of other duties), a very high tribute was paid to him at the annual meeting for his devoted work, and he was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Mr. Dawes held other public offices, and the large gathering, which included the Mayor, aldermen, councillors, Corporation officials, Freemasons (he was P.M. of his lodge), Fire Brigade, etc., that attended the funeral on Saturday week testified to the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow-townsmen. The chairman of the Dorchester branch (the Rev. A. W. Markby) officiated at the service, and the Salisbury Guild was represented by the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), while members from Dorchester, Bournemouth, Poole, Wimborne and Wyke Regis rang a special half-muffled touch as the cortege left St. Peter's Church as a last tribute to his memory. Among the many wreaths was one from the ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and a floral bell from the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

PEAL NOTES.

ANOTHER HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

There was a peal ringing tour in Hampshire last week, in the course of which nine peals were rung. It was not all 'highbrow' stuff, but it was, we feel sure, none the less enjoyable for that.

Some of the 'old stagers' formed the backbone of the company. George Williams, at 81, was in eight of the peals, Bill Fussell, at 77, stood in all nine. Frank Bennett, Sam Hector and Jim Shepherd, all rapidly approaching 'the allotted span,' took part, the two first named ringing in all the peals and the last in seven of them. The older they get the worse they get, these boys.

The methods they rang were Bob Major (2), Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major (2) and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

A footnote to the peal at West Meon, the second of the tour, says it was rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Mr. Williams was in both peals. The only other survivors of that first peal—also rung during a Hampshire 'tour'—are Messrs. Keith Hart and J. S. Goldsmith.

The peal of Superlative at Southampton was a noteworthy performance for Mr. John Faithfull. On the previous evening the Hastings stay of the 3rd had been broken while a learner was practising, but, despite this, Mr. Faithfull, who has only one arm, rang the bell to the peal.

Mr. Ernest J. Munday had a good week. The seven peals in which he took part included his first peal on ten bells and his first of Cambridge and Double Norwich, while the peal of Kent Treble Bob at East Tytherleigh on October 4th was rung on the third anniversary of his wedding.

The final peal of the tour, Bob Major, at Curdridge, was the fiftieth peal which Mr. George Williams and Mr. Reginald A. Reed, his pupil, had rung together. Mr. Williams has called 28 of these.

Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming, Surrey, rang his 350th peal on Saturday, when a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at Warnham.

The peal at Edgbaston on September 29th was rung to mark the 30th anniversary of the appointment of Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle as beadle of the Parish Church.

A peal in yet another new method has been rung by the Hertfordshire band, under Mr. Harold Cashmore. At King's Langley on Saturday they knocked off without previous practice the first peal of Woodston Surprise Major.

The method is a combination of Ashtead and London Surprise, with 7th's place, instead of 5th's, when the treble lies behind. But while the place-making in the sections follows these two methods—Ashtead with the treble below 5th's and London when it is above 4th's—the ringing of it, of course, is altogether different.

Apart from the amazing variety that can be used in the place-making in Surprise methods, this arrangement is another example of the wide combination of sections that can be introduced. For the benefit of those readers who may not know what a 'section' is, we may explain that it is the four rows with the treble in any one of its dodging places, that is, either 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8.

BLIND RINGER'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. John Shephard-Walwyn, a member of Oxford University Society, who learned to ring while an undergraduate, has rung his first peal. What makes his achievement noteworthy is that he is blind.

The peal, in which he rang the second, consisted of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob and was rung at Purleigh, Essex. Those who have seen Mr. Shephard-Walwyn ring know how well he has overcome his affliction. He strikes, of course, entirely by ear, and rings methods by counting the places.

After a peal of Grandsire Triples at Drayton, Somerset, on Saturday, when Mr. Jack Roy rang his fiftieth peal, the visitors were entertained by the local men, and wish to thank them for their hospitality.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Heavitree, Devon, on Saturday, was rung as a thankoffering for the maintenance of peace.

A new Rector, the Rev. Leslie Hook, was welcomed to All Saints' Church, Hastings, on October 5th, with a peal of Oxford Bob Triples; he had been inducted by the Bishop of Chichester on the previous day. The peal composition was J. J. Parker's Ten-Part, No. 1, from the 'Collection of Triples Methods.'

Three ladies took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on Oct. 1st. Their respective husbands were 'also present.'

Some of the band who rang in this peal had another burst of energy on the following day, when, after ringing a peal of Bob Major on handbells, they went on to Bassingham and scored a peal in seven Minor methods.

Llanely Parish Church ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llandovery on September 24th as a birthday compliment to one of their number, Mr. W. Robbins.

Several members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from Lincoln visited Nottingham on Saturday and rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary's Church. It was the first peal in the method on the bells. It was conducted by the Master of the Lincoln Cathedral band, Mr. John A. Freeman, who has now called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. At the same time Mr. G. W. Creasey completed peals in the method from six to twelve bells.

The quarterly peal of the Dudley and District Guild, rung at Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, was the 140th for the Guild by Mr. John Goodman, the conductor.

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A 'DOUBLE' BIRTHDAY PEAL.

(Continued from previous page.)

The peal of Stedman Triples at Chislehurst on Saturday was arranged specially as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Thomas Groombridge, sen., and Ernest Brett. It was intended to ring a Surprise peal, but owing to shortage of time, Triples was substituted and brought round just, and only just, in time for the evening service.

At the hotel facing the church a 'surprise' awaited the party in the shape of a meat tea, a double, kindly provided by the honoured two. What a feast! Whilst ample justice was done to the goodies provided, another peal would be required to enable the tables to be cleared. Congratulations and thanks were accorded to Tom and Ernie, and once again 'time' was a factor in terminating the happy evening, although it does not appear to dampen the spirit of those two College 'Youths.'

The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the old ten bells, in the year 1769. In 1775 the bells were recast, and the tenor again in 1814. No other peal of Double Norwich Royal had been rung in the tower since that time until last week. It can thus be claimed to be 'the first on the bells.'

Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, rang his first peal of London Surprise Major on Saturday. He has been trying since 1914 to score a peal in this method, and his success came at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, 70 miles away from his home. But it still required considerable effort, for four starts had to be made for the peal, involving 4½ hours' ringing, the peal itself taking three minutes over three hours.

To celebrate the centenary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to Bolton, Lancs, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church on Saturday by a band unique in its composition inasmuch as it consisted of one representative from each of the eight towers in Bolton.

Another peal, completed at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on the previous day, and conducted by Miss Annie Crook, was rung as a thanksgiving for the maintenance of peace.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, was arranged as a farewell to the Rev. H. Lawrence (curate), who left that day for New Zealand.

WEDDING BELLS.

On the occasion of the wedding of a local ringer, Mr. C. Bates, and Miss A. Roberts, at Ardley, Warwickshire, on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *O. Harris 1, W. O. Rhodes 2, *A. Stain 3, *A. T. Hands 4, A. T. Scriven (conductor) 5, G. Crofts 6. * First quarter-peal.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND HAWKHURST GUILD.

A joint meeting of the Sussex County Association and Hawkhurst and District Guild was held at Rye on Saturday, October 1st, when about 40 members attended from Eastbourne, Hastings, Battle, Hailsham, Brede, Northiam, Etchingham, Tenterden, Benenden and Hawkhurst, together with members of the local band. Good ringing was done in the afternoon and evening, and it was most gratifying to see that nearly half the members present were young beginners, many of whom rang their first touch in a fresh method.

In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the curate, who gave an interesting address.

The tea and business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. W. Franks, of Battle.

The election of Mr. Charles A. Bassett, of Wadhurst, was confirmed, and Miss Peggy Buller, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, was elected a member of the Sussex Association.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst (Sussex Eastern divisional secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the curate for conducting the service, and to Mr. G. H. Hodson for making arrangements for the meeting. He remarked how pleased he was to welcome the Hawkhurst and District Guild to the meeting.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AT MARESFIELD.

On Saturday, October 1st, a meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Maresfield, to take the place of one arranged there last year which had to be transferred owing to illness.

The six bells were kept going continuously from three o'clock in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, although the 'go' of the bells was rather poor with the tenor turned in. The peal is by Rudhall, with a tenor of 15 cwt., of a sufficiently pleasant tone, but with a weak frame suffering from the passage of time.

It was hoped that after tea Buxted bells would be available, but here the death-watch beetle had been discovered in the belfry, which, combined with the feared weakness of the ornamental plaster roof in the chancel, had put a stop to both the bells and the organ. Fortunately the Vicar of Fairwarp offered the use of his tower at short notice, and there, although the bells seemed familiar enough with Cambridge, they would not respond to Little Bob.

The welcome change in the national situation caused a greater attendance than was expected, and in the evening about 30 ringers were present, including the Master of the association, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

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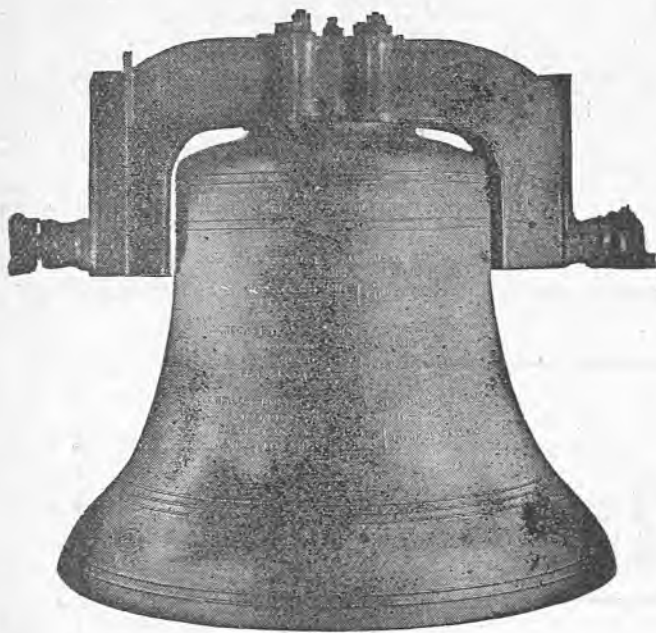
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At Keresley, a Warwickshire five-bell tower, where a young band is making excellent progress and rang three quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles on Sunday week for the harvest festival and services of thanksgiving for the maintenance of peace, it is hoped shortly to augment the bells by the addition of a treble.

It is said that the Olde Castle Restaurant, Sheffield, had to be enlarged to accommodate the company at the Yorkshire Association's commemoration dinner on Saturday. Certain it is that a new dining room had been added at the top of the building, and this was the first public dinner held in it.

Mr. Sidney Palmer, who so ably and energetically discharged the local secretarial duties for the event, had an interesting souvenir of the occasion. It was a lapel badge, made of stainless steel, bell shaped, and containing in the centre a miniature photograph of Jasper Snowden. It was made by an old Sheffield ringer, Mr. William Bugar, and nothing could have been more appropriate.

Mr. Palmer has been co-opted on the Sheffield Diocesan Advisory Committee, and has already been doing useful work in reporting upon proposed bell restorations.

Those who, on the strength of previous information, have reserved March 4th for the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham, are asked to note that circumstances have compelled changing the date for this event to February 25th.

Two errors crept into the report of the Gloucestershire tour. In the report of the peal board at Longney (on page 638) the date of the first peal of Stedman should have been January 16th, 1831, and not 1931 as printed, and the conductor of the peal of Spliced Surprise on Longney bells was F. W. Rogers and not O. Sippetts as printed.

The death has occurred at Glossop of Mr. Henry Cooper, a ringer who has been connected with the Parish Church belfry for 60 years.

CAMBORNE BELLS.

The writer of the article on the recent Cornwall tour has been informed that the particulars of the bells at SS. Martin and Meriadow's Church, Camborne, as given in last week's instalment, are incorrect. The facts relating to them are as follow:—

Before 1882 there was a ring of six by Rudhall. In 1882 Messrs. Taylor and Co. augmented them to eight by adding a treble and tenor and by recasting the old fourth (now the fifth) a semi-tone lower. The 5th is 2 qr. 9 lb. heavier than the 6th, and, while the 7th is 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., the tenor is 17 cwt. 2 qr. The bells were also hung in an iron frame in 1882. They were rebung on ball bearings, in the same frame, with various other new fittings, in 1934 at the expense of the Barron Bell Trust.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A PLEA FOR YOUNG ASPIRANTS.

A very successful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on Saturday, September 24th. The eight bells, which have recently been overhauled, were kept going all the afternoon to various methods up to London Surprise, and, generally speaking, the striking was good. The committee met in the Parish Hall and carried through their usual routine business. Arising from this, an appeal for help to the Bell Repair Fund at Langer, Notts, was heard, and when this suggested scheme is put in hand help will be given.

Mr. Over, of Loughborough District, brought forward the matter of ringers' badges for association members, and this was left in his hands to find out costs, etc., in bronze and silver. Local secretaries are asked to get to know approximately how many will be required in each district and then to inform the general hon. secretary.

At the tea, to which about 30 members and friends sat down, the Vicar of Wirksworth was present and extended a hearty welcome.

The general meeting followed. Mr. J. Oldham, vice-president, took the chair, supported by Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris (hon. secretary) and members from Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Hinckley, Loughborough and Nottingham. Leicester was not represented, as unfortunately a local meeting clashed owing to dates being uncertain. In this connection, will all local secretaries and members note that the next general meeting is provisionally fixed for January 28th, 1939, at Hugglescote?

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they were meeting at a very critical moment in the country's history, and—with all members—he prayed that the issue would be a peaceful one. He gave a review of the past quarter's work, commenting on various interesting aspects of the 32 peals rung during that period. He referred also to the great loss the Hinckley District had sustained in the tragic death of Mr. Percy Aldham, son of the late Mr. Arthur Aldham. The deceased was a very keen ringer and had rung over 100 association peals. He asked members to stand in silence for a moment to his respected memory.

A number of life, honorary and ringing members were elected. Mr. Ferguson, of Repton, voiced the grievance of the beginner, especially at meetings such as that, and stressed the need of looking after their interests by giving them every encouragement in asking them to have a ring. 'Let us ring the higher methods by all means,' he said, 'but also give younger aspirants a chance too.'

Mr. W. E. White proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and local committee for arrangements made to carry out a very happy meeting.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—40.

MAURICE SWINFIELD.

Genius in conducting develops on different lines in different ringers. Mr. Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, has demonstrated his penchant by calling a great variety of peals of Stedman Triples. The compositions which he has conducted number well over a hundred, some of them of great complexity and calling for great mental effort. Peals of Stedman Triples on almost every conceivable plan have been called by Mr. Swinfield, and seldom from an 'observation' bell, which makes his performances all the more remarkable.

Son of a highly esteemed Midland ringer, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. Maurice Swinfield was born at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, on February 14th, 1898, and began his ringing at the celebrated tower of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, to which he is still attached. His first peal was Stedman Triples at Burton on December 27th, 1920, and just two years later, on Boxing Day, 1922, he conducted a peal for the first time, when he called J. O. Lancashire's variation of Washbrook's Four-part peal of Stedman Triples at Overseal.

Most of his peals have been rung with the 'Wednesday' band, which, including several veterans, made a practice of meeting nearly every Wednesday for a considerable period. Among other things which this little company did was to ring peals of Stedman Triples in all possible numbers of equal parts up to twenty, and many of the compositions which have been rung have been an exacting task for the ringers as well as for the conductor.

Strangely enough, Mr. Swinfield has not yet rung a Surprise peal 'inside,' but of his total of 237 peals he has conducted 208. Included in the peals which he has called have been the longest length of Duffield Major, 5,760, the longest length of Forward Major, 5,728, thirteen peals of Grandsire Triples, eight of Stedman Caters, one of Grandsire Caters, two of Duffield and Forward and one of Little Bob Major. All the rest have been Stedman Triples, 54 of them odd bob, odd and even bob, and odd and even bob and single peals, one with twin bobs and twin singles. The rest have been twin bob peals.

Among the interesting peals which Mr. Swinfield has called have been one of Grandsire Triples and two of Stedman with all the 4-6's, 6-7's and 7-4's at backstroke.

With the exception of five compositions, the reverse of others, although claimed by different composers, two variations of Thurstans', one of Brooks' and one of his own, with 42 singles and all the 6-7's at backstroke, all the peals of Stedman Triples have been different compositions, and Mr. Swinfield acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. A. J. Pitman and the late Mr. J. J. Parker for their patience and kindness in helping him to master the plans and calling of the different peals.



MR. MAURICE SWINFIELD.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

ENGLISH VISITORS' ENTHUSIASM.

The half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 8th. The attendance was smaller than usual for this meeting, about 30 members being present. They were pleased to have with them two visitors from England, Mr. and Miss Rawlings, of Beckenham, Kent. Mr. Rawlings and his daughter travelled from London on Friday night and proceeded to Alloa to attend the meeting on Saturday and returned south the same evening. Such enthusiasm for ringing made a great impression on the young Scottish ringers.

Mr. and Miss Rawlings were elected life members, and the election of the eleven ringers who toured Scotland in August and rang four peals for the association was confirmed.

The ringing at the meeting was of a good standard, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major were brought round.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Wilson, and, after tea, the bells were kept going until train time.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ADVOCATED AT COMBINED MEETING AT KINGSTON.

Kingston-on-Thames was chosen for a friendly gathering of members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild with the Surrey County Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday last. Fifty-four ringers attended from a wide area, and included Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president, Middlesex Association), Mr. C. T. Coles (general secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary, Guildford Guild).

Ringings commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued till 4.30, when those present adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, at which the Rev. T. B. Scrutton (Vicar of Kingston) presided. He extended a hearty welcome to the ringers of Surrey and Middlesex and hoped they would all enjoy their visit to Kingston. He then left the meeting to prepare for the service, saying that he would have more to say to them then and promising that his address would not be lengthy.

Mr. D. Cooper then took the chair, and in the name of the Surrey Association welcomed the Middlesex Association and Guildford Guild to Kingston. 'We are,' he said, 'in this district now quite familiar with joint and combined meetings. They are always well attended and are very popular. I think we may regard them as now firmly established. I hope they will live and grow in popularity and will be used to foster good fellowship and comradeship amongst all ringers in the neighbourhood.'

Mr. Trollope, replying on behalf of the Middlesex Association, thanked Mr. Cooper for his remarks, and said that if these meetings were to become more useful and effective they would have to do their best, as individuals, to overcome the isolation and detachment which existed amongst some bands and certain groups of ringers. He suggested a complete breaking away from the old spirit of rivalry, which still existed in certain quarters, and the burying of some of the old traditions, which had long since outlived their usefulness. He thought these things could best be brought about by encouraging their younger members, who had learned their ringing in a much more healthy atmosphere, and who had little respect for some of the hoary old traditions of the past.

REMEDY FOR OVERLAPPING.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne spoke for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and prefaced his remarks by giving a welcome to individual ringers to attend Kingston tower on practice nights (Tuesdays) or on Sunday mornings. Continuing, he advocated the formation of a National Guild of Ringers, to which all ringers could belong upon payment of one inclusive annual subscription. He was of the opinion that such a Guild would be better able to deal with questions affecting the future and welfare of the Exercise as a whole than 30 or 40 different county, diocesan or territorial associations as they had at present. Such a guild, with a membership of some thousands, would be able to deal authoritatively with complaints made by the general public, especially with regard to noise, and at the same time provide a remedy for overlapping and the needless waste of effort occasioned by having two or more sets of officers in an area (each set working for a different society) and carrying out duties which could more effectively be handled by one group of officials. He thought it was a question which might well be referred to the Central Council for debate.

After the usual votes of thanks were passed, those present went back to the Church for the service.

The Vicar, in his address at the service, dealt with the subject of conceit. 'Conceit,' he said, 'was the sin of over-estimating our worth or ability and led to the worship of a god called "me." It was a common weakness of our human nature, but it was a thing to fight against and overcome. The snare to admire ourselves, our knowledge or our achievements was always there, and God, our Creator, was forgotten. I have even known a woman to take credit for having a pretty face,' he said, 'and I have often heard a man or woman complain because someone else does not think enough of them. I do not know the first thing about bellringing, but I expect that, even in your bellfries, you have people who are so convinced of their own importance that they cannot get past themselves.'

He asked his hearers to imagine a blackboard in the centre of which is written the letter 'I.' 'The cure for conceit,' he said, 'is to put a cross through that letter "I." You then have a crucifix.'

After the service the tower was again visited and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m.

ARUNDEL BELLS.

EFFORTS TO RESTORE A SUSSEX PEAL.

Whilst we have recently read with regret of the closing of towers through the lack of co-operation between ringers and clergy, a different report comes from Arundel, in Sussex. The Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Vincent Brown, inducted to the living last May, is doing his utmost to restore the bells, now silent owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle. 'Not only do we love to hear the sound of the bells,' he remarked to the Parochial Church Council, 'but we must not forget the ringers have been deprived of their work for the church.' On November 2nd (All Souls' Day) he is remaining in church for the whole day to receive donations towards this cause. There may be some ringers who would like to be associated with this restoration; any donation sent to the Vicarage will be gratefully acknowledged.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.), were presented to the Parish Church in 1855 by the 14th Duke of Norfolk (the present Duke's grandfather), and it is hoped sufficient money will be received to enable a complete restoration to be made.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER. REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD. The Services of Past Officers.

Although not quite a record in point of numbers, the Yorkshire Association's seventeenth annual commemoration dinner held at Sheffield on Saturday almost touched high water mark in attendance, and it was notable for the fact that, for the first time, the Bishop of Sheffield was present. Ringing took place during the afternoon at the Cathedral (12), Ranmoor (10), St. Marie's and Handsworth (8), and a jovial company spent an enjoyable evening at the Olde Castle Restaurant, under the genial chairmanship of the president (Canon C. C. Marshall), who was supported by the Bishop of Sheffield (the Rt. Rev. L. H. Burrows), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Councillor A. Paddon Smith (vice-president, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven. W. E. Baker) and Mrs. Baker, the Rev. Fr. Bradley (St. Marie's), the Rev. E. St. Leger Blakeney (Sheffield Cathedral), Mr. W. H. Jenkinson and Mr. F. Mason (churchwardens, Sheffield Cathedral) and Mrs. Mason, Canon F. C. Scovell and the Rev. O. A. E. Comely (Rawmarsh), Canon H. C. Foster (Ranmoor), etc. Among those present were Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. L. W. G. Morris (hon. secretary of the association), Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president, Western District) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. George Lewis (vice-president, Southern District) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Miss L. K. Bowling (vice-president, Ladies' Guild) and Mrs. Cotterell (Leeds), Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol United Guilds), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison and Master Geoffrey Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. J. W. Ward, Mr. C. W. Pipe and Miss Sylvia Bowyer (Ipswich), Mr. G. E. Fearn (Birmingham) and members of the Yorkshire Association in large numbers, from Sheffield and district and from York, Leeds, Rotherham, Bradford, Arksey, Doncaster, Eastwood, Bolsterstone, etc.

After dinner an interesting programme of toasts and musical items was enjoyed, the chairman opening this part of the proceedings by proposing 'The King.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in proposing 'Church and State,' first expressed his pleasure at being back again in Yorkshire. The Yorkshire Association, he said, gave them such a wonderful time when the Central Council met at Leeds last Whitsun that when Mr. Palmer asked him to join them that night he felt he could not possibly refuse. Ten days ago he did not see any prospect of that dinner being held; he thought it was ninety-nine to one against it, but they were happy to meet with the crisis past (applause).

RINGERS IN CHURCH AND STATE.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis said 'Church and State' was a good old-fashioned toast, which probably dated back to the time when everybody who was a member of the State was, nominally at any rate, also a member of the Church. Times had changed and that could no longer be said. There were many people to-day who were members of the State, but not members of the Church, while the passing of the Education Acts had resulted in a great many people being brought up without any education in religious matters at all, and there were many who, although their lives were more or less ruled by the ethical standards and moral codes which the Church had developed in this country, could scarcely be called Christians in the proper sense of the term. Luckily for this country, Church and State were still closely tied together, although for a considerable time, as far as doctrine and order were concerned, the Church was almost entirely ruled by Parliament. Convocation was silenced and the Church had no means of deliberating on those questions. Convocation was, however, re-established and the Church got more control of doctrine and order, but it was still a curious position that, in the final appeal on these questions, they had to go to Parliament, the members of which need not be members of the Church at all. They saw the effect of this about eleven years ago, when the Church decided it wanted certain changes in the Prayer Book and Parliament said 'No.' The curious fact about it was that it was lost by the vote of the Scottish members, whose Kirk was entirely independent of the State in all matters of doctrine and order. This was a question that had got to be thrashed out fairly soon, after we had got rid of certain international complications and had a little time to look into our own affairs.

Proceeding, Mr. Lewis referred to the relation of ringers to both Church and State. The art of change ringing, which they valued so highly and which they thought was the best possible means of getting music out of bells, was invented, he said, at a time when ringing had practically no connection whatever with the Church. Before the Reformation bells were rung for the services of the Church, and there was a direct connection between ringers and the Church, but in the days of the Puritans, ringing, as ringing, was entirely divorced from the services; in fact, he believed an Act of Parliament was passed forbidding any ringing on Sundays. The peculiarly English art of change ringing was invented and first practised at a time when most ringing was done as a matter of sport or pastime by young members of the aristocratic families. Ringing was more or less in the hands of two groups; the paid ringers, who rang rounds and call changes, presumably, for State and civic occasions; and the young members of the Universities and the Inns of Court, who rang changes, which

were invented about that time, as a matter of sport, because the Church would have nothing to do with ringing. Everything of beauty had been swept out of the services of the Church. Times had, happily, changed and ringers had forced their way back into the Church and the Church had recognised them and appreciated their bringing back this beautiful art into the services of the Church. It was fair to say that to-day nearly all the ringing done was looked upon by those who did it as service to the Church (applause).

He knew they still rang peals, and in the ringing of peals and the creating of records there was a certain amount of sporting competition, but, at the same time, at the back of the minds of most of them ringing was the performance of service to the Church. There was no doubt that peal ringing made for good service ringing, and in by far the larger proportion of churches the bells were rung, and rung well, for Sunday services as their main object.

Mr. Lewis went on to refer to the recent crisis and said that at the present moment they all felt, whatever their political opinions, most deeply grateful to the Prime Minister for what he had done for them (applause), and in drinking that toast he would like them to remember the name of Mr. Neville Chamberlain (applause). Mr. Lewis coupled with the toast the name of the Bishop of Sheffield, who, he said, he first heard preach about 45 years ago when the Bishop was Vicar of Godalming and he, Mr. Lewis, was at Charterhouse. They had seen, said Mr. Lewis, the excellent work which the Bishop had done in the diocese of Sheffield and how well under his guidance the problems confronting the diocese were being solved.

LADIES BRING BRIGHTNESS TO BELFRY.

The Bishop of Sheffield, who had a cordial reception, said he was always keen to meet the bellringers on every possible occasion, especially when it was a dinner (laughter). He had been intensely interested in what the proposer of the toast had to say at the beginning of his speech, and he felt he was one among all the laymen he had met who ought to be in the Assembly of the Church of England (applause). That was his proper place because he was full of plans and proposals which would be of advantage to both Church and State. It was true that at one time bells were used for more secular purposes, but Mr. Lewis was right in saying that ringers were now looked upon as churchworkers. They formed a very important part of that body. The Bishop said he was very interested to see the large number of lady ringers there appeared to be. He was quite sure they added brightness to the belfry and that they always came to church when they had done their ringing (laughter). Continuing, he said there were things necessary to bellringing which were also necessary in Church and State, if they were to be kept in their proper place and relationship. First they should be kept in tune, which sometimes they were not. In some countries Church and State were in a very difficult position and did not at all keep in tune. That, however, could not be said in their own country. In ringing they had to pull together as a team; unless they did so the result was disastrous. That was what those concerned with Church and State had to do in trying to enable our nation to take its place in the world and maintain those principles, which were so dear to them, of justice, freedom and righteousness, which were the basis of Christianity and which they hoped would flourish long after the terrors of war had passed away (applause). The close relationship between Church and State, concluded the Bishop, had more advantages than disadvantages, even as it was now, and as long as Church and State existed in their present relation, the dear old towers of England would still stand and the bells ring to show to the world around them the triumph, the brightness and joy of real Christianity (applause).

JASPER SNOWDON'S GREAT WORK.

Mr. Colin Harrison gave the toast of the evening, 'The memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association.' Those who were at the inaugural dinner in 1922, said Mr. Harrison, would recall the address given by their president, Canon Marshall, when he gave in a most lucid and meticulous manner a history of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the association who had been called to higher service. It was a wonderful speech and was most fitting for that great occasion. If this gathering, continued Mr. Harrison, consisted solely of bellringers it was probable that the proposing of this toast would now take a more formal course, perhaps rivaling in its brevity that of 'The King,' so well known was the name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and all that it had meant to the ringing Exercise. But, quite rightly, there were many visitors present and they were entitled to some explanation as to why that gathering was held and to know something about those to whom reference was made in that toast, and it was his duty as well as his great privilege to attempt to supply that information.

Their visitors might wonder why the name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was specifically mentioned in connection with the toast. The answer was quite simple—he was not only their first president, his work for the benefit of the ringing fraternity throughout the country was such as to place him head and shoulders above any of his contemporaries. The son of a clergyman, he was born in Ilkley in 1844 and died in 1885—at the early age of 41. He rang and conducted his first peal in 1872 and in the following 12 years rang in all 129 peals, an achievement in itself worthy of the highest praise, especially when taking into account the difficulties of getting hands together in those distant days. Let them remember that the telephone did not come

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THE SNOWDON PUBLICATIONS.

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into being until 1876 and the petrol motor-car was not invented until 1884—the year before Jasper Snowdon's death. But in addition to ringing peals, he made time to write numerous articles to various sections of the Press on the subject of change ringing and also to produce books dealing with our art in all its spheres. These books were written in such a simple and instructive way that they have been regarded ever since as a sure foundation upon which all ringers can safely place their faith, whether as learners, conductors or composers. Fortunately Jasper Snowdon's talents were appreciated in his own lifetime, a presentation being made to him in that very city shortly before his death, when over 300 members of the association were present to do him honour.

At Jasper Snowdon's death, it was indeed fortunate for the art of change ringing that there was a brother in William Snowdon, who most unselfishly carried on the work which Jasper had left uncompleted; manuscripts were put into book form and found a ready sale, for nothing had previously been obtainable by ringers which possessed the same easy, fluent style. Recently, said Mr. Harrison, he had occasion to be in communication with Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, William's daughter, and inquired if she would kindly tell him how many books of the Snowdon series had been published. He was so agreeably surprised at the answer that he decided to ask three well-known ringers present that day what number they thought had been published. The first said about 4,000, the next 20,000 or 30,000, and the last said he was unable to estimate it. The number, said Mr. Harrison, was nearly 48,000, which was a fine tribute to the praiseworthy work begun by Jasper and continued by William with the help of a few friends (applause).

Jasper Snowdon was president of the Yorkshire Association for ten years and was followed by William, who held the office for 25 years and never missed a single meeting. 'Would that some of us,' added the speaker, 'were as conscientious in performing our duty.' He hoped that their third president, Canon Marshall, who has been in office for 27 years, might be spared to serve them for a long time to come (applause).

The association had also been most fortunate in those who had served it in other capacities, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers and committee men. Amongst these were William Horner Howard, of York, their first vice-president; William Whitaker, of Leeds, their first secretary; the Lockwoods, father and son, of Otley and Leeds; Charles Jackson, of Hull, specially remembered for the many and varied compositions of Grandsire Triples which he conducted; Tom and Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield—how the name of Hattersley conjured before one's eyes the picture of a dapper little gentleman in frock coat and silk hat; truly that was Charles Henry Hattersley, famous for his many compositions—George Bolland, of Tong, that well-known six-bell enthusiast; Frank Willey, of Sheffield—hale fellow well met; James Cotterell, of Bradford, a man with a most lovable personality (for whom it gave him great pleasure to call his first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of the Cathedral in that city); Fred Clark, of Arksey, quiet and unassuming, but one of nature's best; Arthur West, of Sutton-on-Hull; Firth Hopwood, of Bradford; and Bernard Webb, of Headingley. There might be others whom he had unwittingly omitted to mention, but all the past officers had undoubtedly served them to the best of their ability, and, in helping to raise and maintain the Yorkshire Association to the proud position which it holds to-day, they had also helped forward the work of the Exercise as a whole.

After that brief survey he hoped the visitors would realise the true purpose behind that gathering, which was that they were met to do honour to the memory of those who had served the association in the past and from their service to gain inspiration for the future.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Other toasts were 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association' and 'The Chairman.' The report of the speeches made in connection with these will appear in our next issue.

THANKSGIVING RINGING.

Three quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung on Sunday, October 2nd, at Keresley, Warwickshire, for the harvest festival and thanksgiving services. Before 8 a.m. Holy Communion, by W. J. Ensor (first quarter-peal) 1, S. J. Oughton 2, E. Stone (conductor) 3, F. N. Maskell 4, P. Stone 5. For matins, by F. P. East (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Bristow 2, P. Stone 3, S. J. Oughton 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5. For evensong, by E. Stone 1, S. Oughton (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Oughton 3, F. N. Maskell 4, P. Stone (conductor) 5.

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RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

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At St. Columba, St. Columb Major, on Friday, Superlative Surprise was rung. It was the first peal of Major on the bells and the 200th peal by the conductor, Ernest Turner. The bells, some of which appear to have been cast by Warners, were rebung a few years ago by Messrs. Aggett, of Chagford, Devon. They are not particularly comfortable to ring, some having a tendency to 'slip wheel,' but fortunately the peal was completed. Leslie Morris did exceptionally well on the tenor, which was 'turned in' in great style in five minutes under three hours.

St. Columb Major was the birthplace of the Rev. R. H. Whitford, who died at Bristol in 1932. In May, 1931, he rang his last peal (Grandsire Triples) at St. Columba's Church, thus fulfilling an ambition by many years standing. He left a wish that a peal board should be erected, and this, carved in oak, has since been placed on the west wall of the church.

On the way back to Truro a visit was made to the Church of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, where, in 1934, the late William Pye rang his last peal as conductor. A tablet recording this peal, erected as a memorial to William Pye, has been placed in the belfry by the Truro Diocesan Guild, and five of the ringers in the peal, with several others, paid a tribute to the memory of that great ringer. Unfortunately time, and a funeral, would not allow of any lengthy ringing, consequently the bells were partly pulled up in peal and lowered again. This visit brought back many memories, as indeed did many of the places visited during the week, for it was in Cornwall that William Pye enjoyed his last ringing tour.

BENEFIT OF TOUR TO LOCAL RINGERS.

The big event of the week, a peal at Truro Cathedral, took place in the evening. Care was taken that as many as possible of those who had previously rung on these bells were omitted from the band, to enable as many as wished to get a peal in the Cathedral. In just under 3½ hours a peal of Stedman Caters was rung.

After this peal the whole party, with Messrs. W. H. Southeard and C. E. Lanxon, were 'rushed off' to Redruth, at the invitation of Mr. P. R. O. Williams, to supper. On arrival it was found that Mrs. Williams had prepared an excellent meal, to which no mercy was shown. Handbells provided amusement for some time, after which Mr. Southeard, Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, welcomed the tourists to Cornwall. He said that their tour would no doubt do a great deal of good in the diocese. One of the difficulties they in Cornwall had was to convince the 'rounds' ringers, who were real experts at striking, that it was possible to be a change ringer and a first-class striker at the same time. After the tour in 1934 there was much interest shown in change ringing by 'rounds' ringers at places then visited, and he was sure that the present visit would give further stimulus to change ringing. Mr. Southeard thanked the visitors for the 'local' peals arranged, which would give much encouragement to those who took part in them. Mr. C. E. Lanxon also thanked the visitors for the opportunities given to him to ring in some of their peals.

Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the touring party, acknowledged the welcome given by Mr. Southeard. He said that after the tour of four years ago he felt that some day another visit might be made to Cornwall, and on this occasion, with a larger party than usual, it had been decided to arrange a few peals for the benefit of Cornish ringers. Out of three so arranged, two had been rung, one of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Stedman Triples. The other attempt, although unsuccessful, afforded an opportunity for some good practice, which he hoped would be beneficial. Mr. Lanxon, whom he thanked for arranging the tour, had rung in four peals with them, and had obtained his first peals of Bristol and Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich. In conclusion, Mr. Coles thanked Mr. and Mrs. Williams for their very kind hospitality, which, he said, they would remember for a long time. Afterwards Mr. Coles was the recipient of a memento of the tour in the shape of a silver bell, the badge of the Truro Diocesan Guild, which Mr. Southeard presented to him. Master Williams, age 12, son of Mr. P. R. O. Williams, was much interested in the handbell ringing. He has already made his mark in ringing, having rung several peals of Doubles, conducting one of them.

On Saturday, at St. Bryveth, Lanlivery, a peal of Bristol Surprise was conducted by Frank Bennett. These bells are a mixed peal, the first three by Mears and Stainbank, 1890, the others mostly by Phelps.

At Lanhydrock (St. Hydrock's), the last peal of the tour, Cambridge Surprise, was called by James Bennett, this, as well as the peal at Lanlivery, being the first of Cambridge on the bells. The bells at Lanhydrock are by Taylors, the trebles dated 1892, the others 1888.

Thus ended a memorable week. Fifteen peals were rung out of 17 attempts, and, therefore, as a ringing tour, it can be claimed that it was successful. As a holiday it was certainly most enjoyable. As a missionary effort we hope it did some good that will be lasting, and that it will give some encouragement to those who are making such brave efforts to spread the art in Cornwall.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's Church for harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Stevens 1, W. E. Butler 2, W. C. Parker 3, A. Hiscock 4, E. Fisk 5, H. W. Barrett 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. A. Peck 8.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods (8 bells) on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg and S. Forshaw, Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege (6) from 2.30; Cathedral (12) after meeting (if possible). Service 4.30, at St. Alphege, followed by tea (free) and meeting, in Gaywood's Rooms, High Street (entrance between Goulden's Library and Messrs. Leon's).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—A district meeting will be held at Redgrave on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Rickingham (6) and Hinder Clay (6). All are welcome. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea provided by the Rev. Stevens in the Mission Room.—R. D. Nelthorpe, District Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. Paley, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, Oct. 15th, by kind permission of the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of ringers. The peal of six bells will be available during the afternoon and evening, and the peal of eight bells at St. Leonard's, Malton, will also be available after tea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing 6 o'clock. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gillling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An item of special interest to all members will be discussed at the next meeting to be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Oct. 15th, and a good attendance is requested. Usual times. Send Mr. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, p.c. for tea.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Oct. 15th. All ringers (especially Oldham and district) cordially invited to attend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clapton-in-Gordano, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Battersea, S.W.11, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells of St. Mary's (recently rehung) will be available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby restaurant, 1s. per head. All visitors welcome. Nearest stations: Clapham Junction (S.R.), Sloane Square (D.R.), 19, 39, 49 bus, 34 tram, alight Park Road. From Vauxhall (S.R.), 12, 14, 31 tram, alight Bridge Road.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eight bells available, Dore, near Sheffield, from 3 p.m., Saturday, October 15th. All welcome.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, October 15th, when the bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke & Andover Districts.—A combined practice meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

OXHEY.—Saturday, October 15th. Bells open 3.30. Tea, Cottage Cafe, High Street, 5.30. Ringing till 8. Train or bus to Bushey Station.—Horton, Bushey (City 4270). Herts Association.

AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—The ring of eight bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday next, the 16th inst., at 3 p.m. by the Rev. David Railton, Rector of Liverpool. Special invitation to Wigan and Liverpool members of the Lancashire Association. Ringers' Day on a Saturday will be announced in due course.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for October, 1938.—St. Magnus', Thames Street, 27th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 18th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 25th.* *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready 3. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Hanwell (5), recently rehung, will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 and after the meeting. Wroxton (5) recently rehung, 7 p.m. For tea, please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, Oct. 17th?—R. Harris, Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Sutton's Hall, East Hill, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Dartford Band of Ringers, will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, Oct. 17th. Please do all you can to ensure that your tower is adequately represented and make this a successful social occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Chawton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 in Parish Hall. Please let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 19th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Newmarket. Ringing from 2.30 at All Saints' (8 bells), St. Mary's (6) and St. Martin's, Exning (5). Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. R. C. Sharp, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket, for number to tea. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, not Holy Trinity, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 7. Names for tea to R. Warmsley, 59, Leigh Road, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. A practice meeting will be held at the same church on the Thursday previous at 7.45 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Hills' Restaurant, King Street. Business after tea. Please be sure to send a postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 19th. All ringers are welcome, so all roll up.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 22nd. The Cathedral bells will be available at 3 p.m. until 4 o'clock service. Tea will be provided by the association at The People's Cafe, 3, High Street (as last year), for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, October 18th. Business meeting after tea. Ringing continued at the Cathedral until 9 p.m.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, October 22nd, commencing at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 19th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, October 18th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by October 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cockington, Torquay, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Drum Inn at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to reach me by first post, Tuesday, October 18th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh (phone 121).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, October 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. J. Whitmore, Branch Sec., Raunds, Northants.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on October 22nd. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Rowberrow bells also available.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Ringers' Day at Gainsborough, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 19½ cwt.) recently rehung, available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify me, the undersigned, by the Wednesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells will be ready at 3. Tea at 4.50, followed by the meeting. There will be a short service at 6 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please send word to Mr. J. Martin, 15, Fairlie Crescent, Orrell, Bootle, Liverpool 20, not later than Thursday, October 20th? Will all who have not yet responded, particularly members of this branch, to the Canon Elsee Memorial Fund, kindly do so at the earliest opportunity.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—A combined meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on Saturday, October 22nd. St. John's bells (10) available 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (8), available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each), St. John's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by October 18th. Social to follow at 7.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone, near Falfield, on October 22nd. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service, 4 p.m.—A. P. Symes, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting at Beeston, Saturday, October 22nd, from 3 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Cafe near church. Payment of outstanding subscriptions would be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card by October 19th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Mazara Cafe, High Street, at 1s. 6d. per head. Important.—Will all requiring tea please notify F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous? All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, October 19th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the new treble bell at Northrepps, Cromer, will take place on Sunday, October 23rd, at 11 a.m. The six bells will be open for ringing in the afternoon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

SPLICED MEETING WITH MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES.—At Chipping Barnet, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet.—Harold V. Frost (St. Albans District) and C. H. Horton (Watford District). Herts Association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Hewelsfield on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (5) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church School. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 26th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Frank Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, at approximately 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify me of intention to be present at tea (which will be provided by the association) not later than Wednesday, October 26th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 30th, at the 11 a.m. service, the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co. to augment the peal to a ring of six.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—

The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL DINNER of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at the King Alfred Hotel, Alfreton, at 6.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Ringing from 2.30 to 5. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Application for dinner tickets (3s. each) must be made by October 29th to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, or T. Clarke, 63, Kingsway, East Kirkby, Notts.

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