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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

It is gratifying to find the Ancient Society of College Youths defying the present handicaps and carrying out, in time honoured fashion, the commemoration of their foundation. It is true that last Saturday's proceedings had to be adapted to circumstances, and were shorn of some of their customary formality, but the luncheon held in London to celebrate the 302nd anniversary of the society was, nevertheless, a great success when measured against the prevailing conditions. It was more than a commemoration; it demonstrated the vitality of the society and proved that there is an unquenchable spirit of enthusiasm among ringers which, if directed aright, will triumph over the greatest drawbacks. The gathering was not confined solely to members living in and around London. Many of them came long distances to be present, and the younger members who attended will, in days to come, recall with special interest this war-time experience which makes the gathering notable in the society's annals. This celebration, too, was commendable, inasmuch as it has maintained the annual feast of the society which has been held without a break, as far as one can say, from its very foundation. Even in the last war, when a general gathering of members was out of the question, London members upheld the tradition and kept the feast, so that its continuity should not be broken. No one knows what troublous times may lie ahead. The war has already followed an unexpected course; its conduct may change in such a way that a gathering like that of Saturday may be impossible again in London until peaceful times come once more; but it is a significant fact that a little band of provincial College Youths, unable to join the company in the city, arranged their own celebration. If the worst comes to the worst, and London cannot provide for such a celebration, the College Youths may well transfer their festival to some centre in the country where they can maintain the time-honoured custom.

Last Saturday's proceedings were marked by a refreshing informality, and there were some who hoped that it may become eventually a feature of the society's activities to bring together at some other time of the year than November those who are able to meet. There was a period, of course, when the society's annual celebration was a summer event with a mid-day meal, and the more formal dinner, which for half a century or so has taken place in November, is a revival of an earlier practice. But it is a happy thought that through all the vicissitudes of three centuries the society has been able to maintain this side of its corporate life, although there have

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been times when its ringing activities have been far less conspicuous than they are to-day. The social side of ringing is an important link in the chain that binds the members of the Exercise together and, without doubt, the College Youths' annual commemoration has done much to maintain the strength of the society and to add to its prestige.

The annual dinner has been in the past the occasion for publicly recording its activities, and last Saturday the secretary was able to give an indication of 'what might have been,' had not the war intervened to break up the programme. But for the interruption, it is probable that no fewer than one hundred ringing meetings would have been held in the twelve months, a really striking piece of evidence of the vigour of the old society, and one which many a modern ringing organisation might envy. The College Youths who meet at the city churches in these days are not just Londoners, in the sense that years ago they came from the city or the near vicinity. To-day they come from a widespread area, and within the past few years there have been several Masters who have resided at a considerable distance from the Metropolis, as was not unusual in the seventeenth century. In the same way, the members who take part in the meetings come from a much greater radius, and it is an indication not only that the society is extending the sphere of its active membership, but also, we hope, shedding some of that 'parochial' outlook that once characterised the more immediate London circles. When, once again, conditions permit, we hope the College Youths will not only quickly return to normal activity, but retain their traditional place in the Exercise by a new spirit of enterprise that will place them as leaders among the ringing organisations of this country in fact as well as in name.

DEATH OF WEST NORFOLK BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

PRESENTATION INKSTAND HANDED TO WIDOW.

The death occurred in Norwich Hospital on October 17th of Mr. H. R. Heyhoe, of Swaffham.

The late Mr. Heyhoe came of an old Swaffham family and had filled many public offices in that town. For upwards of 40 years he had been a ringer at the Parish Church, many of them as captain of the band. Although he had rung no peals and had not appeared much in the ringing news, he had, nevertheless, done a great amount of work in teaching and trying to get and keep a band together.

He had been chairman of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association for the past seven years, resigning earlier this year owing to ill-health.

At the funeral on October 20th the branch was represented by Messrs. J. Godfrey (chairman), Cooke and Tuthill, who, together with the local ringers, acted as pall bearers.

On the following Sunday 406 Bob Triples and a touch of Minor, with 6-8 covering, were rung with the bells half-muffled, the following taking part: J. Godfrey, T. White, — Banner, — Jeffries, G. Hassock, J. Buckenham, F. Matthews, J. Clarke, E. Barker, C. E. Banham, W. Cousins and L. Houghton. At the close Mr. White, the oldest ringer in Swaffham, tolled the deceased's age (68) on the tenor.

The West Norfolk Branch had arranged to present Mr. Heyhoe with an inscribed bell inkstand in appreciation of his services as their chairman. Unfortunately, he did not live to receive this, and, at a meeting held at Swaffham on Saturday week, the gift was handed to his widow. At this meeting the bells were rung during the afternoon.

GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER-PEAL.

At Barwell Parish Church on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Joseph Needham 1, William White 2, Richard Belton 3, Albert Lucas 4, Tom Belton 5, Norman Statham 6, Fred Cotton (conductor) 7, Harry England 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Arguile, two prominent members of the Parish Church. It was also an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Belton, whose husband is still a regular Sunday service ringer; and whose son and grandson rang the 3rd and 5th respectively.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER 5	ALEX HUTCHISON... .. 5
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON 2	FRANK BRADLEY 6
R. ALLEN HICKTON 3	ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH 7
WILLIAM H. KING 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARCHIE G. LOCK 3	ALBERT G. HARRISON 3
VERA E. GOODERHAM 2	THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD 4
W. ARCHIE LOCK Tenor	

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. F. Poppy. The ringers of 1, 2 and 5 were Mr. Poppy's pupils.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1939, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 50, RODOLPH ROAD,

A PEAL OF WELLINGTON LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
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On Saturday, November 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 8067 CHANGES;

GEORGE SWANN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3-4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guild took place on Saturday week. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Howden and was much enjoyed by the 14 members present, after which the president (the Rev. R. Howden) took the chair at the business meeting.

The balance sheet was passed and the following officers were elected: Mr. J. S. Hawkins, Ringing Master and hon. secretary; Mr. W. J. Norton, hon. treasurer.

Handbell ringing was indulged in after the meeting. Ringing has now been resumed on Sundays (mornings only), 10 to 11 a.m., when visitors will be welcomed as usual.

A 'SHUNT' IN RINGING PARLANCE.

REV. H. DRAKE TAKES EXCEPTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—War work and illness have prevented me from writing other letters, but the articles 'With pencil and paper,' in which the word 'shunt' is used, have stirred me to get out the typewriter again.

The word 'shunt' is etymologically known as a factitive form of the word 'shun.' Therefore, it means what makes one thing 'shun' another. The most common use, and that which rises to one's mind first of all, is that which applies to railway trains. When a train is 'shunted,' it is 'made to shun' the main line, and until it has entirely done so, that line cannot be used.

Whether the word is used about trains, or in any other way, it always conveys to the mind two things:—

First, something must, for the time, be discarded. Until the train is off the main line it is not shunted.

Secondly, the train that is shunted must be motionless. If it goes off somewhere else, the train has not been shunted at all. It has merely been 'switched' on to another line.

Now, in the use made of the word in the article in question, neither of these requirements applies. As both are necessary for the truth of what is written, it follows that the word 'shunt' is here both false and misleading. False, because the so-called shunt does not do what it professes to do, and misleading because it makes the reader think of something else than what the writer of the article wants him to.

The fact that this article, like the others in the series, is so good and clear, except for this word, only makes matters worse. A beginner, who had been helped so far, would be quite choked off by what he would see to be an inexplicable error. The more experienced ringer, while he would see what you are driving at, would be wondering whether he had got your whole meaning, whether there was not something in your mind of a discard, or of a ceasing of the movement somewhere.

In conclusion, it may be pointed out that Jasper Snowdon, in his standard series of handbooks, uses the word in its correct meaning. It is now too late to contradict him by using the term wrongly or to pretend to be a better ringer or writer than he was.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

Mr. Drake's objection is not a valid one. The Oxford English Dictionary contradicts him on almost every point. It gives three or four distinct meanings of the word 'shunt' when used as a noun. In railways a 'shunt' is a 'switch.' In electricity a 'shunt' is 'a device for directing the current from one line to another.' The great dictionary recognises the use of the word as a technical term in change ringing and describes it as the calling or omission of a hob in order to divert the track of a composition from one part to the corresponding point in another part.

Our use of the word is strictly in accordance with these definitions, except that we have exercised the right, which belongs to every writer on technical matters, of giving to a technical term, by definition and explanation, the precise and limited meaning which is necessary for our immediate purpose. No attempt is made to contradict Jasper Snowdon, because, as far as we can trace, Jasper Snowdon never used the term in connection with ringing.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.'

RINGER'S WEDDING AT SANDHURST.

At Sandhurst Parish Church on Saturday, November 4th, a marriage was solemnised between Mr. W. J. H. Parker and Miss Winifred Foster, both of Sandhurst. The bridegroom is one of the ringers at Sandhurst and is also a member of the church choir. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. J. T. O'Malley (Rector), one of the bridegroom's brothers acted as best man, and the organist and full choir were present. The popularity of both bride and bridegroom was shown by the presence of a large congregation.

Advantage was taken of the occasion to hold a combined practice at the tower, and as the happy couple left the church local ringers and others stood to the ropes to set the seal to the ceremony. It must be quite a unique experience for a ringer to be able to lead his bride between the ropes as his brother ringers rang a wedding touch. Ringers were present from Hurst, Finchampstead, Bramley (Hants), Sonning, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and the local belfry. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor. Ringing continued till dusk and the end of a happy and most profitable afternoon.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN LONDON. Luncheon Takes Place of Usual Dinner.

War-time conditions necessitated the abandonment of the usual dinner held by the Ancient Society of College Youths to celebrate the anniversary of the foundation in 1637. Instead, the experiment was successfully tried of having a luncheon. It was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, and was attended by a company of between sixty and seventy, among whom were a number who, despite the difficulties connected with travelling, had come long distances. Unfortunately, the Master of the Society, Mr. E. G. Fenn, was unable through sickness to be present. The chair was, therefore, taken by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. S. H. Green, Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey. Those present also included Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer of the society), A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), J. Shand, G. Cross (Master of the Royal Cumberlands), G. W. Steere (hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberlands), W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Messrs. G. F. Hoad (Reigate), A. Bashford, H. Hodgetts, G. N. Price, B. P. Morris, D. Boreham (High Wycombe), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), E. F. Pike, H. R. Crick, H. Warboys, C. W. Roberts, E. H. King, E. H. Nash (Mells, Somerset), W. A. Osborn, G. Debenham (St. Albans), W. H. Seabrook, H. R. Newton, H. R. Miles, H. Langdon, W. H. Pasmore, H. Hoskins, E. P. Duffield, R. W. Stannard, T. Groombridge, R. Fenn, J. Bumbley, A. Stracey, G. Boomsma, R. Cousins, L. Fox, G. W. Cecil, H. Reynolds, E. S. Owen, W. A. Hughes, W. E. Troke, E. Murrell, F. Shorter, G. Moody, J. A. Prior, T. Fox, H. E. Thompson, F. W. Budge, J. R. Schiig, etc.

TWO CELEBRATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN.

After lunch the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The King,' and then gave 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' Although, he said, he had no notion, until he came into the room, that he was to take the chair, he was extremely glad to do so, despite the fact that he was a junior College Youth (laughter). He was told he was the oldest member present, although he had been a member only a little over 60 years (laughter). They all deplored the reason which caused the absence of the Master, who should have presided that day. Canon Coleridge congratulated those who had engineered the lunch, upon the success that had attended it. It had been a most delightful meeting, as far as it had gone (applause)—and he had no doubt it would end equally as well (laughter and applause). Although London had, in the past, been the meeting place of the College Youths, present circumstances had prompted a certain number of members living in Reading to have a little commemoration on their own in the evening, and they had insisted upon his being present. He had no doubt they would have a pleasant meeting. A society was certainly not altogether dead when they found a little community in the country meeting to keep the festival with a dinner of their own (hear, hear). Canon Coleridge concluded by wishing the society continued prosperity and hoped that every member would try to keep the flag flying—in other words, keep the bells ringing as far as they could. The police were quite amenable in this matter, as a rule, and he was sure the public were glad to hear the bells. There might be times of disaster ahead, but as far as possible he hoped they would keep the bells going, and he hoped the success of that luncheon would hearten them to go out and do their utmost (applause).

A CHEERY MESSAGE.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck), in replying, thanked Canon Coleridge for occupying the chair in the absence of the Master (Mr. E. G. Fenn), from whom, he said, he had received both a telegram and a letter. The telegram wished them all a successful and happy gathering. In a cheerful letter the Master apologised for his enforced absence and being prevented from accepting the highest honour that any ringer could attain to, namely, to preside at the annual gathering as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Owing to his illness he was unable to do so. He had tried hard to get well enough to be able to attend, but three obstacles had been placed in the way. First, his wife would not let him go, secondly the doctor had forbidden him to go out, and, thirdly, to crown all, they had hidden his trousers (laughter). But although he would not be with them in body, he would be with them in spirit and would raise his glass and drink (not in ale, worse luck!) to the good health and prosperity of the Ancient Society. Mr. Fenn concluded that, although he was feeling much better, he had a long way to go before he would be able to say he was fit again. He would be pleased to see any of his ringing friends if they cared to call.

The Hon. Secretary said a telegram of good wishes for his speedy recovery had been sent to the Master, and he asked Canon Coleridge to convey the best wishes of that gathering to the members who were meeting in the evening at Reading.

Proceeding, Mr. Peck said other apologies had been received from Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and past Master) and Mr. J. Waugh (senior steward). The former, writing to the Master from Glasgow, said he trusted there would be a goodly com-

pany to show that in bad times as well as good times the Ancient Society continued its good work. 'Several week-ends,' added Mr. Lewis, 'I have been able to spend at Dun-a-Bhuilg and each time I have gone through Inveraray I have thought of the happy week-end when you honoured us by your visit to Scotland.' He concluded by sending greetings to all who were present.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

Continuing, the Hon. Secretary said that during the year the society rang 14 peals, not a long list, perhaps, but one that was partly curtailed by the war. There were four peals of Stedman Cinques, three of Stedman Caters, one of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, one of Stedman Triples, three of Grandsire Triples, one of Cambridge Surprise Royal and one of Bob Minor. During the year they had held 80 meetings, 77 of which had been for ringing, and he thought that, had there been no war, they would this year have created a record by holding 100 ringing meetings. The meetings had been well attended and they were now endeavouring to arrange a Saturday afternoon ringing meeting once a fortnight. The Hon. Secretary said they had elected 23 new members during the year. It was not a large number, but perhaps that was due to the reaction after the large number they elected as the result of the tercentenary celebrations in 1937. He regretted that there was a rather long list of members who had passed away.

This last Mr. Peck read, while those present stood, and he added that as the name book was in safe keeping at St. Paul's, he had been unable to verify which of the deceased were members of the society. He had, therefore, included the names of all ringers of whose deaths he had any information. The hon. secretary concluded by again thanking Canon Coleridge for his kindness in presiding, and said for many years the society would have liked to elect him as Master (applause), but perhaps the nearest they would get to it was having him in the chair that day.

Canon Coleridge thanked Mr. Peck and said it was a great pleasure to him to be there.

MASTERS OF CENTURIES AGO.

Mr. E. Alex. Young said that was a unique occasion and it might very well be punctuated with something which they had not done before. They often thought of the past and he proposed to ask them to drink a toast which would carry them down the years of centuries ago. A hundred years ago they had a Master in the chair, as they had had a hundred years before that, and also had had even a hundred years earlier. With the permission of the chairman, he was going to ask them to honour the memory of those three men. He asked them to drink to the honoured memory of Edward Flower, Master of the society in 1639. He was one of the original members of the College Youths and stood beside Lord Breton when the society was founded two years before. A hundred years later, in 1739, William Cox was Master. He (the speaker) did not know anything about William Cox, except that he must have been ingrained a good College Youth because for over twenty years he must have attended the meetings. Eventually he was rewarded by being asked to become Master. He was elected a member in 1712 and Master in 1739. He must have had an honoured memory. Lastly, in 1839 Richard Mills was Master. They knew more about Richard Mills. He gave the society that beautiful work of art, the medallion which the Masters wore as their badge of office for nearly one hundred years, and which was now worn by the immediate Past Master. That medal was struck to commemorate the society's bi-centenary. Richard Mills was elected in the year of the bi-centenary, 1837, and also in the years 1838 and 1839; so in a mysterious way he was a link with the previous centenary. These three struck a fundamental note; there was harmony between them, and he trusted it might be thought suitable to carry on the idea in future years (applause).

The toast of the memory of these three Masters was honoured in silence.

The Hon. Secretary welcomed Mr. Thomas Groombridge and said they were all very pleased to see him so far recovered after his accident.

Mr. Groombridge, in thanking the members, said he hoped soon to be at the rope-end again.

Mr. J. W. Jones, on behalf of the provincial members, expressed their pleasure at being present. They appreciated the opportunity of again meeting old friends, and he hoped by next November they would meet under much more pleasant circumstances (hear, hear).

The Hon. Secretary read a telegram received during the proceedings from Mr. Edgar Guise, conveying 'Best wishes and greetings to College Youths from Bristol United Ringing Guilds.'

The happy gathering broke up after some of the party had indulged in handbell ringing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Last Tuesday the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, no other nominations having been received: Master, Mr. E. G. Fenn; senior steward, Mr. J. Waugh; junior steward, Mr. G. W. Cecil; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton.

BRETFORTON, WORCS. — On Sunday, October 29th, at St. Leonard's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Hands 1, T. Hands 2, John Perkins 3, John Hall, jun. 4, Raymond Jelp 5, Philip Hall 6. Rung in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, sen.

READING COLLEGE YOUTHS.**KEEP THE FESTIVAL IN THEIR HOME TOWN.**

Those members of the College Youths living in Reading who usually attend the annual dinner in London, and were unable to be present at the luncheon this year, determined to keep the festival by a dinner in their home town, and last Saturday 20 sat down to a well-cooked and well-served meal at The Belgrave.

The company were fortunate in having in the chair their old friend Canon Coleridge, who had just fulfilled a similar duty at the London luncheon. The chairman proposed the health of the King, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert that of the College Youths and kindred societies. Mr. A. Diserens, of the Society of Royal Cumberlands, responded.

Mr. Hibbert proposed 'Good health to every Sailor, Soldier and Airman serving the Empire,' and the toast was drunk with acclamation.

A fine course of Stedman Caters was rung by the young College Youths from Basingstoke: R. F. Kingham 1-2, D. W. Nash 3-4, W. Hibbert 5-6, C. W. Munday 7-8, D. H. Anstey 9-10. After a song or two, Mr. A. Diserens took a pair of bells and a course of Stedman Cinques was rung as well as a course of Grandsire Cinques, in which Mr. A. Wiggins took part.

Songs, yarns of funny experiences by some of the 'old uns,' gleees and more handbell ringing, including a touch of Stedman Triples and two courses of Stedman Caters, brought the end all too soon, and everyone got home safely in the dark.

One thing should be mentioned. Mr. F. Munday, one of the Basingstoke boys and a tower of strength in their handbell band, was really the instigator of the gathering and was the only absentee, as he had joined H.M. Foot Guards a fortnight previously. The company present at the dinner wish him a happy life as a guardsman and a safe return.

A NEW VICAR FOR OLD WINDSOR.

On Saturday week, the Rev. P. H. D. Ogle, formerly of Sandown, Isle of Wight, was inducted as Vicar of Old Windsor by the Rural Dean Canon Fry, of Maidenhead. The service was choral and well attended. The call to arms having depleted the local band, an S.O.S. was responded to by Messrs. A. D. Barker, W. Henley, W. Birmingham, T. Smith and G. Barkus, who helped to ring touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples both before and after the service. Their valuable services were much appreciated in view of a prearranged branch meeting which had to be attended and caused a hurried transfer to Stoke Poges in very inclement weather.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WITTHYHAM.**

Last Saturday the East Grinstead and District Guild held at Withyham its first meeting under war-time conditions, and it proved a great success. Twenty-five ringers attended from Beddingham, West Grinstead, Coleman's Hatch, Crovdon Parish Church, Eastbourne (Christ Church), East Grinstead, Hartfield, Lingfield, Rotherfield, Staplehurst, Tunbridge Wells, Uckfield and Wadhurst. The lovely toned octave was raised at 2.45 p.m. and was put to good use, and a good standard of striking was maintained in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and the usual rounds and call changes.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Coleman's Hatch on December 2nd, when the tower will be blacked out to enable ringing to be continued after dark.

The tit-bit of the day came just before 6 o'clock, when the bells were perfectly lowered in peal, Queen's coming out beautifully at the end, a fitting finale to an excellent afternoon's ringing. A general move was then made to the Dorset Arms, where all made their own arrangements for tea. When all were refreshed and the tobacco well alight, out came the handbells, the music of which all within hearing appreciated. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters and Plain Bob Major, and all too early a most enjoyable day ended.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE RINGER WEDS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Edmund's Church, Cheddleton, when Miss Grace Sulton was married to Mr. John Wheelton. The bridegroom is one of the band at Bucknall, and his father and uncle are well-known ringers in North Staffordshire. The bride's brother is one of the band at Cheddleton. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bells were rung, and a reception was held at the Cheddleton Village Institute, which was attended by about fifty guests. Owing to the war the honeymoon, which had been arranged to be spent at Blackpool, had unfortunately to be cancelled.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WORSLEY.**

The Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association held its first war-time meeting at Worsley on Saturday week. Ringers from Liverpool, Chorley, Bolton and Warrington, with the branch members, made the meeting a great success. The methods rung were Cambridge, Kent and Bob Royal and Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Ringing ceased about 6 p.m. owing to the necessary restrictions.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The war-time derangement of the postal services and the necessity of getting the copies of 'The Ringing World' into the hands of the publishers earlier on Thursday make it absolutely essential that all contributions to our columns, and particularly all notices, should be in our hands by Monday in each week. We cannot guarantee the insertion in the following issue of anything received later.

We hope that secretaries will send us prompt reports of their meetings, and we shall welcome any items of news relating to ringers and ringing, but they must reach us early.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our readers will join us in offering congratulations to Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was born at Cadbury Vicarage, Devonshire, 82 years ago to-day. The Canon holds a place in the esteem and affection of ringers which is quite unique. In his time he has taken part in several famous peals, including 8,800 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, 12,096 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 13,054 and 15,041 changes of Stedman Caters. He also rang the famous old tenor at St. Mary-le-Bow to a peal.

On November 7th, 1729, the first peal ever rung on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, was accomplished by the College Youths. The method was Grandsire Cinques, the number of changes was 5,128, and three men had to be put to the tenor, including the conductor, Benjamin Annable.

On November 8th, 1888, the band of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, rang William Harrison's peal of London Surprise Major, 6,720 changes, the extent of the method with the tenors together. The conductor was Mr. Joseph Griffin, who is still alive, and who attended the meeting of the Central Council at Westminster last Whitsuntide. If we remember aright only two longer lengths have since been rung in the method.

To-morrow, Armistice Day, is the fifth anniversary of the first twelve-bell peal achieved outside the British Isles. It was 5,038 changes of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and was rung partly by members of the visiting band who were then touring Australia and partly by members of the local band.

'The Nineteenth Century and After' for November contains a well-informed and well-written article on bells and ringing by Mr. John Shand. Mr. Shand, who is on the staff of 'The Manchester Guardian,' was present at the College Youths' luncheon on Saturday. This is the first time, we believe, that a magazine of the standing of 'The Nineteenth Century' has printed an article on bells since the year 1854, when a famous article appeared in 'The Quarterly.'

Members of the Midland Counties Association who intend to visit Hugglescote on Saturday week should note the revised time of meeting. The bells will be available from 2.15 p.m., but there will be a break at 3 p.m. to allow for a wedding.

Owing to a telephonic error, a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was announced in our last issue to be held at Stoke Goldington instead of at Great Linford.

A SOUTH WALES RESTORATION.

At St. Bride's Major, near Bridgend, Glamorganshire, a thorough restoration has taken place. The five old bells have been recast and a new bell added to make a ring of six. The work has been done by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The dedication is to take place on Saturday, November 18th, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

HANDBELL RINGING.

APPRECIATION OF MR. WOOLLEY'S ARTICLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please accept my sincere thanks for getting such an able man as Mr. Woolley to write the article on double-handed ringing.

It is written and explained so well that I think all ringers interested in handbell ringing will now be able to go ahead and know that by practising on the lines set out by Mr. Woolley they will be able to progress.

Please tender my thanks to Mr. Woolley, also to Mr. Symonds. Other articles written by either of these gentlemen at a later date will be very much appreciated.

SAM JONES.

RINGING IN WAR TIME.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION IN THE YEAR 1915.
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will be opportune at this time to recall the resolution unanimously passed by the Central Council in 1915: 'That this Council recognises with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war; but at the same time regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other feasts of the Church, as also on royal and national anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies.'

F. L. EDWARDS.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
PRACTICE MEETING AT DRAYTON.**

A highly successful practice was held at Drayton, Berkshire, on Saturday week by members of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The towers represented were Brightwell, Sunningwell, Abingdon, East Hagbourne, Radley, Wantage, Stevenon and Blewbury, and there were visitors from Oxford, Swindon and Chearsley, in all about 30 ringers.

The bells were available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and once they were pulled up little time was wasted until they were lowered again. Much good work was done, and the opportunity was seized by everyone to ring something 'different.' Even the experts discovered how quickly it is possible to get rusty in familiar Surprise methods. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major, although the latter just failed to come round. This was rather surprising, as the bells certainly know this particular method. It will be remembered that in the days when the late Rev. F. E. Robinson was Vicar of Drayton, a peal of 11,328 changes of London Surprise, composed and conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook, was rung in the tower. It was then the record length in the method.

The next practice will be held on Saturday, November 25th, from 3 p.m. until dusk, and it is hoped to arrange it at Wantage, when all the mistakes made at Drayton can be put right, and fresh ones made, in new methods, of course.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS BUSY.

The bells of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, have been ringing throughout the war, the regular times being 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Although the band have experienced some difficulty in raising the bells for matins, owing to a military service at 10 a.m., a short touch has always been rung. On October 15th they visited St. Mary's, by special request, for the dedication festival, and rang both at 9.30 and 12.15 a.m. These bells, however, are not rung regularly. St. Chad's ringers were presented with something of a poser on October 22nd, when a request for a touch on St. Mary's bells at the conclusion of matins was made by the Vicar and only reached them when the service was in progress.

As there was more than a doubt about the ability of some of those who were able to go to take part in raising the bells in peal, one member of the band undertook to get covered with dust and dirt in a successful attempt to lash the clappers and to raise them 'dumb.' A nice touch of Grandsire Triples was the reward and a fall in peal was accomplished.

FOUR TOWERS COMBINE.

A very pleasant afternoon and combined practice was held at Ewhurst, Surrey, on Oct. 21st. Ringers joined hands from Guildford, Bramley and Cranleigh and the local band. The bells were raised in peal at 3.30 and ringing in all the standard methods was carried on until just after 5 o'clock.

The towers of Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Bramley and Wonsersh are trying to arrange these Saturday afternoon practices at one or other of the four towers. The next practice is to be arranged by Mr. Martin, of Bramley.

WAR TIME RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Bronllys, Brecknockshire, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 2.30 to 3 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.
Talgarth, Brecknockshire, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6 p.m. Practice, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's, Holborn, 10 to 11 a.m.
Burton-on-Stather, Lines, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 2.15 to 3 p.m.
Mitcham, Surrey, practice Wednesdays 5.30 to 7 p.m.
Cheltenham Parish Church, 10 to 11 a.m.
Reading, St. Laurence's, 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.15 to 6 p.m.
Winchester Cathedral, 10.25 a.m. and 2.25 p.m.
Kilburn, St. Augustine's, 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
Kingston, 10 to 10.45 a.m., practice 7.30 to 9 p.m.
Birmingham, St. Mary's, Selly Oak, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Ticknall, near Derby, practice Saturday afternoons 2 to 4 p.m.

RAMPTON RING AUGMENTED.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND DEDICATION OF EVELYN-WHITE MEMORIAL BELL.

The day was mild and the weather kind on Wednesday, November 1st, when the Archdeacon of Ely, Bishop H. MacCartie E. Price, came to dedicate the second treble of the future ring of six. This bell, given by their sons in memory of the Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Evelyn-White, follows the late Rector's own gift of a bell before he died.

The same service was used as in February last, when the existing bells were restored (with the exception of one whose recasting was disallowed by the Chancellor) and a new one added.

Bishop Price, in his address, congratulated the little parish, and dwelt on his own and his sister's memories both of the friendship and keen church architectural interest of the late Rector and his wife.

It was a great pleasure to the parish to have with them the Rev. Fr. Kenneth V. Evelyn-White to read the lesson and to act as the Bishop's chaplain and to hear his father's bells with their memorial addition ringing in perfect harmony.

Visiting clergy present included the Rev. F. G. Weston, Rural Dean, and the Revs. Roland Hills, F. J. Bywaters, James A. Rees and K. V. Evelyn-White.

After the four back bells had been chimed for service, owing to the early hour preventing the attendance of the full band, the Ely Diocesan Association, represented by Mr. R. Lathbury and Miss Shortle (Cambridge), Mr. D. Adams and Mr. L. Thorpe (Over) and Mr. D. Williams and Mr. F. Warrington (Swavesey), rang several 120's on the five. The 'go' was all that could be desired.

A greetings telegram from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston was received with evident delight by the grateful little parish. There was a fairly large congregation for so early an hour.

The Bishop mentioned the fact that one more step was required towards the final completion of the scheme by the addition of the treble bell to make the ring of six, for which a fund is still open.

When this is installed, Rampton will have one of the lightest rings of six in the country.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in their usual satisfactory manner.

DEATH OF A FINE OLD YORKSHIREMAN.

MR. TOM MAUDE, OF PUDSEY.

With deep regret, we recorded in our last issue the passing of Mr. Thomas Maude, who died at his residence, Height House, Pudsey, Yorkshire, on Monday, October 23rd, after a long illness, at the age of 85 years.

Born in the neighbouring village of Tong, the deceased, as a boy, was a companion of the famous six-bell ringer, the late Mr. G. B. Bolland, of that village, and the two were lifelong friends.

It was the habit of Mr. Maude, for a great number of years, to attend ringing meetings in all parts of England, and he was responsible for organising a band from the towers surrounding Pudsey, who visited many places and carried the fame of Yorkshire ringing and striking far beyond the county borders. He was well known to a large number of ringers, and it may be recalled that he never appeared among them without a flower in his buttonhole. He was a great lover of his garden.

Probably it is unique to find one who was not a practical ringer taking such a minute interest in everything connected with the Exercise as did Mr. Maude. His many friends will remember with gratitude the generosity extended to all and sundry connected with ringing by the deceased and the members of his family, who entertained their visitors in royal fashion.

Increasing years made Mr. Maude's appearance more rare at ringing gatherings, but one function, the Central Council meeting at Leeds in 1938, was a crowning gratification to him. He appeared at everything in connection with that gathering, and was extremely pleased with the large number who visited Leeds on that occasion.

The funeral took place at Pudsey on Thursday, October 26th, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association) officiating. The first part of the service took place in Pudsey Parish Church, where, immediately after the first part of the service, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the nave by J. Herdcastle 1-2, P. J. Johnson 3-4, F. W. Dixon 5-6 and J. Ambler 7-8. The interment took place at Pudsey Cemetery, where a large circle of ringing friends gathered, in addition to Mrs. Maude and family, to whom the sincerest sympathy of their wide circle of friends goes out, as probably few have done more to create good fellowship among ringers than Mr. Maude, and rarely can one expect to meet his equal as a gentleman and friend. The kindness shown to members of the Exercise will long remain a pleasant memory of one who died full of years and honour.

P. J. J.

DONCASTER BELLS TO BE RECAST.

Mr. W. E. Lloyd, of Doncaster, informs us that it has been decided to recast the ring at the Parish Church. The new bells will be similar in weight to the present peal, the tenor of which is 30 cwt. in C sharp.

CHURCH BELLS OF LONDON.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the eighteenth century, most of the principal churches of London and its suburbs possessed, as they do now, very fine rings of bells, and on all of them, at one time or other, peals were rung.

But, whether it was because some were easier to ring than others; or that, at some, visitors were made more welcome than at others; or that there was less opposition to long ringing from the surrounding people; it so happened that a few of them were much more popular with peal ringers than the rest.

For instance, from the time they were rung in 1728 right down to 1838, only four peals were rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill; at St. Clement Danes, which had one of the oldest octaves in London, only three peals were rung in the eighteenth century; and at St. Lawrence Jewry, where the bells are still older, only three were rung. So with others.

On the other hand, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Fulham, and several more, there was a steady succession of peals, and for roughly a century, from 1741 until 1830, no tower was more popular among peal ringers than St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

The church in those years stood in very different surroundings to what it does to-day. Shoreditch had been a village on the high road to the north, and was now a suburb of London, beyond which lay open cornfields and meadows, with pleasant rural walks across to Hackney.

For centuries there had been a church in the place, and no record survives of the first building of St. Leonard's. According to Henry Ellis, who wrote a history of the parish in 1798, it was in Saxon times. When the eighteenth century opened there was a small building 75ft. long, with a steeple, the top of which was weather boarded and surmounted by a cupola containing a small bell, originally the saunce bell.

The inventories made in the reign of Edward VI. are missing, and we do not know how many bells there were then, but by the end of the sixteenth century there were five, for these were the bells which Queen Elizabeth is said to have admired so much.

This is a tale which has been told many times with variations, the impression generally given being that it was a quotation from a very old book. I set myself the task of trying to trace the origin of the story, and, after some search, I found it in 'A History of Music,' published in 1776 by Sir John Hawkins. He says:—

'It may not be improper to add a little anecdote which perhaps has never yet appeared in print and may serve to show either that she had, or affected to have it thought she had, a nice ear. In her time the bells of the Church of Shoreditch, a parish in the northern suburb of London, were much admired for their melody, and in her journeys from Hatfield to London, as soon as she approached the town, they constantly rang by way of congratulation. Upon these occasions she seldom failed to stop at some distance from the church, and, amid the prayers and acclamations of the people, would listen attentively and commend the music of the bells.'

Hawkins was writing two hundred years after the event; but he evidently was repeating a tradition which had been preserved somehow or other, and we may accept it as substantially correct, because there is good evidence that Elizabeth did like to hear the sound of bells, and did encourage ringing among her people.

Later on, Shoreditch bells did not, it would seem, keep their reputation, for when Laughton and the Rambling Ringers visited the place in 1734 he found them 'not extraordinary,' the second and third being bad, though the others 'pretty well told their tale.'

The Ramblers met at the Black Spread Eagle near the church, and rang Grandsire, Old Doubles, St. Simon's and New Doubles on the bells.



THE SPIRE OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.

Laughton had a good deal to write about the church, which he says was 'old and ruined very much,' and, indeed, by that time it had got into a very dilapidated condition. In 1716, during divine service, one of the corners of the tower gave way and caused great alarm among the congregation, so that they rushed in panic to the doors and injured each other in their struggle to escape.

A year later part of the steeple was carried away in a great storm, and the bells were exposed to view, after which the Bishop notified the parishioners that they must either repair the church or rebuild it.

In 1735 an Act of Parliament was obtained appointing trustees and empowering them to cause the said parish church and the steeple thereof to be pulled down and rebuilt after such model and of such dimensions, and such material, and in such a manner as by the said trustees should be agreed upon.

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WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.**METHOD CONSTRUCTION.**

Alongside is a lead of method which you should compare carefully with the lead given, in our issue of November 3rd. Like the other, this lead consists entirely of plain hunting, in which all the bells keep the same Coursing Order, except that two places are made in the changes marked by *.

What has happened is that the bell, which previously had been coursing immediately in front of the treble, stops and makes third's place, crosses the treble's path, makes second's place, and hunts up behind immediately after the treble.

The result is that the Coursing Order, which had been 87531246, is now 87513246; and the treble has made one step in its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other bells.

We have now got another Shunt, which has exactly the same effect as the Extremes and the R. Court Shunts, and is identical with the latter, except that it is made at handstroke instead of at backstroke. For convenience we will call it a P. Court Shunt.

We saw that there are alternative positions in which R. Court Shunts can be made, the number increasing with the number of bells. Similarly, there are alternative positions for making P. Court Shunts. On six bells they are 3rds and 2nds, and 5ths and 4ths. On eight bells they are 3rds and 2nds, 5ths and 4ths, and 7ths and 6ths. On ten bells there are four positions, on twelve five positions; and so on in a regular progression.

The corresponding places round the treble, when that bell is hunting down, can also be made. It is well to write out leads, each one with a P. Court Shunt made in one of the possible positions, and then compare them with the leads produced by the Extremes and the R. Court Shunts.

You will probably think to yourself that these leads are no good, because, not only are they lopsided, but they also contain changes in which one bell leads or lies for four blows. That is so, but we will not bother about it for the moment. What we should realise is that in the Extremes, the R. Court Shunts, and the P. Court Shunts we have three operations, each of which causes the treble to take one step in its cyclical path through the Coursing Order of the other bells, and that these are the only operations which can be used to produce a method in the plain course of which all the bells keep the same Coursing Order, except for the varying position of the treble. We shall not need, therefore, to stress the importance of these Shunts in method construction.

But before we deal with the methods which are actually suitable for practising in the belfry you should experiment by working out round blocks produced by combinations of these three kinds of shunts. And at first do not attempt to arrange them in any regular order, nor bother about how many leads the blocks will contain, nor make all the leads alike.

As with our earlier experiments, we shall find that on eight bells directly seven of these shunts are made, or any

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multiple of seven, the treble has got back to her original position in Coursing Order between the third and the second, and the bells will run round with plain hunting alone. When you test this by examining some of the blocks you have written out, don't forget that in the same change there may be the finish of one Court Shunt and the beginning of another.

If on eight bells we make seven of these shunts in a lead, the bells will run round at the first lead-end; but if we make any other possible number we shall have the first lead of the plain course of a method. On ten bells neither three, nor six, nor nine will give a full course, but any other possible number will.

Some of these methods, however, are not now considered suitable for ringing, and the following conditions must be observed:—

(a) No bell must lie for more than two blows in any one position. (b) The lead must be symmetrical.

The other two conditions necessary for a 'regular' method are that there should be as many leads as there are working bells, all of them exactly alike; and that the lead-ends should be the same as the lead-ends of Bob Major, though not necessarily in the same order.

The number of the Shunts we use will settle the first of these conditions; the other settles itself automatically, since no block produced by these Shunts can ever have any but Bob Major lead-ends.

How the other conditions can be complied with we will see presently.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

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The foundation stone of the new church was laid on November 13th, 1736, and the first service was held on August 23rd, 1740. The work cost nearly £7,500, and to raise the sum the trustees borrowed money which was repaid by annuities secured on the rates. George Dance was the architect, and his design for the tower and spire is obviously based on Wren's masterpiece at St. Mary-le-Bow, but it is less elaborate and in many ways inferior to the older steeple. Wren's towers, in all cases, rise straight from the ground, and that gives them a unity of design which is lacking when the tower rises from above a portico.

In the estimate for the new church a ring of eight bells was allowed for. The old five were a fairly heavy lot, the tenor being 18 cwt., and these, when sold, brought in £219 1s. 3d. Fines paid by parishioners to escape services in parochial offices contributed £81 15s. 8d., and £449 8s. 1d. was raised by voluntary subscription, making a total of £800 5s.

Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, cast the new bells. It was the first ring made by him on his own account, and he was so pleased with the honour conferred on him that he gave £10 to the poor of the parish.

In 1765, Lester and Pack added two trebles, and in 1807 Thomas Mears added two more to make a complete ring of twelve. These two bells were the gift of the Society of Cumberland Youths, and it is said that the money had to be collected twice, since the man appointed as treasurer absconded with the first amount.

In 1823 the two trebles were replaced; the tenor was recast by Mears in 1826, and again by Blews in 1875; in 1913 the four smallest bells were recast by Warner, and the whole ring rehung in a steel frame at a cost of nearly £500.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN MONDAY.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of the division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. until dusk. Short service followed by tea and business meeting. Please make a special effort to attend this meeting.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, November 11th. There will be ringing from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. This will be followed by service and the meeting. There will be no ringing after the meeting.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newport Pagnell Deanery, North Bucks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Linford (not Stoke Goldington, as printed last week) on November 11th, from 2 to 5 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m.—J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington St. Paul on Saturday, November 11th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. S. Bradley, Branch Chairman.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Upham on Saturday, November 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.—Next meeting November 11th, 2.30 to 4 p.m., and alternate Saturdays.—E. Murrell, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Next practice meetings: Saturday, November 11th, Stoke Poges (8 bells), 3 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, November 18th, Clewer (6 bells), 3 to 5 p.m. The best we can do at present.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Slough 23260.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Further details later. Will those requiring tea please let me know for certain by Wednesday, November 15th? Only those who let me know will be catered for. There will also be practice on Saturday, November 11th, at Boreham, at 2.30. All ringers are welcomed to come and join in these meetings and make them enjoyable and successful.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Huglescote, Leicestershire, Combined practice on Saturday, November 18th. All ringers cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. till dark.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The meeting advertised to be held at Bagshot on Saturday, November 18th, has had to be postponed owing to the illness of a parishioner living near the church.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A combined practice will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. No service or business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Afternoon ringing meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, November 18th. Six bells. Open from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Swindon Corporation bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District meeting at Woodford on November 18th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and social in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Hughes, 92, Stanley Road, Woodford, by 15th latest.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—All members are requested to attend a special meeting at Wraxall on Saturday, November 18th, to discuss programme of future meetings. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Naseby on November 18th, when the bells will be dedicated. Dedication service at 3 o'clock. Names for tea by 14th, please.—H. H. Shrikes, Hon. Branch Sec., Long Buckby, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lois Weedon on Saturday, November 18th. Service 3.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday 15th, to Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon, Towcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Werburgh's, Spondon, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 2.30 till dusk. All ringers invited. Nottingham and Burton districts please note and make an effort to attend.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Aylestone (8 bells) on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. till dusk. Tea and meeting. For particulars, see next week's 'R.W.' Will all requiring tea notify me by Wednesday, 15th inst.? It is hoped everyone will make a special effort to attend.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 2.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Crawley on Saturday, November 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. No business meeting or tea.—O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow (election of officers, future meetings, etc.). Handbell practice afterwards. Please advise early for tea to A. M. Tyler, 5, Addison Road, Bristol, 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. only. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Visitors for tea please notify Mr. H. W. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, not later than Wednesday, November 15th.—T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Crophorne on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 2.30 and after the meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Will all members who can possibly do so, attend and make this a good meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous to Rev. Cathcart Davies, Crophorne, Pershore.

NASEBY, NEAR RUGBY.—The ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by Bishop Willis at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 18th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Croft on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., when a short service will be held followed by tea (1s. each). Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft, Leicester, as early as possible. Handbells available for the rest of the evening. Come and enjoy yourself.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Business: Future meetings.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea please let me know by Tuesday, November 14th, certain?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting of the society will be held at the Coffee Pot, on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Further details regarding tea next week. It is hoped that as many ringers as possible will attend this meeting. Note.—Full moon on November 26th, and a bright spot. Ringing after tea!—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, November 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint practice meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. until 'black-out.' Short business meeting will be held in the Church Hall immediately afterwards, to be followed by handbells, and also instructional advice on theory and advanced methods by Mr. George Lewis. All welcome. No tea provided, but refreshment obtainable close by. There will be a full moon on this date, therefore no transport difficulties anticipated. Rally up.—Sidney F. Palmer and Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, November 25th, when there is nearly a full moon to counteract the black-out. Ringing from 3 until 5. Tea and business meeting at the Duke's Head, with further ringing until 9 o'clock. Owing to caterer's difficulties, please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, as early as possible. Everybody welcome.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

CANNINGTON, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—The ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at 5 p.m. Tickets 4s. 6d. each. Full social programme ensured. Will all those who hope to attend please (without obligation) notify me, so that the approximate numbers may be obtained? Full details later.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

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