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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths keeps its distinctive place among the social events of the ringers' year, and, just as it is the oldest of all the many gatherings of this kind, so it is still the most representative. This annual feast is probably as old as the society itself, and its continuity has seldom, if ever, been broken. It has had its vicissitudes, and its proportions have no doubt varied with the fortunes of the society, but, if in the old days it had a dignity of its own, it has never had greater popularity than since the public revival of the event after the war. It reached its zenith last year in the celebration of the tercentenary and the interest of that great occasion could hardly have been expected to be maintained. Nevertheless, the officers must feel highly gratified with the success achieved last Saturday, when the attendance was well over two hundred and the occasion proved to be a veritable 'gathering of the clans.' The opportunity of meeting friends from all parts of the country is not the least happy feature of this festival, and we should imagine that half of the company could be termed 'provincials,' come to town to share in the proceedings with their London brethren.

Since the tercentenary celebration last November, the society has lost, as all our readers know, its most outstanding figure in Mr. William Cockerill. After forty-six years' service as hon. secretary he handed over the reins of office in the week following the festival, but lived only a few short months. It was natural that there should be sympathetic references on Saturday to the loss which the society thus sustained, but there was on the following day a little ceremony in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral which further marked the position which Mr. Cockerill held in the esteem and admiration of the members. A bust of the late secretary, modelled about nine years ago, was placed in the ringing chamber, together with a bookcase as a memorial to a cherished leader. That memorial will long remain as a reminder to future generations of College Youths of loyal service and sterling character. It will require no little effort to live up to the ideals which Mr. Cockerill set before himself and which he so successfully maintained, and it is a signal of well deserved honour accorded to his memory that his bust should find a place in the belfry where for so long he served the Church and acted as leader of the ringers. It was the forethought of Mr. E. Alex Young that made this thing possible. Mr. Cockerill always shrank from any kind of self advertisement, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he was persuaded to sit for this portrait. That he eventually did so and that the bust,

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which was accepted for the Royal Academy, should find its way, as was the original intention of Mr. Young, to the belfry of St. Paul's must be gratifying to every member of the Ancient Society and doubly so to all those who rang at the Cathedral under Mr. Cockerill's leadership.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER 2	*GEORGE W. CECIL 7
HENRY G. MILES 2	ALFRED B. PECK 8
R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON ... 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 10
*LEONARD J. FOX 5	JACK A. WAUGH 11
RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 6	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
WILLIAM T. GRICE 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 8
ERNEST SPILLER 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
FRANK BELSEY 5	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin F. Baker.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	JOHN W. WARD 6
HOBART E. SMITH 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 7
*ROBERT J. STEED 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY 8
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY 9
JAMES BETTS 5	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal on ten bells.

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LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... .. Treble	JAMES W. MELDRUM... .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 2	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	LESTER L. GRAY... .. 8
JOHN WILKINSON 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	WALTER LAGO 7
GEORGE A. PACKER 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST... .. 8
HARRY OVERTON 4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD 9
*HARRY THELWELL 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of this parish who fell in the Great War.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
ERIC J. COE 2	†ERIC B. HARTLEY 7
*WILLIAM CHALK 3	ERNEST W. PYE... .. 8
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION 9
†WILLIAM PERRY 5	ALBERT E. NORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal by all except the 4th and 9th ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb

FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... Treble	RUSSELL RICHES 5
CHARLES W. LOOME 2	*CORNELIUS J. GIBSON ... 6
CAPT. A. JOHNSTONE, R.N. 3	ROBERT D. GUNTON 7
STANLEY W. COPLING... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Major.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

HAROLD CHANT Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6
PERCY J. JERVIS 3	JOHN E. TURLEY... .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	*G. GORDON GRAHAM Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by G. G. GRAHAM.

First attempt for a peal as conductor. A birthday peal for John E. Turley.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist on Sunday evening, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): E. Acock 1, R. Davies 2, H. J. Skelt 3, J. Rumble 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, A. W. Clark 7, F. E. Collins 8, D. D. Cooper (conductor) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*CECIL BAILEY Treble	JOHN RANCE 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE 2	†ERNEST MITCHELL 6
WILLIAM J. BROOKS 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW... 7
ARTHUR J. RANCE 4	†CHARLES COLLYER Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by WM. J. PAICE

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
HARRY BAKER 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	WILLIAM WENBAN Tenor

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

The composition, No. 425, is rung for the first time.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*CHARLES SANGWIN Treble	CECIL L. GUY 5
*ALLEN S. WEATHERLY ... 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	JOHN W. SANGWIN 7
WILLIAM HAMLYN 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Major.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 5
WALTER S. EVANS 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
WILLIAM H. SIMMONDS ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS... .. 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4	*ALBERT E. JONES Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung for evening service.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM GRACE Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... 2	EDMUND MOUNTER 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT C. HEAZEL Treble	BERTRAM C. HINES 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	CHARLES PRYKE 6
ALBERT E. PRYKE 3	JOHN SITCH 7
*WILLIAM T. FORRESTER ... 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
R. GORDON CROSS 3	†EDWIN BARNETT 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	HARRY PARKES 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 45). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

ARKSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	WILLIE GREEN 5
HAROLD CHANT 2	FOORD PRESTON NEWTON ... 6
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
WILLIAM FAY 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

The conductor's 100th peal.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. E. BRADLEY ... Treble	FRED TERRY 5
WALTER HICK 2	HORACE S. MORLEY 6
WILLIAM HAWLEY 3	EDWARD BRADLEY 7
ERNEST LINDLEY 4	ROBERT LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*VICTOR CHAPMAN ... Treble	GORDON LILLEY 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	CHARLES W. SMITH 6
SIDNEY BROWN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	ROBERT G. KING Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS
* First peal on eight bells. A birthday peal for Mr. E. Lilley, father of the ringers of the 5th.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL TAPLIN ... Treble	P. SUPT. WILLIAM GREEN ... 5
ALBERT S. NEWMAN 2	JAMES H. JARVIS 6
*FRANK PERRY 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS 7
*IVOR HARRIS 4	ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
ROBERT W. BARLOW 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALAN E. STEEL ... Treble	HARRY HALL 5
WILLIAM PERKINS 2	EDWARD STEELE 6
HAROLD ROSE 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
EDMUND ATKINSON 4	HARRY BLOOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER ELSEY ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY 5
JOHN BEST 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

FRED BRIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
HARRY HARRISON 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. R. Lloyd Jones, M.A.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents as follow: (1) Vale Royal, Abbeyville, Combermere, Crowland and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) St. Albans, Braintree and Neasden Delight; (3) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (4) Willesden, Marple, College Bob IV., Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Ockley and Norbury; (7) London Scholars', Oxford, Sandal, Capel and Kingston.

*ROLAND HILL Treble	ERNEST BROOKES... .. 4
*JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
*CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in 25 methods and first attempt.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and Grandsire, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. RAYMOND PEASE Treble	†EDWARD V. NAISH 4
*JOHN CASTELL 2	†OLIVER G. BARNARD 5
†WALTER V. WEBB 3	*FREDERICK BROOKER Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles in four methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4
*MISS KATHLEEN L. CHEAL 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
MISS JOAN NAYLOR 3	CHARLES A. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon C. G. Mutter, Vicar of St. Michael's, on his retirement.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HADLEIGH DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, October 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HARRY J. MEE Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT 4
EDGAR RIVERS 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
FREDERICK C. MEE 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	*JACK PENNELL 4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Minor as conductor.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. BENTON Treble	F. BOYCE 4
E. DURRANT 2	W. MADLER 5
H. READ 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

VICTOR W. BRIGGS Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 4
*ALBERT A. DRURY 2	HERBERT LOWMAN 5
ROBERT H. HURST 3	ARCHER T. LOWMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARCHER T. LOWMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Bourne, Rossendale, Stamford, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
RONALD SHARPE 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung for All Saints' Day.

PENGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Treble	†GEORGE W. FOGDEN 4
EDGAR J. BARRETT 2	NORMAN T. HEXT 5
DENNIS G. BROWN 3	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford, 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE BENSON Treble	*ALBERT RODMAN 4
LESLIE FRANCOMBE 2	*CLAUDE GIFFORD 5
*DOUGLAS LUTON 3	DONALD MARSH Tenor

Conducted by DONALD MARSH.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. George E. Newman.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. L. WRIGHT Treble	MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS 4
*LESLIE WRIGHT 2	MISS VIOLET FROST 5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in four methods.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

MEMORIALS IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A fitting memorial to the late Mr. William T. Cockerill, for 46 years hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has been placed in the ringing chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral, where for so long he was the 'skipper.' About nine years ago, at the request of Mr. E. Alexander Young, Mr. Cockerill sat to Miss Hiley for a bust of himself. This, when completed, was exhibited at the Royal Academy and won for the sculptor high encomiums, for it was the first work that she had submitted. After the exhibition, the bronze remained in the possession of Mr. Cockerill, and now, with the permission of the Cathedral authorities, it has found a permanent place in the Cathedral belfry. The bust is life-size, upon a pedestal of Hoptonwood marble, designed by Mr. Young. It stands in the belfry upon a corbel placed in the wall just above a seat which Mr. Cockerill so often used to occupy near the boxes of the tenth and eleventh. In addition to the bust is a fine polished oak bookcase of exquisite workmanship, which has been presented by Mr. W. S. B. Northover, of Bridport, Dorset.

The gifts were handed over on Sunday morning, before the usual service ringing. The Archdeacon of London represented the Cathedral authorities, and those present, in addition to Mr. Young and Mr. Northover, were Miss Hiley, the Master of the College Youths (Mr.



THE BUST OF THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

E. H. Lewis), Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. Waugh (junior steward), Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), Mr. W. A. Osborn (North Cadbury) and, of course, the Cathedral ringers.

The Master explained the object of the ceremony and said the memorials were being placed in the belfry by the permission of the Dean and Chapter.

Mr. Young, in handing over the bust, said the thought occurred to him some years ago that they ought to preserve some tangible recollection of Mr. Cockerill, and he thought of the idea of a bust. He had great difficulty in persuading Mr. Cockerill to sit to an artist, but eventually Miss Hiley produced the very lifelike piece of sculpture which they saw. The idea at the time was that it should remain the property of Mr. Cockerill during his life and afterwards pass into the possession of the society, and he (Mr. Young) was there that day formally to hand it over.

In presenting the bookcase, Mr. Northover said he offered it as a small tribute of his esteem and affection for Mr. Cockerill. It was a privilege to claim acquaintance with Mr. Cockerill, and any man who could do so was the better for it.

The Archdeacon expressed his pleasure at being able to take part in the ceremony and said how pleased, also, the Dean and Chapter were to do anything for the society. He (the Archdeacon) knew Mr. Cockerill for many years and he knew what a sterling man he was. He took the opportunity of saying how much the Dean and Chapter appreciated all that the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral were doing.

The ceremony concluded with the Master thanking the Archdeacon for his kindness in coming up into the tower, and the Dean and Chapter for permission to place the memorials in the belfry.

The bookcase, which is combined with a table, will stand in the centre of the belfry and house some of the society's old peal and name books.

PEAL NOTES.

ONE HUNDRED ONE-PART PEALS.

Mr. T. E. Sone, one of the Kent County Association's leading conductors, makes a hobby of calling new compositions, and he has completed an interesting achievement in having now conducted 100 different one-part peals. They are made up of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original 33 times) 1, Grandsire Caters 5, Double Norwich 1, Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Maximus 1, Treble Bob Royal 14, Treble Bob Major 75.

It was Arthur Knight's composition of Treble Bob, No. 425, rung for the first time, on October 29th, that completed the century of one-parts, and it was the 75th different composition by Mr. Knights that Mr. Sone has called, 72 of them having been rung for the first time.

The peal which made up this total was rung at Frittenden, Kent, and was Mr. Sone's 199th as conductor. It was a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. H. Sone (71), L. W. Jarvis, W. A. Kitchenside and B. J. Baker. It was Mr. Kitchenside's 75th peal and Mr. F. H. Hicks' 50th. The bells at St. Agatha's Church, Brightwell, Berkshire, were installed 130 years ago, but it was not until last Saturday week that the first peal was rung on them. Four methods of Doubles were rung, and it was the first attempt for a peal made by three of the band.

To enable Mr. Fred Brightman to ring a peal in his native village of Morton, Lincolnshire, a peal in seven Minor methods, ranging from London to Plain Bob, was rung on October 29th.

As a farewell to the Vicar of Hartlip, Kent, Canon C. G. Mutter, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on October 29th. The band included two ladies, one of whom rang her first peal, and it was the first peal of Doubles by all the ringers.

A LADY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

By calling a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on November 5th, Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer has now conducted peals in this method on six, eight, ten and twelve bells this year. She is the first lady to call peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Her total peals this year have considerably exceeded the lady's record set up by herself in 1937, and the peal on Saturday was the 25th which she and Mr. Cecil Pipe have rung together this year.

She had added Cambridge Surprise Minor to the peals which she has conducted only the previous week, when she called seven 720's at Stutton, Suffolk, the first peal of Surprise on the bells and also the quickest. The tenor is 12 cwt. and the peal was rung in 2 hours 43 minutes.

A band should have met at Sprooughton, Ipswich, on Sunday, October 30th, for a peal in four Minor methods. Five of them turned up, but one was absent. Mr. Fred Mee stepped into the breach and a peal in three methods was rung. The rest are especially grateful to him for helping them out, as Messrs. Alan Andrews and Harry J. Millatt had cycled 20 miles in the rain from Thorington, Essex, for the peal.

Another peal made possible at the last minute by a willing substitute was rung at Rainham, Kent, where on Saturday Mr. Walter Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, made up a band for Superlative at a few hours' notice in response to a series of telegrams.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service at Clifford, Herefordshire, on Sunday, October 30th. It was the 49th peal in the tower and Mr. J. P. Hyett's 249th peal. He has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal of Grandsire Triples.

A peal of Bob Minor was rung at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Penge, Kent, on November 2nd, in honour of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, and of the Gift Day at St. John's on the previous Sunday. It was also rung to mark the completion of two years' very successful ministry in the parish by the Vicar, the Rev. B. P. Mohan.

Four ladies took part in a peal of Minor at Polstead, Suffolk, on Friday, the first in four methods by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright. It was the first peal on the bells for the Suffolk Guild.

A band of Sunday service ringers at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday. Mr. Albert Newman has been captain of the tower for 35 years, and it is 30 years since he rang his previous peal. We hope, however, that it will not be long before he rings another.

Forty years ago last Saturday, Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, rang his first peal. This was at Woodchurch, Cheshire. He celebrated the anniversary by calling a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and it happily coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Claude I. Davies. Mr. Davies is now hon. treasurer of the Lancs. Association, and he took part in the peal.

In memory of the men of Coalbrookdale who fell in the Great War, a half-muffled peal of Bob Royal was rung on Saturday.

Another half-muffled peal, to commemorate the Armistice, was that rung at Longton, Staffs, on Saturday. It had been arranged for Nov. 12th, but had to be brought forward, owing to circumstances.

Although only 19 years of age, Geoffrey Murphy, of Crayford, has just rung his one hundredth peal. There is no holding these Crayford youngsters. Teddy Barnett III. set the pace and the others are trying to live up to it.

The first peal of Belgrave Surprise Major by all the band and for the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at Pulham on Saturday.

Ickleton Church, where a peal of Double Norwich was rung on Saturday is one of the few which have a sanctus bell hung outside the spire. Saturday's peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Lilley, who was for many years a ringer at this church.

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KENT ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PEAL COMMEMORATED.

(Continued from previous page.)

The peal of 5,040 Bob Major at Bromley, Kent, on October 31st, was rung on the 57th anniversary of the first peal rung for the Kent County Association, a peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, in 2 hours 50 minutes, at St. Mary's, Prittenden. It was conducted by Thomas Daynes, grandfather of Mr. G. H. Daynes, the conductor of the commemorative peal, last week. Incidentally it was also the 51st anniversary of the first time Mr. I. Emery rang at Bromley. The conductor would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and the Bromley ringers for making this peal possible, and also all those who so kindly took part in it.

When Mr. Daniel Smith, of Felkirk, rang his one hundredth peal on Saturday at Arksey he called a new composition of Treble Bob Major by Mr. George Lewis, of Sheffield, which contains the 6th its extent in 5-6, in 13 courses.

The peal was rung to commemorate the patronal festival of All Saints' Church, and also in honour of the 21st birthday (on November 1st) of Mr. G. W. Clark, the youngest son of Mr. G. Clark, the ringer of the treble. The ringers were entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. G. Clark and his family.

The peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods at Maulden, Bedfordshire, was rung on All Saints' Day at the request of the Rector.

The first peal on the bells at Brentwood, Essex, was Kent Treble Bob Major on November 3rd, 1888. A jubilee peal was rung last week in the same method. It had been hoped to ring the same composition, but all attempts to obtain the 1888 figures were unsuccessful.

A peal of Minor in three methods was rung on Oct. 29th at West Hallam, Derbyshire, as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. R. Lloyd Jones, who was inducted on the previous day. It had been intended to ring a peal of Major, but the band met short. When they did start, however, they pushed the bells along at speed and completed the seven 720's in exactly two hours and a half, thus ringing the quickest peal on the bells. The tenor is 9 cwt.

Mr. T. G. Myers, who called a peal of Bob Major at St. George's Church, Stonehouse, Plymouth, on Saturday, has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

Coalpit Heath, Gloucestershire, has lost a valued churchworker by the death of Mr. George E. Newman, who was an associate member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He was connected with the church for 50 years and while a churchwarden started a fund to provide the bells as a 'thankoffering for peace after war, 1914-18' as the inscription on the tenor says. He also gave the third bell in memory of his wife, who died in 1920. On November 2nd, a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung in his memory.

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**SPECIAL METHODS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 29th. Members attended from a wide area, representing the following towers: Almondbury, Lindley, Longwood, Meltham, Huddersfield, Elland, Brighouse, Heptonstall, Northowram, Halifax (All Souls') and Armitage Bridge.

There was some good ringing throughout the day, including Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, but the pleasure was marred to some extent owing to the 3rd bell causing much trouble. The rope kept jumping from the wheel and some ringers found it entirely unmanageable.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who was assisted by the joint presidents of the association, and he accompanied on the organ, as he later remarked, the finest congregational singing ever heard in the church.

After tea, which was held in the Parish Room, Mr. W. Hargreaves, of Lindley, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for playing the organ, to the ladies for making tea, and to the local ringers for making the arrangements.—The Rev. T. Mathieson seconded and the Vicar responded.

At the business meeting, the Rev. A. L. Minns took the chair. Four new members were elected, and Brighouse was announced as the venue for the November meeting.

Mr. G. H. Turner, of Northowram, proposed that a special method be studied, to be practised at the monthly meetings. This was carried and the method for the November meeting will be Double Norwich.

The Chairman stressed the point that the special method would on no account dominate the day's programme, and any ringer who did not feel inclined to practise the method would have ample opportunity of ringing the usual methods. This new venture should be very popular, because there are a number of ringers in the district who are desirous of practising the higher methods, but who have had but little opportunity.

Mr. J. Turner, Lindley, was appointed Deputy Ringing Master to relieve the official Ringing Master, or to take charge should the latter be unable to attend.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting, and the offending bell continued to give trouble until, rather late in the evening, a superman arrived, and showed everyone how the bell should be rung. Needless to say, everything followed smoothly and there was a perfect ending to a most enjoyable day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Ladies' Guild will join in congratulations to their hon. secretary, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, to-morrow on the occasion of her birthday.

At the age of 90, Mr. George F. Margetson, of Thundersley, Essex, has had under doctor's orders, but much against his will, to give up active ringing. Mr. Margetson was an enthusiastic leader among ringers in the Essex suburbs of London, in the days when he was at Cligwell Row, and many will remember him for the poetical effusions which he formerly published in the ringing papers.

The peal of eight at Sandbach, Cheshire, have just been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They were rededicated on Sunday by the Ven. Archdeacon Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach. A meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild is to be held there on Saturday week.

The annual meeting of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was to have been held at Brislington to-morrow, has been transferred to St. Matthew's, Cotham.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ST. PAUL'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The account of the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells 60 years ago, given in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. F. E. Dawe, is interesting, especially to one who rang with most of the worthies mentioned by him over 40 years ago at Sunday service ringing at St. Paul's.

But this is not my reason for writing to you. I want to take objection to Mr. Dawe's remarks in his last two paragraphs (the last especially), which is so glaringly expressed, that it could not be mistaken as referring to the dedication and opening of Winchester Cathedral bells last year.

In these remarks Mr. Dawe has gone quite beyond his depths. As far as I know, he is not in touch with a territorial guild or association as an officer, and therefore is not in a position to judge or criticise, especially our Guild, which has always treated him with the greatest hospitality and respect. If Mr. Dawe wishes to compare the openings of bells 60 years ago with the present day, he is much behind the times. I recollect, before our Guild was formed, the opening of the new eight at Privett by a band of College Youths from London. I wonder what members of our Guild would say to our 'Executive' if such a thing was attempted now?

The Winchester Cathedral opening was a very dignified event in our history, and the majority of our members attended, not to show off their prowess, but just to have a ring on the opening day of their Cathedral bells—to many the event of a lifetime. I hope Mr. Dawe will take these few remarks in the spirit in which they are written and consider his remarks unjustified.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Master,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The memorial to the late Mr. J. J. Parker, the well-known composer, which was proposed in February last, has received a great response. The memorial has taken the form of retuning and rehangng all the eight bells in the tower of St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. During the work a crack was discovered in the fifth bell and recasting was necessary. The work was taken in hand soon after Easter and the bells were back again by the end of July. The peal is now in very good condition and the sound is much more mellow than before. The work has been done very well.

The actual cost of the work done by the founders was £238, but extra costs have been incurred by the necessary blocking up of part of the louvres and the redecoration of the belfry and the tablet to be placed in the church. Up to date we have received £215, and if we receive the donation promised by the Oxford Diocesan Guild the £238 will be very nearly reached.

May we take this opportunity of thanking all those associations and individual bellringers all over the country who have contributed to the fund?

The Oxford Diocesan Guild are holding a meeting at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, to-morrow (Saturday), and at 4.30 there will be a short thanksgiving service. A notice of the meeting will be found in the 'Notices' column. We will be glad to see any who wish to come.

R. A. CRAWLEY-BOEVEY, Hon. Treasurer.
Farnham Royal Rectory.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

As a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Hughes, of the White-chapel Foundry, daughter of the Master of St. Lawrence Jewry Guild, the members on Sunday, Oct. 30th, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell 1, A. Allen 2, E. Murrell 3, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 4, M. Hodgson 5, R. Allen 6, A. A. Hughes 7, E. Owen 8.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—44.

DANIEL SMITH.

For the past three or four years Mr. Daniel Smith, of Shafton, Barnsley, has headed the list of conductors for the Yorkshire Association, although only last Saturday he rang his one hundredth peal, sixty-two of which he has called.

Attached to the six-bell band at Felkirk, Yorkshire, Mr. Smith has naturally devoted most of his attention to Minor ringing, in which he has achieved some noteworthy successes, for among the peals which he has called have been one in 35 spliced methods, two in 25, two in 20, three in 14 and one in 10 methods, and 11 peals consisting of seven Surprise methods.

Mr. Smith is a native of Gloucestershire, having been born at Ruardean on November 8th, 1896, but he did not begin ringing until early in 1925, when he learned to handle a bell at Felkirk. Previous to that he had not the slightest idea what bellringing was, and the only thing he regrets is that he did not take it up earlier in life, for he feels he missed a lot of pleasure.

His first peal was one of Bob Minor at Felkirk, rung on February 26th, 1927, and it was, for the ringers, a memorable performance. It was the first attempt for a peal by all the band and the first by a local band on the bells. There had been no change ringing by local ringers at Felkirk until about 1921, and when it was started none of them understood much about it, but by assiduous study of Snowdon's 'Ropesight' and knowledge gained by attending the monthly meetings of the Barnsley and District Society, the band soon made headway.

Mr. Smith rang his first peal as conductor on March 5th, 1932, when he called seven 720's in seven Treble Bob methods at Felkirk. Naturally he values the spliced peals, as they have been rung by mixed bands from various towers in the district and without practice. His record also includes a non-conducted peal at Felkirk in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

Mr. Smith was appointed hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society in January, 1937, and last June was elected on the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association.



MR. DANIEL SMITH.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

ENJOYABLE EVENING AT CHORLEY.

The seventh annual dinner of the Lancashire Association was held on October 29th, Chorley Town Hall being the venue. The chair was taken by the president (the Rev. A. Scott), who was supported by the Mayor of Chorley, the Rev. T. C. Porteus (Vicar of St. George's, Chorley), the Rev. W. S. Mellor (Rector of Standish), Mr. C. I. Davies (hon. treasurer of the association), Mr. W. H. Shuker and Mr. T. Wilson (hon. secretaries), and several members of the committee. Although the company was not as large as in former years, it was a happy gathering. The dinner, admirably served by Messrs. J. Booth and Son, was cooked twelve miles away and brought to the Town Hall in containers, but it came to the tables as if prepared on the spot.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Rev. T. C. Porteus proposed 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association,' to which Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool) responded.

Mr. F. G. Bradley (Whittle-le-Woods) gave the toast of 'Our Guests,' which was acknowledged by the Mayor of Chorley.

The health of the Chairman was drunk on the call of the Rev. W. S. Mellor.

The Revellers' Concert Party entertained the company between the speeches, and Mr. and Miss Booth contributed selections of old and new tunes on their handbells.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, although there was deep regret that the Rector of Chorley had recently died.

During the afternoon visitors had had the opportunity of ringing at both the Parish Church and the Roman Catholic Church, each of which has a ring of eight bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNUAL GATHERING IN LONDON.

Yorkshire President on Ringers' 'Inheritance.'

Although it was not to be expected that the enthusiasm and interest aroused last year in the College Youths' annual gathering by the tercentenary celebrations could be repeated this year, Saturday's proceedings in London proved highly successful and brought together a representative company from all parts of the country. Ringing took place at a number of city churches during the afternoon, service was held in the Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, on College Hill, and afterwards a company numbering nearly 220 dined together at Cannon Street Hotel.

The service at St. Michael's was largely attended. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Douglas) officiated, the lesson from Ecclesiasticus xlv., beginning 'Let us now praise famous men,' was read by the Master of the Society (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association). The hymns were 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'We love the place.' Before the address five Stepney ringers rang a perfect course of Grandsire Caters on handbells: H. E. Thompson 1-2, J. A. Waugh 3-4, L. J. Fox 5-6, G. W. Cecil 7-8, T. G. Fox 9-10.

Canon Marshall based his address upon the words, 'As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing and yet possessing all things' (II. Corinthians, vi., 10). Having had a fairly long connection with bellringing in Yorkshire, he said, he felt, in speaking at that annual service of the Ancient Society, he was somehow getting back to deep foundations; getting in touch with the society which was actually concerned with the birth of change ringing just over 300 years ago. The child which was then born had had a rather chequered career, and the Exercise, to use a good old word, had passed through many phases, some good and some not so good. They stood to-day as inheritors of the past, which had been handed down to them. Their inheritance was not just those things which, for a time, they had gathered round them, as a child sitting on the floor gathered all its toys around it, but which in time must be taken from them. Real possessions were those things which were part of themselves, something which no one could take from them, not even death, and something, correspondingly, which, because it was part of themselves, they could really share with others—patience, long suffering, pureness, kindness and truth. He bade his hearers think of the inheritance which they possessed in their art of change ringing as members of that Ancient Society. If that possession was to be real it must be part of themselves, and not just some pastime, which they had added to their life, and which they enjoyed, but something which, because it was of value, they had tried to build into their life. One or two things surely followed from this. First, and he admitted they were truisms, they should always give their best to this inheritance. Nothing less than that must suffice; no careless slipshod ringing, but good striking, good raising and falling; their best whatever it might be; no unpunctuality, no failure to turn up. All those things were ways in which they could add to the real value of their inheritance. Secondly, because this inheritance was really part of themselves, it was something which could and must be shared with others—'as poor, but making many rich.' There were ringers who were not sharers. They thought only of getting peals and would not share in what was often the drudgery of teaching others. What they possessed, if it were really part of themselves, they must always be ready to share to the utmost with others, otherwise it was not true possession. Among the other wonderful possessions which ringing gave them were their own memories, their fellowships, their visits to other churches. He urged them to value these possessions to the utmost and hand on their gifts to those who follow. Above all else their inheritance must be for the service which they were privileged to give to the church of Christ. As they all knew, that had not always been the thought behind bellringing, and he was afraid it was not always so to-day, although, of course, a tremendous change had come about. But if their possession was to be held most truly valuable, it must be the service which they were privileged to render in the Church.

THE DINNER.

The Master (Mr. E. H. Lewis) presided at the dinner, and Mr. E. P. Duffield (the immediate past master) was in the vice-chair. Among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. H. Longuet-Higgins, M.C. (Rector of Brasted), Capt. Cann (Brookwood), the Rev. Canon Douglas (St. Michael's), the Rev. A. Lombardini (St. Lawrence Jewry), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus'), the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. A. A. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), Major F. A. Yorke (Durham), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Messrs. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the society), A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton (trustees), L. R. Porter and J. Waugh (stewards). Ringers were present from many parts of the country, especially the home counties, and many came from distant places such as Bath, Birmingham, Bridport, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Coventry, Eastbourne, Ipswich, Kettering, Manchester, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newbury, Newport, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, Salisbury, Sheffield, Somerset, Winchester, etc.—a testimony to the widespread interest which is taken in this annual gathering.

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VETERAN COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MEMBERS FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY.

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During dinner, the Master 'took wine' with those who had been members of the society for 60 years, and to this Messrs. W. D. Smith, F. E. Dawe and C. F. Winney responded. He then 'took wine' with those who had been members over 50 years, and three others joined the little group, Canon G. F. Coleridge and Messrs. H. R. Newton and R. T. Hibbert. These veterans were received with loud applause.

The Master, in discharging what he described as a traditional duty at these gatherings of the society, proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and said he would like to continue a little bit the argument which he started four weeks earlier at Sheffield, when he had to propose the toast of 'Church and State.' On that occasion he finished by pointing out that it was a rather curious position in which the Church found itself, that the last word in the matters of order and the church services had to be settled by Parliament, of which none of the members need necessarily be members of the Church. He suggested that before long, when they had tidied up international affairs, this was one of the things that would have to be settled in this country. That night he would like to go a little further and to suggest that, curious as was the position at present, it might be of some good after all. He remembered when, before the war, a certain politician was trying to disestablish the Welsh Church and doing other things, for which purpose he thought it would be useful to get rid of the House of Lords, a political meeting was held in his (the speaker's) old parish of Frodsham, and the chairman, referring to the question of the House of Lords, asked the audience, what was the most important part of a motor-car. One or two suggestions came from the back of the hall, but the chairman explained that he considered the most important part of the car was the brake. He (Mr. Lewis) was quite sure that was not a bad thing in the case of the new Prayer Book. He was not sure that churchpeople as a whole were ready for the change when it was proposed, and he was not sure they had sufficiently got used to the machinery for expressing themselves, so as to convey a fair general opinion of the Church, through the Church Assembly. That would come as they got educated to it. He felt that the Church in this country, and very much more so in other countries, was going to be 'up against it' in the next few years, and it was most important that they, as a Church, should be united, know what they wanted and say so authoritatively through the Church Assembly (applause).

KING'S MAN AND CHURCHMAN.

Continuing, the Master returned to the subject of ringers and beer bottles, which had been mentioned at the Yorkshire dinner. The Archdeacon of Sheffield said he was glad to hear that at the time their Ancient Society was founded ringers had nothing to do with the Church, and, therefore, he was less disturbed at hearing that beer bottles were occasionally found in belfries in those bad old days. He (Mr. Lewis) did not quite say that. What he did say was that at the time their society was founded the Church did not allow any bell-ringing in connection with her services, and, therefore, all ringing that was done, was done more or less for secular purposes, national occasions and as a pastime; but it was not true to say that ringers had nothing to do with the Church. He was sure their founder (Lord Brereton), who suffered severely a few years later for his views, was a keen churchman. They knew he was a keen King's man, and for that reason it was fair to assume that he was a keen churchman.

On the wider question of the position of the Church, Mr. Lewis said he was sure the various branches of the Catholic Church, while retaining their separate identities, could co-operate, and must co-operate very much more than they had done, if they were to meet the terrible menace of the various ideologies, which were definitely anti-Church and definitely anti-Christian, on the Continent of Europe to-day. When he said the Churches should co-operate, he did not suggest physical amalgamation, and there came to his mind the parallel which he could not help mentioning, because he felt quite certain it was possible that their friends, the Cumberland Youths and other ringing societies, could retain their identity absolutely and completely and yet co-operate in furthering the art which they all had so close at heart to-day (applause).

At the close of his speech Mr. Lewis said he had been handed a note telling him that beer was never bottled before 1788 (laughter).

He coupled with the toast the name of the Archdeacon of London, at whose suggestion, said Mr. Lewis, the splendid service in St. Paul's Cathedral on the occasion of their tercentenary last year was held.

The Archdeacon of London, in reply to the toast, said he was sure they were all with the Master in the great desire he had expressed that in these days, with all the evil they had to fight against, they should have as much unity as they could among all branches of the great Church (applause). They could not expect to have uniformity; but they must work and pray for unity. He laid emphasis on the point that the Church did not consist merely of the parsons; it was the people, as well, who were the Church. The more the members of that old society, and everyone, could bring themselves to realise that they were part and parcel of the Church, their work for the Church would be happier and better done.

ST. PAUL'S BELLS HEARD IN ARCTIC CIRCLE.

He felt that they owed a tremendous debt to the bellringers. Once a month they had at St. Paul's Cathedral a Sunday evening service

that was broadcast to the world. One month it so happened that he was taking the service and he sent a message to all those who were listening in different parts of the world and said he hoped he might send a special message to his own relatives. His daughter was listening to it in Madras, his brother in New Zealand, and his cousins in Australia were listening. He had two hundred letters from all parts of the world referring to that service, and in letter after letter mention was made of the joy and happiness of hearing the bells, with which they always began the service at St. Paul's (applause). A lady writing from the Arctic Circle, who would not receive any letters for months from home, was listening to the service, and she wrote, 'You cannot tell what it was for us to hear those bells. We never hear a bell here, and to hear the old chimes and the old bells ringing out brought one home at once.'

'I want you to think of that message reaching hearts all over the world, when it is broadcast, as it is month by month at St. Paul's,' continued the Archdeacon, 'and when you think of the message, think of it as work you are doing for the Church and for our Lord. I want you to feel encouraged that your work is far more appreciated than many of you suppose. You may not hear about it, but it is from occasions such as I have spoken of that we do get to find out what is being felt all over the world by our English-speaking people about the blessing of the bells. Those of you who ring the bells are sending out the message in our country parishes and in our great cities, a message which has been ringing out year after year for hundreds of years. Think of what those towers and those bells could tell us if they could only speak; what they could tell us of all the history of our Church during these last three hundred years and more; what they could tell us of the great Evangelical revival; what they could tell us about the Oxford Movement and about all that is happening to-day. What a wonderful history it would be if we could realise all that the bells could tell us about our Church.'

They had a marvellous opportunity to-day, continued the Archdeacon, of realising that they were workers together in the Church, each doing their particular part not only for the good of the Church, but for the good of the world. If they wanted a Christian world to-day it must come from the work of the Church, the Body of Christ, of which they were all members. They had each their own responsibility and privilege of taking part in the work of the Church, which had been a blessing to the country in the past and which, with God's help, would be a greater blessing in the future. For that end they must each do their little bit, otherwise their part would be missing. There was a place for them all. Let them go from that happy gathering back again to the places to which they belonged in the Church, there to fulfil their duties which would make the Church a blessing, not only to this country, but to the world (applause).

CANON COLERIDGE'S ADVICE TO YOUNG RINGERS.

Canon Coleridge, who proposed the toast of the Ancient Society of College Youths, began with what he termed his 'annual complaint' of delay in the proceedings, which prevented the members who came from the country sharing in as much of the programme as they might otherwise do. They wasted a quarter of an hour at the outset, because dinner did not begin at the appointed time, and another quarter of an hour by an interval after dinner. Did they suppose, he asked, that any guest invited to the Lord Mayor's banquet would dare to come a quarter of an hour late and keep the proceedings waiting, or that the Lord Mayor would announce a quarter of an hour's interval before calling on the Prime Minister? (laughter). The delay made it impossible for him to hear anything of the third page of the programme, for he had to be home to get a night's rest before an arduous Sunday.

He was grateful to those who had shown so much solicitude for his well-being on that occasion, but he assured them that he was still able to travel alone and look after himself.

'You will expert me,' said Canon Coleridge, 'to say a few words about our late beloved secretary. We all loved him; we all had the greatest admiration for the way in which he handled the affairs of this old society. We looked upon him as a true friend and a very wise counsellor. The large number of ringers who turned up at that great service in St. Paul's Cathedral for his funeral, and again at the cemetery, showed the affection and esteem in which he was held. Personally, I feel I have lost a very dear friend, indeed.'

Continuing, Canon Coleridge referred to the serious times through which the country had recently passed, when they were within a few hours of possibly the bloodiest war in the world's history. That by the grace of God through, he verily believed, the prayers of the multitudes who gathered together during those conversations, was staved off. If it had been otherwise not one of them would have been there that night.

He had heard, he went on, that there was a very smart young band coming on in London. They not only handled their own ten bells in masterly style, but attended the College Youths' practices as often as they could. Some of those young men had shown them a sample of what they could do at the service which they had attended that evening, when they rang a course of Grandsire Caters exceedingly well. He asked them, in all seriousness, not to let any female attractions take them away from their job (laughter). There was plenty of time to get married later on (laughter). A former well-known College Youth told him that when he married he made a bargain with his wife. He told her he would not marry her unless she allowed him out three nights a week for ringing (laughter). She looked rather

astonished, but agreed to it, and that ringer always had his three nights a week (laughter and applause). 'Bide a bit,' said Canon Coleridge. 'Stick to it and show what you can really do; stick together with one intention and purpose to do your very best, not only in the matter of excellency of striking, but also of goodwill one to another' (applause).

INSPIRATION OF MR. COCKERILL'S EXAMPLE.

Mr. A. B. Peck said he responded to the toast with mixed feelings, sadness that their beloved 'skipper' was not with them that night, but gladness because he realised his spirit was with them. His wonderful example was ever before them; he was an inspiration to the younger men to carry on. He felt personally he could not do better than follow Mr. Cockerill's example and work for the society as the 'skipper' did all his life (applause). When he (Mr. Peck) was elected secretary twelve months ago, Mr. Cockerill told him he would help him all he could, and that was the principal reason that induced him to take on the job; but alas, it was not to be; Mr. Cockerill was soon taken from them.

The society, said Mr. Peck, had had a very quiet year, as they might expect after their wonderful tercentenary year. They had elected 33 new members and held 77 practices, which were attended by 121 different members. Some had attended only once, but one attended 64 times. They had rung 18 peals—two of Minor, two of Bob Major, one of Double Norwich, one of Cambridge Major, three of London Surprise, one of Grandsire Caters, one of Treble Bob Royal, three of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Caters and three of Stedman Cinques. The most outstanding peal was the half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's to Mr. Cockerill's memory; the first half-muffled peal on the bells and a last tribute to their beloved secretary.

The Hon. Secretary went on to announce messages of apology and good wishes from Mr. James George (Birmingham), Mr. M. Northover (Reigate), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, wrote that old age (he is 83½) and increasing infirmities prevented him attending. He must be, he said, the 'father' of the society, having been elected on November 10th, 1874. He had always been proud of his membership, and his certificate, framed and glazed, was before him as he wrote. He hoped they would have a record attendance (applause).

A message had also been received from Miss Daisy E. Cockerill, wishing the members a successful and happy evening in the name of her brother and herself. She was very thankful that her father was able to be at the tercentenary dinner last year, as he had been looking forward to it for so long.

Other apologies had been received from the Revs. J. H. Ellison, J. B. Howden, E. G. Turner and R. French, and Messrs. S. H. Wood (Bristol), W. C. Dowding (Birmingham) and E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash).

The list of members who had passed away during the year was then read by the hon. secretary, while the members remained standing: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. W. Cross, W. T. Pates, A. Riley, W. H. Hollier, W. A. Cooke, George Smith, George Holifield, E. E. Phillips, W. Hughes, G. T. Daltry and W. T. Cockerill; to whom had to be added the Rev. Canon Haldane, who died the previous day.

Continuing, Mr. Peck thanked the various city incumbents for kindly allowing the facilities for practice, and the officers and members for their loyal support during the year.

Mr. Peck concluded by saying that the officers intended to do their best to carry on the traditions of the society, so that they could hand them down to posterity in as good condition as they found them (applause).

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

MR. L. B. PORTER BECOMES MASTER.

On Tuesday evening the society met at headquarters, the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, after ringing practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, to elect officers. The retiring Master, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who has served for two years, was unable to be present, as he had to leave England for Denmark, on business, on Monday.

There had only been one nomination for the respective offices, and the following were duly elected: Master, Mr. Lawrence B. Porter; senior steward, Mr. Jack Waugh; junior steward, Mr. George W. Cecil; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church for morning service on Sunday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, H. Mance 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, C. A. Button 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, L. G. Franks 8. Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who is on a visit from Limerick.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Keeley 1, Miss L. Keeley 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, E. Hawker 6, C. W. Powell 7, E. Tett 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and tenor. First quarter-peal of Grandsire with a working bell by the ringer of the 2nd, and first quarter-peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th.

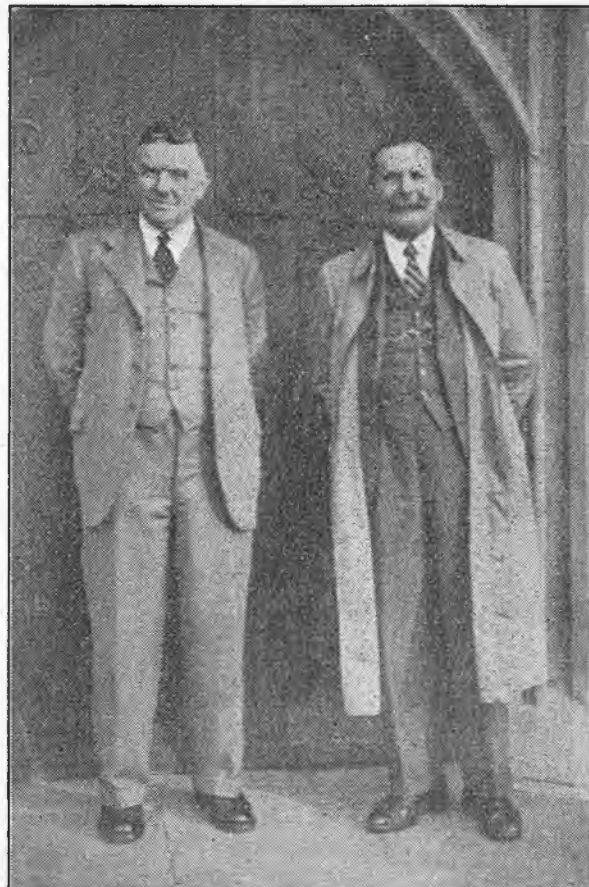
HILLINGDON VETERANS HONOURED.

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE IN ONE TOWER.

Presentations at Ringers' Social.

Two members of the band at St. John's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, have each completed 50 years' service as ringers at their parish church. These are Messrs. J. J. Pratt and W. Honor, born and bred in Hillingdon, when it was a peaceful country village. To-day Hillingdon is swallowed up in that network of great towns that have stretched themselves round the outer fringe of London. But 'through all the changing scenes of life,' Messrs. Pratt and Honor have loyally given their services to their church and the art of ringing, and at a meeting held at Hillingdon on Saturday, October 22nd, presentations were made to them to mark the auspicious anniversary.

The occasion was a very successful joint meeting of the Middlesex County Association, the Oxford Guild and the Ladies' Guild. About 80 members and friends were present from Bayswater, Belvedere,



MR. J. J. PRATT AND MR. W. HONOR.

Billingham, Boyne Hill, Brentford, Camberwell, Clewer (St. Andrew's), Cookham, Ealing (Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Edmonton, Farnham Royal, Harrow, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Isleworth, Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Leytonstone, Prittlewell, Ruislip, Slough, Stoke Poges, Sunbury, Uxbridge, West Grinstead, Westminster (St. Margaret's and St. Stephen's), Willesden, Windsor and Woodburn.

At St. John's, Hillingdon, the ringing was under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert (Ringing Master). Grandsire Triples, the first touch, was followed by rounds for learners, and subsequently, other standard methods were rung, as well as a course of Cambridge Royal and a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. As a service touch Stedman Caters were brought round. After tea the ringing included a plain course of Grandsire Caters by ladies only, and Bob Royal. At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, ringing was delayed until 3.30 p.m. owing to a service, but rounds and all standard methods up to and including Cambridge Surprise were rung under the supervision of Mr. F. Corke, about 25 ringers being present.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar at St. John's, who gave an eloquent address, stressing the need of putting one's best into everything. He remarked on the need for well-attended practices, so that

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MEN WHO TYPIFY THE OLD SPIRIT.

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Sunday ringing should be of the best, and said that outsiders, even though ignorant of ringing matters, noticed if the bells were not rung properly and if only six were going where there was a peal of eight.

Following the usual substantial tea, always so well arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) referred to the recent remarks in 'The Ringing World' on the question of joint meetings which were now being so successfully held. With regard to the suggestion made at a meeting at Kingston for a national association of ringers, he did not think this was necessary, providing the districts were well organised and that they cultivated co-operation between themselves and with the Church authorities.

The presentations were made prior to a 'social,' arranged by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow and his colleagues, with Mr. W. H. Coles as M.C.

The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. A. M. Bashford) said it was a very great occasion for Hillingdon Church and the parish, the achievement of their two ringers was a wonderful record indeed. It reflected tremendous credit on those who had given such loyal and splendid service.

Alderman Craig said Mr. Honor and Mr. Pratt had been stalwarts of the village for very many years. The Hillingdon of to-day had lost its old entity, and little of the old village or its spirit, which many of them remembered with so much pleasure, remained. 'In those days,' said Mr. Craig, 'everyone knew everyone else and we called each other by our Christian names. To-day we are entirely submerged. There is very little of the old Hillingdon village, or the old Hillingdon spirit best represented by the service of Mr. Honor and Mr. Pratt left.'

He welcomed the opportunity to pay tribute to these two men who typified that old spirit of service, cheerfully and loyally rendered, the spirit which was so much needed to-day.

On behalf of the churchwardens and the people of Hillingdon, he associated himself with the presentation. He hoped Hillingdon would never lack such men of spirit.

Mr. W. H. Coles added a word of congratulation from the bell-ringers.

Mr. Pratt was presented with a lounge chair and Mr. Honor with a handsome chiming clock, tobacco pouch and pipe, and both made brief but suitable responses.

Dancing, to the strains of the 'Lambeth Walk' and other popular numbers, was much enjoyed. A 'serious operation' took place in full view of the audience and caused much amusement and some trepidation. The victim, however, soon recovered and seemed pleased to have got off for 'five bob.' A number of amusing games followed, including variations of 'Oranges and Lemons,' the 'Wedding Night' and others, and a well-conducted spelling bee contest between the Middlesex, Oxford and Ladies' Guild was won, amid much applause, by the ladies with 13 points, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Botham and Mrs. Housden winning full marks.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and carried with acclamation to the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. A. M. Bashford, M.A.), the Vicar of St. Andrew's (the Rev. R. Home), Alderman G. G. Craig and Mr. J. H. Coleman (churchwardens), Mr. Sayer (organist), Messrs. F. F. Smith and F. Corke (steeplekeepers) and to all those who made the arrangements for the tea and social, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, the Misses Darvill, Coles, Haynes, Barker, Gutteridge and Dean, and to the secretary.

Coffee and light refreshments were served during the evening and the proceedings terminated about 11 p.m.

JOY BELLS AT TUNSTALL.

The ringers at Tunstall, Kent, assembled at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 30th, to proclaim the joy and thanks of the parish for the preservation of peace by ringing touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, they rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. The ringers taking part were Miss B. Spice, J. Spice, Mrs. G. H. Spice, G. H. Spice, W. E. Spice, Mrs. E. H. Spice, W. Spice, sen. (conductor), G. Webb, J. Webb, Miss F. Hollands and G. Kenward.

THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.

At Coseley, Staffs, for harvest festival evensong, on Sunday, October 2nd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Jeavons 1, J. Holden (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Fisher 3, A. Cope 4, W. Grinsell 5, S. Baker 6, J. D. Holden (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Holden 8. All are members of the local band.

On Wednesday evening, October 5th, at Rainham Parish Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Morris 1, Miss J. Naylor 2, Miss K. Cheal 3, F. Cheal 4, C. Belsey 5, W. Walker 6, G. Naylor (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. On Sunday evening, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss K. Cheal 2, Miss J. Naylor 3, C. Belsey 4, F. Cheal (conductor) 5, W. Walker 6, G. Naylor 7, C. Webb 8.

At Great Baddow, Essex, on Sunday, October 9th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Ainger (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, G. Green 2, Miss D. K. French 3, P. Felton 4, Pat Spencer Phillips (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (composer and conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge (St. Mary's R.C.) on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Tower open 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The peal, recently augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be available for the first district meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, and I must ask you to 'play the game' and let me know. Remember, it's an opening of a new peal. May I expect 10—or 100? Committee members please make an effort to attend, as I have business for you.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8 bells) on Saturday, November 12th, to inaugurate the new Eastern District. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Excellent bus service from Ipswich. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business and election of officers for 1939. Private coach from Owen's Garage, Shaw Street, Worcester, 2.30. Return fare 1s. 3d.—G. E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Watlingbury on November 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cafe, Watlingbury, at 5.30. It is several years since the association visited this tower. Come and try these bells. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Please make an effort to make this meeting successful.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells), on Saturday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on November 12th, but will be transferred to the Parish Church tower after tea. Interested ringers please note.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Winthorpe (6 bells), near Newark, on Nov. 12th. Please do your best to be present.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch. — Please take notice that the annual meeting of the above branch, arranged for Brislington on Nov. 12th, has been cancelled, and will now take place at St. Matthew's, Cotham, on the same date. Come up and see us. — W. H. Thomas, Hon. Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for Nov.: St. Magnus', Thames St., 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 15th, 7.30 p.m.; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, November 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports now ready.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) & **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern Branch).—Combined meeting at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meetings 5.15 in the Parish Hall. Notifications by Thursday, 17th. Everybody welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch will hold their November meeting at Lacock on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The Abbey will be open to ringers and friends at 3.30 sharp. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome. Intending visitors please let me know by Wednesday, November 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—SS. Peter and Paul's, Wantage. Re-dedication of bells (8), after rehanging by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, November 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Please send a card if you are staying to tea to A. V. Gibbs, Trinder Road, Wantage, Berks.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lea, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is absolutely essential that all who require tea notify me, the undersigned, by the Tuesday previous.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sandbach on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. This peal of 8 bells have just been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a postcard by the 16th instant?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Rainbow Inn at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Visitors cordially invited.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The next ringing meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Cards for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, near Nuneaton. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Great Chart on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. — W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—The district annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Peter's bells (10) open from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Blacksmiths Arms 5.30 p.m. Election of officers and secretary's report, etc. All district ringers are asked to attend. Please notify me by Friday, 18th.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stoughton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The tower has recently been rebuilt, five old bells recast and one added by Mears and Stainbank. Bells available 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (6d.) and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham. Phone Evesham 6061.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 19th (please note date). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All are welcome. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, not later than the Wednesday previous to the meeting. Notifications can be sent to the guild secretary, but must arrive by the Tuesday previous, not Thursday, as stated on the members' notices. — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seavington, St. Mary, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please advise by Tuesday, 15th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Our next meeting will be held at Matlock, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Will those hoping to be present get in touch with Mr. V. Taylor, 20, Mornington Rise, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea in the Welcome Hall

at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells of Merton Parish Church will be available for ringing in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. W. Arthur Taylor, 25, Beverley Avenue, Wimbledon, S.W.20, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. Nominations for district officers may be made at this meeting. —F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', High Street, on Saturday, November 26th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 3.30, All Saints', and at other churches in the evening as announced. Ringers wishing to attend and requiring tea, please notify by November 22nd to E. J. B. Morton, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 11, Water Eaton Road, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 18½ cwt.). Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to the undersigned not later than the 24th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Werburgh's on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterill, near Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Munday, 92, High St., Old Woking.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th. St. Anne's, West Hill, Highgate, will be available from 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing will be at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, and possibly Gospel Oak; full particulars later. It is essential that names for tea should reach one of the following by Thursday, Nov. 24th.—J. G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh St., Westminster S.W.1 (L.C.A.); N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent (R.C.Y.).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — The annual general meeting of this district will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting after. As this is the Silver Jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the Cathedral bells, it is hoped there will be a good attendance, and in order to assist in the catering arrangements it will be appreciated if those who require tea will let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. —A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify H. G. Felton, 42, Panfield Lane, Braintree, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, free to all those who notify me by Dec. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mill-field, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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