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There is undoubtedly a growing feeling among ringers over the treatment which is meted out by the B.B.C. to the bell ringing which takes place before the Sunday evening services, particularly concerning the superimposing of announcements. Recent correspondence has shown that the B.B.C. are prepared to listen to suggestions, but the whole position of ringing in regard to these service broadcasts seems to us to need overhauling. At present the business is haphazard in the extreme and the ringing itself, when it is incorporated in the programme, sometimes seems of a perfunctory order. Cannot something be done, therefore, to put it on a better footing?

Let us begin by admitting that the B.B.C. are master of their own programmes. Subject to certain broad principles, the programme designers presumably build their programmes in their own way and hitherto, it would seem, they have for the most part treated the bells before a service something in the same way as the sounds which emanate from the effects studio, or the signature tune of an organist or dance band. That, at any rate, appears to be their attitude, and the first thing to do is to bring influence to bear which will change that particular viewpoint. Get those responsible for the religious services to realise that the bells are a part of the service itself and not a 'signature tune,' and much that ringers now complain of would disappear. And with this view it should be urged that whenever and wherever a service is broadcast from a church, where there is a peal of bells, it should always be preceded by a short period of ringing. The B.B.C. are out for realism in their broadcasts, but they miss a great opportunity to give a realistic touch to these more serious items of their programmes when they fail to introduce the sound of the bells, which for centuries has been, to Englishmen, an intimate characteristic of their church services. We would go as far as to say that even if the church from which the broadcast is to take place has only one bell, it should be heard for the space of, say, half a minute before the service begins. Where, however, there is a good peal of bells the public should be able to hear them rung, without interference, for some prescribed period.

And here again there is room for some definite understanding. The ringers should be given a definite number of minutes during which their bells should be heard, and what they ring in the way of changes should be carefully fitted into that period, so that the public can hear without interruption, the beginning and the end—from the rounds at the start to set a beat, to the rounds at the end to give a perfect finish. To attempt to ring too long

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a touch means a fading out or stopping, as was recently done, in the middle of a course. If ringers want the B.B.C. to meet their wishes, the ringers themselves must also arrange their proceedings accordingly. It would be a good thing if on these and other kindred points, the Broadcasting Committee of the Central Council could meet the responsible authorities at Broadcasting House.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7
ALBERT W. COLES	2	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	8
*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	3	*CHARLES JEFFS	9
HENRY HODGETTS	4	*WILLIAM NASH	10
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	11
*HAROLD V. FROST	6	*FRANK BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH

* First peal on twelve bells. This is the first peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the first peal on twelve tower bells ever rung in the county for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	2	*CHARLES HAZELDEN... ...	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	8
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
WILLIAM T. BEESON	5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on ten bells as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ...	*Treble*	†THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
*WALTER H. RAXTER	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ...	8
†SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	FRED HAWKES	9
WILLIAM LEWIS	5	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal together.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	†GEORGE ROBINSON	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON... ...	2	FRED HODGSON	7
THOMAS B. KENDALL... ...	3	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	4	FREDERICK SKAGER	9
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ...	5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and first peal of Royal on the bells for upwards of 35 years. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Woodhead.

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	6
*MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	2	*WALTER F. JUDGE	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	*REGINALD W. REX	8
RICHARD A. POST	4	*ERNEST J. TAYLOR	9
*FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5	FRANK E. PERVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

N. TOWNSEND	*Treble*	A. NORTH	5
R. BROWN	2	F. LUFKIN	6
W. PERRY	3	W. DUDLEY	7
H. T. WILSON	4	G. BACON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by F. LUFKIN.
Rung in memory of W. Judd, with bells open according to his wishes. He died on November 7th. He was a ringer at this church for 35 years.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SPERRING	*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
GEORGE R. JONES	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD	4	EDWARD PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by R. SPERRING.
Rung to celebrate the royal wedding and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal in the method for all.

SPALDING, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*RICHARD SMITH	*Treble*	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	JOHN CURRY	6
*HAROLD BARSLEY	3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	*WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE S. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN BLOWER	5
WILLIAM DUDLEY	2	HENRY T. WILSON	6
*FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
*WALTER D. TAYLOR	4	GORDON A. BACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire on the bells since they were recast. This peal was rung as a mark of respect for the late Mr. W. H. Judd, who was the first District Master in the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association. The conductor of the peal was the first district secretary.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK OLDROYD	*Treble*	†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	WILLIAM T. BERSON	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	ERNEST J. BOILER	6
ALFRED PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST W. FORBANK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*RICHARD WALSH	5
*ALBERT MORLEY	2	JAMES HARRISON	6
*FRED YATES	3	†JACKSON PICKUP	7
*FRED LONGWORTH	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON
Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Barnes, a devoted worker at this church, who was interred at Blackburn Cemetery the previous day. * First peal. † First peal in the method. All are service ringers at this church, with the exception of J. Harrison, who kindly took the place of one of the local ringers, who was indisposed.

ORAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
*MISS M. REDPATH	3	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	*HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal in the method. G. V. Murphy has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

JOHN HUTCHINSON	*Treble*	†STANLEY RICHARDSON	5
*JOS. W. BROWNRIGG	2	GEORGE W. TEMBY	6
JAS. E. BROWN	3	WILLIAM NORMAN	7
WILLIAM T. HOLMES	4	FRANK BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NORMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Triples on the bells. Ringers of treble, 6th and 7th are from Egremont, 2nd and tenor from Keswick, 3rd and 5th from Hensingham and 4th from Cockermouth. Rung in honour of the Royal Jubilee, a previous attempt having come to grief through a rope breaking.

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ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBERT CLARK ... ...*Treble*	†WILLIAM JOHNSON 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	‡ERNEST COOPER... 6
FREDERICK CLARK 3	†WILLIAM FAY 7
†HARRY GOODALE 4	†FOORD NEWTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. *Treble*	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 5
*ALFRED C. LEVETT 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
†HERBERT MARKWELL ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method. † 150th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT WHITEHEAD... ...*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
*ROBERT RILEY 2	*JACK HEAP 6
JAMES ELLIS FOULDS ... 3	*FRANK HEAP 7
*NORMAN BANK 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the Royal Silver Jubilee and in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

PERCY MERSON ... ...*Treble*	JACK ROY 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	ARTHUR H. REED 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM A. SIVIER 7
JAMES HUNT 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. SIVIER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES G. GLASS 5
JOHN C. OKE... 2	*ERNEST R. WARNER 6
TOM G. BARTLETT 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
THOMAS LAVER 4	ALBERT WEBBER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. F. H. Gardner, captain of St. David's band.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY... ...*Treble*	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	HAROLD KENT 6
GEORGE LEWIS 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
JESSE J. MOSS 4	JOHN FLINT ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

HAROLD A. NOBES ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE W. BARTON 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	*WALTER L. C. BARLOW ... 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	FREDERICK W. STEMP ... 7
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD ... 4	†FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 11. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOSEPH L. CHARMAN... ...*Treble*	WALTER CHARMAN 5
JOHN COOK 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
*THOMAS ADAM 3	*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 7
*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 4	ALFRED CHARMAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

* First peal in the method.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK... ... 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ERNEST W. PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM E. VALE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.

TONY PRICE ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*BERTRAM D. COSTAR... ...*Treble*	GEORGE BROOKS 5
THOMAS W. BOND 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
FRANCIS E. MAY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
NOBLE SPINDLOW 4	LESLIE OLIFFE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First eight-bell peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID EVANS ... ...*Treble*		HUBERT JONES 4	
JAMES HUGHES 2		ARTHUR C. NASON 5	
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3		GEORGE ALLEN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the christening of the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Z. Edwards, of Stokesay.

BATHEASTON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

HORACE D. TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*		JESSE HALLETT 4	
*THOMAS F. KING 2		†HUBERT HALLETT 5	
JOSEPH MOORE 3		FREDERICK COOMBES ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by H. D. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal with a bob hell. T. F. King has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Rung on the eve of the royal wedding and to commemorate the golden wedding of John G. Taylor, who has been tower master at this church for 38 years.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DIVISION).
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

G. A. PACKHAM ... ...*Treble*		C. WICKENS 3	
F. PACKHAM 2		A. NEWSONS 4	
E. PACKHAM ... ...*Tenor*			

Conducted by G. A. PACKHAM.

First peal by all. They are all of the local band. Rung to celebrate His Majesty's Jubilee year and the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.

*WILLIAM MOUNSEY ... ...*Treble*		HOWARD HOWELL 4	
HAROLD SMITH 2		BARNABAS G. KEY 5	
†HARRY PARDOW 3		JOHN H. STOKES ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Scott.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS E. ROBINSON ... ...*Treble*		W. H. SLEMAN 4	
*F. HARRIS 2		MISS L. WILLOUGHBY... ... 5	
J. SEDGLEY 3		P. WILLIAMS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by MISS L. WILLOUGHBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in Cornwall conducted by a lady.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BURTON DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN CHANDLER ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM H. CURSON 4	
F. GEORGE BAILEY 2		WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5	
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD 3		JOSEPH W. COTTON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD.

* First peal. Arranged and rung for the treble man, who is the first local ringer to accomplish a peal. The band also desire to thank him for his hospitality afterwards.

BICKENHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. EDBURGHA'S SOCIETY.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE H. TAYLOR 4	
*JOHN W. PETTIGREW ... 2		WILLIAM C. RHODES 5	
JOHN LINDEN 3		JOHN W. MULCOCK ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First attempt as conductor. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor come from St. Edburgha's Parish Church, Yardley, Birmingham, 2nd from Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, and 5th from Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN BASS ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST CALCUTT... 4	
*WILLIAM HODNETT, JUN. ... 2		PERCY RICHARDS 5	
†JOHN H. PAGETT 3		JOHN LLOYD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The conductor's 401st peal for the association. Rung as a 21st birthday peal for the ringer of the 2nd.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN FISHER ... ...*Treble*		JOHN BOOTH 4	
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2		ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5	
*JAMES BLACKBURN 3		JAMES W. GROUND ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*WILFRED A. SHARP ... ...*Treble*		*ALAN MORGAN 4	
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2		WALTER H. RAXTER 5	
*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3		GEORGE E. LARGE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor. Quarterly peal for the branch.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. TOWNES ...	...*Treble*	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	4
*ROGER CADAMY	2	WILLIAM CHALK	5
GEORGE RASHBROOK	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. W. Chilton, for 20 years Rector of the parish.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,

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

Forty-two six-scores, called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*LIONEL SMITH	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HARMER	4
THOMAS PRICE	2	EDWARD PREEDY	5
WILLIAM OVERBERRY ...	3	*KENNETH OVERBERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 17th anniversary of Armistice Day.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

*GILBERT LATTY	...*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*IDRIS BEVAN	2	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS... ...	5
ALBERT DEVONALD	3	*WYNDHAM LEWIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BOYCE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

AUGHTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES MARSH	...*Treble*	THOMAS ROTHWELL	4
*JAMES TAYLOR	2	JOHN GARDNER	5
*ROBERT LARKEY...	3	JOHN BROWN...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells, augmented from four to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They were dedicated on Jubilee Sunday, 1935. All the above are Aughton ringers, four from Christ Church and two from the local company.

FARNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER ...	...*Treble*	STANLEY CLARK	4
LEWIS CORDELL	2	THOMAS JORDAN	5
WALTER PRIOR	3	ISAAC CAVILL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

The first peal on the bells, and rung in honour of Canon Geare's 50th year as Rector of this parish. He kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

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LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in One Hour and Forty-Six Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 10½ in A flat.

HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	*WALTER AYRE	3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL	5-6		

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 150th peal for this association.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 12 in F.

*HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Chapman, of Keyston, Hunts.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	FRED WIGMORE	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

DEDICATION AT BOBBING, KENT.

NEW BAND BEING FORMED.

For the last 20 years the peal of six bells at Bobbing have been silent owing to the unsafe state of the frame, and for about 10 years a fund has been in existence to meet the necessary cost of rehanging. A determined effort has recently been made with this fund, which has resulted in the necessary repairs being put in hand, the work having been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the original founders of the bells.

New supporting beams, of teak, for the bell frame, steel gudgeons to headstocks, new bearings and clapper staples to all the bells, in addition to the recasting of the tenor bell, which was cracked, and other minor repairs, have been carried out at an approximate cost of £215, and the work has been executed in a most satisfactory way.

On Sunday afternoon, November 17th, a dedication service was held, the dedication being performed, in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Maidstone, by the Rural Dean (Dr. Jones), and in spite of the torrential rain the church was well filled by the village people, who obviously were interested in and anxious to hear their bells once again.

The rope of the tenor bell was handed to the Rural Dean by Mr. A. R. MacDonald, representing the bellfounders, and the Rural Dean held the rope during the dedicatory prayers, subsequent to which the following members of the Kent County Association rang a plain course of Grandsire Doubles: W. Spice (Tunstall), T. Jull (Newington), W. Wood (Queenborough), A. Bear (Milton Regis), E. Dobbie (Sittingbourne) and W. Walker (Upchurch).

After the service touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and, following tea, to which the Vicar and Mrs. Wall kindly entertained the ringers, further ringing took place for the evening service, everyone expressing delight at the go and tone of the bells.

Mr. Tom Jull, of Newington, has been requested by the Vicar of Bobbing, and has consented, to train a band of learners, and the best wishes of the association are extended to him and also to the Vicar in the uphill task which is now before them.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH CONUNDRUMS.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, when ringers attended from Hamer, Milnrow, Bredbury, Prestwich, Pendleton, Didsbury, Gorton, Radcliffe, together with one or two of the unattached worthies of the branch.

Some very useful practice was put in on the bells during the afternoon and evening, and, as is customary at Radcliffe, a good tea was provided, for which 'Bill' had the 'audacity' to ask 6d. per head.

Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the association, was voted to the chair.

It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting be held, if possible, at Birch-in-Rusholme, on February 15th. The December practice meeting will not this year be held at the Manchester Town Hall. The place of this meeting will be announced later in 'The Ringing World.' The January meeting will be held as usual at the Cathedral.

The meeting confirmed the election of six new members, viz., Messrs. C. Norman Birchall, William Birchall, Harry Birchall, Harold Chapman and Thomas Aldcroft, all of Stretford; and Mr. Mark Lane, Woburn Sands, Bletchley.

It was requested that towers of the diocese send at least one member each to take part in ringing for the diocesan thanksgiving service at the Cathedral on Monday, November 25th. The tower will be open from 6,30 p.m. and after service. Service at 7.30 p.m. It is desired that ringing on this occasion be as representative as possible.

An appeal was made by a member from Prestwich for assistance at their weekly practice, which will be held each Monday evening, 7.30 to 8 p.m., commencing December 2nd, in order to further the efforts of the local band.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Bamber, for the use of the bells and room, to the ladies, and to Mr. W. Emerson and his company for the provision made, concluded the meeting.

Supper was afterwards served at a local 'haunt,' where small collections were made from time to time and until 'Time' intervened and stopped such unauthorised proceedings, with Radcliffe keeping up its reputation for convivial evenings in customary style. The wanderer of the flock once more managed to get lost just at train-time—and with his legal guardian present too. Perhaps, however, he'll return soon.

Information is now sought with regard to the following:—

What caused a certain conductor to become suddenly speechless?

What another member thought of his present when it made known the time of his return home, and who was blamed by still another 'early bird' when he eventually arrived at his 'nest'?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT AND LADIES MEET.

A meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Barrow-on-Humber. Considering the rough weather, quite a good number of Lincoln Guild members turned up, but on the ladies' side the attendance was very disheartening to their energetic hon. secretary, Mrs. R. Richardson. The towers represented were Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Grimsby, Ulceby, Waltham, Thornton Curtis, the local members, together with Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, ringing friends from Hull and Sutton, Lincoln Cathedral and a few ladies from the Lincoln District. The Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Officer) conducted the service and gave a very helpful address. A party of 30 sat down to tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the president of the district (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry) presided, supported by the Vicar.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 7s. 7d. The president informed the members of the great loss Mrs. Bray and family had sustained on the recent death of her sister, and, as a token of sympathy, members stood in silence.

The secretary was asked to convey the members' sympathy to Mrs. Bray and family.

Waltham was chosen for the annual district committee meeting, to be held in January.

Members were very sorry to hear of the illness of their old friend, the Rev. J. H. Park, Vicar of Thornton Curtis, where so many happy gatherings have taken place.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and all those who had helped in the arrangements.

THE EX-SERGEANT'S BIRTHDAY.

PEAL ATTEMPT AT 83.

Eight old personal ringing friends of ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, journeyed to Barnwood, Gloucester, recently, to honour the Sergeant by attempting a peal on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. All went well for three hours when cramp took the Sergeant in his hands and he was compelled to set his bell, to the great disappointment of all. Those who took part were H. Newman (aged 55) 1, J. Austin (72) 2, J. W. Jones (70), 3, W. Harris (58) 4, J. Hemmings (63) 5, J. W. Davies (67) 6, ex-Sergt. J. Williams (83) 7, J. Clark (72) 8. The average age was thus 67½ years. 'Many happy returns' were expressed at the house of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newman, whose hospitality was much appreciated, and the evening finished up with the party as the guests of the Sergeant.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 25th, when it is hoped the memorial to the late Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, will be unveiled by the Vicar.

The local band at Twineham, Sussex, rang their first peal on the Duke of Gloucester's wedding day. None of them had rung a peal before. It is interesting to note that the fourth bell in this tower is one of the oldest in the county. It is dated 1522 and bears the figure of Henry VIII.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are rehanging the ring of six bells of Uplowman Church, near Tiverton, Devon. The peal has been removed to Loughborough for tuning and refitting, and the bells will be rehung in a new frame.

Many West Country bells cast at Bilbie's foundry at Chew Stoke, in the eighteenth century, were hung by Bush, whose name appears with Bilbie's on some of the bells.

Recently Major Hesse discovered at Wrington, Somerset, the descendants of the bellhanger Bush, who originated from Bristol, whose ancestor was a Bishop of Bristol appointed by Queen Elizabeth. The present descendants are a firm of builders and carpenters in Wrington.

The attention of the Leeds and District Society members is drawn to the place of the November meeting, which is to be held at Birstall and not at St. Michael's, Headingley.

The peal at Bengeo on November 6th was rung at Holy Trinity, and not Christ Church as reported.

The late Mr. W. H. Judd, of Prittlewell, was the first Master of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association, when the county was divided up for administrative purposes. A peal rung in his memory on Saturday at Rayleigh was conducted by Mr. G. Green, the first secretary of the district.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Mottram on November 2nd was Lionel Clough.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

'LEAVE MEN TO DO JUST ONE THING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If it is possible for you to reveal to all College Youths my few remarks, I should be very grateful.

I do not think women realise that men at least sometimes wish to be together. Now there are many ways in which men do get together, and I think the most honourable is the brotherhood of bellringers. There is something wonderful in the fact that six, eight, ten or twelve men each depend on one another and have a personal feeling for one another as brothers (unusual in present times). This personal contact with others seems to be the very essence of living. Exactly the same thing applies with homes, wives and lady friends, or it should do, and each particular connection seems to be worth living for, and so it is in the belfry amongst men.

When a lady steps into a belfry permanently amidst such a company of men as described, things will start to go wrong. The men do not feel the brotherliness that used to be, and the belfry is not so comfortable a place as before. It is not the ladies' fault, but they do not understand what is happening. I do not object to ladies ringing at all, but I do think that they could leave men to do just one thing in harmony together in this world.

A. HAROLD WORBOYS.

Barking, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT MARCH, CAMBS.

Some 30 members of the Ely Diocesan Association met at March on Saturday, only to find that the Rector was seriously ill and no church bells could be rung. Among those present were Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, the late general secretary (the Rev. B. H. T. Drake) with Mrs. Drake, Mr. J. Jutson and Mr. F. Cooke (Peterborough). It was decided to have tea at 4 p.m., after which handbells were brought into use, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, with a course or two of Bob Minor, being rung.

Mr. Cousins, of the Wisbech Branch, treated the company to changes on the piano.

With little else to do, some of those present found opportunity to voice an opinion of 'The Ringing World' and express their likes and dislikes. Mr. Shepherd told the company it was not all honey to be an Editor, especially to all the ringers of England, but if anyone had a real grievance he (Mr. Shepherd) would tell Mr. Editor.

As in fairy tales, it is now hoped that everyone will be happy ever after.

The meeting expressed its sympathy with the Rector in his illness and wished him speedy recovery.

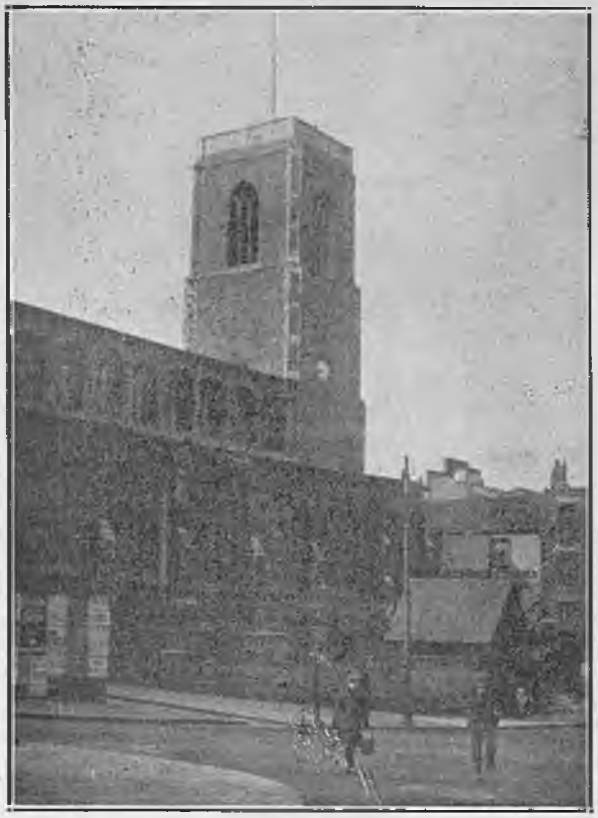
SEVENTY-NINE AND STILL RINGING.

On Sunday, November 17th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung as a 79th birthday anniversary compliment to Mr. W. Berry, the ringer of the 8th: A. Discrens 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. J. King 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. Holman 5, A. Richards 6, R. J. Cousins 7, W. Berry 8, J. G. A. Prior 9, T. W. Taffender 10.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

CENTENARY OF THE FIRST PEAL.

Last Sunday was an interesting anniversary in the annals of change ringing. It was the centenary of the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rung. It was accomplished at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, by the same accomplished band which earlier in the same year had rung a peal of Superlative at St. Giles' Church, the famous Samuel Thurston being the conductor. Henry Hubbard, who later on produced a text book on change ringing, was one of the band.



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where the first peal of London Surprise was rung 100 years ago.

In 1816 Shipway wrote of London Surprise in his 'Campanologia,' This method is still more intricate than the preceding (Cambridge), and will be found, in composing, to be equally, if not more, precarious, its in and out of course of changes being still more variable. It seems to have received some partial practice by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was dropped, probably in consequence of its complexity, or because a true peal of 5,000 could not be obtained.'

The first peal is recorded on the same tablet as the Superlative Surprise in St. Giles' Church, Norwich :—

> 'Also, at St. Andrew's in this town, on November 17th, 1835, was rung 5,280 of London Surprise, the most difficult system in the art of Campanologia. This insurmountable task was accomplished in three hours and twenty-four minutes. The bold and regular striking of both peals must ever reflect great credit on the company; they were conducted by S. Thurston, and are the first peals ever rung in the above variations. Geo. Watering, treble; Elijah Mason, 2; Fredk. Watering, 3; Henry Hubbard, 4; James Truman, 5; Robert Burrell, 6; Charles Payne, 7; Samuel Thurston, tenor. Weight of tenor, 18 cwt. Key E.'

The wording of this tablet shows a curious slip, for apparently the ringers surmounted the insurmountable.

The claim to the first peal of Superlative was doubtless justified at the time by the extent of local knowledge, but Benjamin Thackrah, in his 'Art of Ringing,' mentions a peal of 5,152 of Superlative rung at Huddersfield in 1821.

Apparently, therefore, the Norwich peal of Superlative was the second in the method, but there is no question as to the Norwich band being the first to ring a peal of London, and it may be regarded as an epoch making peal.

No other peal in the same method was rung until 1849, when William Banister's band at Woolwich rang 5,600, and there is no further record of a peal of London being rung until 1870, when 6,048 was achieved by Squire Proctor's famous band at Benington, Herts.

VICAR WITH TWO CHURCHES.

RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION OF BELLS IN BOTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Marshfield on Saturday last, a very fair number of ringers attending.

The bells, a light ring of eight, by Warner, were kept busy during the afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Stanley) officiated at the service, his opening remarks being a cordial welcome to the parish.

Through the Vicar's efforts, the bells were restored at both his churches, namely, Marshfield and Peterstone. In each case the condition of the bells was deplorable, both peals being unringable. This has now been remedied by recasting and augmenting from six to eight at each church.

Following the service, tea was kindly provided by the church authorities. The business meeting followed, the curate of the parish, the Rev. T. Jones-Evans, taking the chair. The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) read the letter he had received in regard to the proposed memorial to the late Mr. W. Pye, and followed this by giving an account of his ringing career.—The sum of one guinea was voted to the proposed memorial.

The arranging of the next quarterly meeting was deferred until the annual meeting, to be held at Newport on Boxing Day.

It was announced that the whole of the newly-formed band at Penarth would become members of the association at the annual meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks, the meeting closed and the tower again visited, bringing to a close a pleasant meeting.

AN ANCIENT AND INTERESTING BELL FRAME.

PRESERVED IN STOKE-BY-CLARE RESTORATION.

On Saturday, November 9th, the Suffolk Guild, as briefly mentioned in our last week's issue, held a very successful meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, over forty sitting down to tea provided by Mrs. Barnes and other ladies of the village.

At the meeting which followed, it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Arthur Symonds, the 'father' of the Guild, in his serious illness.

Reference was made to the double report which was coming out in the New Year, and which the secretary (the Rev. H. Drake) said would be the last he would be able to compile.

In replying to the usual votes of thanks, the Rector (the Rev. Frederick Barnes) expressed the great gratitude they all felt towards the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (who was in the chair) for his kindness in defraying the cost of restoring the bells.

At the ringing in the tower two lady visitors from Essex were among the most skilful performers. Not only were the more advanced methods brought round, but the local ringers, who had made an excellent start in the last few months, were enabled to add to their achievements.

The bells, a most musical ring of six, cast by the famous Osborne in 1786, have been most efficiently restored by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Whereas before it was impossible to ring them, they now go perfectly. The bellhanger has succeeded in effecting this without discarding any part of the ancient and interesting bell frame. While for the last few centuries bells have been hung in a rectangular frame, the bearings resting on triangular struts, this older frame is quite different. Each bell is suspended between a pair of concentric arches on each side. The semi-circular baulks, of great strength, are as sound as they must have been when the return was made in the year 1553, 'Great Bells V.'—only that another bell was added, in or before 1786. Above the tower, against the sky, still hangs the pre-Reformation clock bell, while the equally old clock, with its single hand, still tells the time to this interesting and beautiful village.

DEATH OF AN OLD BRIGHTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. George B. Bleach, of Brighton, who passed away on Sunday, November 10th. He was for 43 years verger of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, and had been a Sunday School scholar, choirboy and one of the band of ringers. He was a very old member of the Sussex Artillery Volunteers and rose to the rank of sergeant-major.

Striking tributes were paid to him at the funeral on Thursday, November 14th, when St. Nicholas' Church was filled with members of the congregation, officials of the church, former colleagues and members of the R.G.A. Old Comrades' Association.

The Bishop of Lewes, the Right Rev. Hugh M. Horden, conducted the service both in the church and the cemetery.

The ringers rang a muffled peal as the cortege left the church for the cemetery, and also again in the evening.

The deceased rang his first peal in 1893.

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to withdraw the peal in 23 methods rung at Butterwick on Saturday, October 26th. It has since been found to be false by Mr. A. G. Driver in the '720' Single Oxford, Hereward, Plain and Double Bob.

VERNON TAYLOR.

Melton Mowbray.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT STALYBRIDGE.

The final meeting of the year of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Saturday, November 16th, when about 45 members and friends were present. Several touches were brought round before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address. A point which he made was that, although we, as ringers, may think that we are forgotten and out of the limelight in the belfry, we may comfort ourselves with the thought that our Lord at his humble carpenter's bench was out of the limelight, but learning lessons which He afterwards used to great effect in His parables. We, too, have our lessons to learn, and many lessons learnt in the belfry could well be extended to our daily lives.

The singing of the hymns was accompanied on the fine organ, of which the church is justly proud.

After the service, tea was served in the schools by the local ringers and their ladies. Then followed the business meeting under the very able chairmanship of the Vicar, and the dates of the meetings for 1936 were fixed as follows, subject to the approval of the authorities concerned: January 25th, annual meeting at Norbury; April 19th at Taxal; June 27th at Rostherne; September 26th at Mottram, and November 28th at Denton.

There being little other business, the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, school, etc., the local ringers and the ladies who assisted with the tea, and to the organist for his services.

A return was made to the tower, where the following methods were rung until 8.45, when the bells were lowered in peal: Bob Minor and Major, Kingston Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Improvements are being considered to reduce the amount of noise in the ringing chamber, as at present the bells are exceedingly noisy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO THE VICAR OF WOLVEY.

A special meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Wolvey on Saturday, October 26th, to bid farewell to the Rev. Stanley Morris. Mr. Morris, who has been Vicar of Wolvey for the last 13 years, is leaving to take charge of the living of Bilton. The towers represented were Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Bulkington, Shilton and Monk's Kirby, together with the local band and visitors from Barwell, Leicester and Melton Mowbray. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by tea in the schoolroom, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said how sorry he was that he would not be able to welcome them to Wolvey again. Although there were only five bells at the church where he was going, he would be very pleased to receive the Warwickshire Guild any time they would care to come.

On behalf of the local band, Mr. J. Beale made a presentation to the Vicar, in token of his valuable services and the friendly spirit he had always shown towards the local band. He was always willing, Mr. Beale said, to fill a gap in the belfry should one occur, and a kind spirit of Christian fellowship always existed between the ringers and the Vicar. They were very sorry to lose him from Wolvey.

The gift took the form of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Morris said how great a surprise it was to him to receive such a lovely token from the ringers of Wolvey, and he thanked them most heartily. He would put it on the desk of his new study; he would use it daily and would not forget the people who had thought so kindly of him in the past (applause).

On behalf of the Warwickshire Guild, the Master (Mr. J. H. W. White) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the welcome he had given them, and wished him the 'best of luck' in his new parish of Bilton.—Mr. Perrens seconded the vote and endorsed everything the proposer had said. Mr. Morris' place would be hard to fill (applause).

A short service followed the tea, when the Vicar gave an address and spoke of the relations which should exist between the ringers and the rest of the church. Afterwards a return was made to the belfry and the bells were kept going until 8.15, when the ringers adjourned for light refreshments and tune and change ringing on handbells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A special evening meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held recently at St. Lawrence Jewry, with the specific object of practising Double Norwich and Bob Major. An attendance of round about 25 members enabled this to be carried out very effectively, and the usefulness of such a meeting was demonstrated by the fact that several people rang their first course of Double Norwich. The association wishes to tender its thanks to the Rev. Lombardini (the Rector) and to Mr. A. A. Hughes and the local company for the use of the bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For the patronal festival of St. Deny's Church, at evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: William Goadby 1, Cecil Verey 2, H. Ball 3, Sidney Munton (conductor) 4, William Atkins 5, Raymond Tonks 6. All are members of the local band excepting conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

BOB MAKING.

A fortnight ago we wrote in this column that Beginners did not take advantage of our offer to let us know of their difficulties so that we can, if possible, assist them. Well, here, apparently, is the explanation, and it is a gratifying one to us, for it shows that what we try to put before beginners is proving helpful. This is what our correspondent says: 'Personally, I find this page a great help, especially with regard to conducting methods. If we study this page week by week, as you publish it, we shall have very few difficulties to write to you about.'

We hope that those who are struggling with the beginnings of the art, whether in mastering the elementary stages of method ringing or conducting, will spend a little time over these articles. Merely to read them is not sufficient; to make the best use of them, they need a certain amount of study and the use of pencil and paper.

The beginner who thinks he can master change ringing merely by going into a tower and trying to do what someone may tell him is not taking the most efficient or the quickest way of learning. Study at home is very essential to progress in the tower, and it is as a help towards this home-study that we offer these hints.

There are many ringers who do not know the reason why bobs are made in different ways in different methods. They ring the methods and make the bobs when they are called, but they do not always know why in one method the change of work affects the bells in front and in another it affects the bells behind.

It is the method itself and not the whim of its author that in most cases, and particularly in even-bell methods, dictates the form of the bob. For some simple examples, let us take plain Minor methods, but what is characteristic of them is characteristic also of the Treble Bob methods.

Minor, with the treble as a hunt bell, is divided into leads, five of which make up the plain course. A lead contains the whole work of the method, except the link that connects one lead with the next, and this link must be made when the treble is doing its whole pull in front. Whenever, in Minor, one bell lies a whole pull in any position, some other bell is compelled to do the same thing elsewhere. When the treble leads, therefore, another bell is compelled at the same time to make two consecutive blows (or a whole pull) in one place, and if the remaining bells are to change places in pairs, there are only three positions in which this other bell can make this 'place,' as such a whole pull is called. It must either be in 2nd's, so that 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 can change; or in 4th's, so that 2 and 3, and 5 and 6 can change; or in 6th's, so that 2 and 3, and 4 and 5 can change.

If you take any 'regular' method, as orthodox methods are called—and only orthodox methods are rung in the best circles these days—you can only produce the five leads necessary to the plain course by making a place in 2nd's, when the treble leads, or in 6th's, and this compels all bobs to be made by substituting 4th's place for whichever of the other two is used in a plain lead.

In either case, the bob transposes the work of three bells. If it is a method constructed with 2nd's place when the treble leads, 2nd's place has got to give way to 4th's at a bob. If it is constructed with 6th's place when the treble leads, 6th's place has got to give way to 4th's at a bob.

Look again, for a moment, at the three methods printed in the Beginners' article last week. A is a method with 6th's place; B and C are methods with 2nd's place as the link between the leads. The bob is made in all of them in 4th's (the only possible) place. In A this means a transposition of the work of the three back bells; in B and C a transposition of the work of the three front bells. You cannot transpose the work of the three front bells in A; or of the three back bells in B and C. The construction of the method, therefore, compels the form of bob employed, and when you are given a new method of Minor to learn, you can always know how the bob should be made.

If it is a method with 2nd's place, then the three front bells will make the bob; if it is a method with 6th's place, the three back bells will make the bob.

In eight-bell methods the conditions are very similar, but with more bells there is greater scope and consequently the conditions are not quite so self-compelling. Speaking generally, the bobs in methods with 2nd's place, when the treble leads, are made by the bells in 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's, and in methods with 8th's place, by the bells in 8th's, 7th's and 8th's, although in some, like Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, a bob affects the work of all the bells from 4th's place upwards.

DEATH OF MRS. HARRY WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, widow of the late Mr. Harry Williams, of Headingley, Leeds, died on October 27th, at Barnetby-le-Wold Vicarage, Lincolnshire, where she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law (the Rev. Henry Thackray) since Mr. Williams' death in 1929. Mrs. Williams was 73 years of age.

Mr. Williams, it will be remembered, was for more than 30 years conductor of the St. Michael's, Headingley, band of ringers, and was a well-known and much respected member of the Yorkshire Association.

Mrs. Williams' funeral took place on October 29th, at Barnetby, the service being read by the Archdeacon of Lindsey, the Venerable H. T. Parry, assisted by the Rev. Henry Thackray, Vicar of Barnetby-le-Wold.

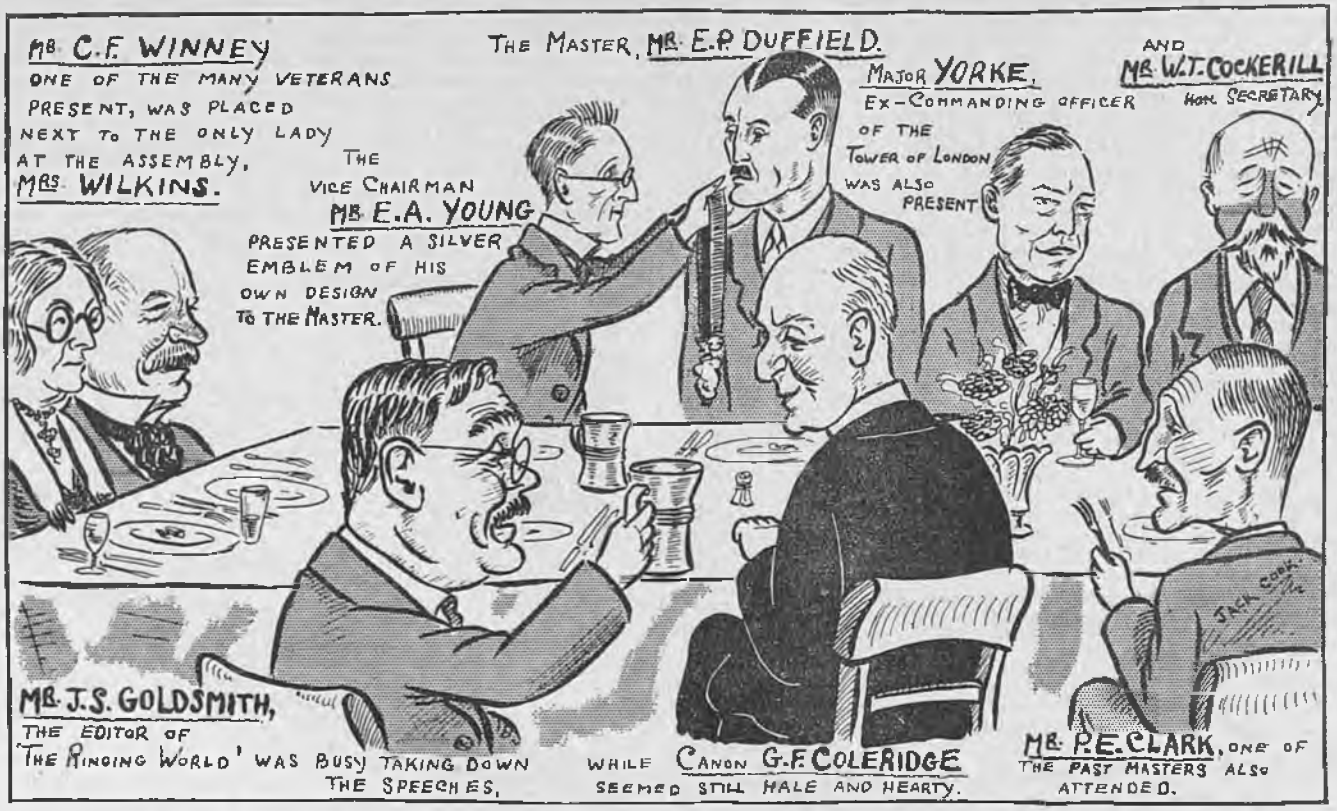
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Continued from page 734.)

FAMOUS ARCHITECT'S VIEWS ON BELLHANGING.

Central Council President and Broadcasting.

Mr. W. D. Caroe, in responding to the toast of 'The Visitors' at the College Youths' annual dinner on Saturday week, said in the course of his professional duties he had had to do with many of the towers of England in connection with the bells, and he had not always been in full unison, either with the bellhanger or, sometimes, with the bellringers. The misfortune which he found in visiting and looking after towers was that he so seldom met the bellringers. When he did meet them it was a great pleasure, and it was also a great pleasure to hear them discuss various matters from a definitely practical point of view. His own interest, he continued, in bellringing began a good many years ago at a very charming old church in Lancashire where he was baptised, Sefton. It had six bells, four of them cast by Henry Oldfield in 1601, and two added in 1815 to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo. He learned to ring on those six bells, when there was a very old oak frame, in which they seemed to say that if they could produce a concrete bell frame—he had hoped once to do so, but found it would be too expensive—or a cast iron frame, he was willing at once to admit it was quite satisfactory, but they must not put in a single bit of wrought iron, which was a material that rusted away rapidly, and whatever good results were got from it at first, it did not follow that they would continue. Wrought iron was an inferior material for this purpose, and if the bells put up in Stedman's time had been put in in wrought iron frames, there would not have been a single one of them left to them to-day. Rigidity was what they required. It was amazing how much extra stress or strain was set up by a bell if the gudgeons moved one way or the other. The amount could very soon reach to twelve times the weight of the bells. Continuing, Mr. Caroe quoted the opinion of the famous organ builder, Lewis, that to obtain a true bell tone the hum note should not be a true octave below the tap note, but the major seventh flattened by a quarter of a semi-tone. That was the essential that made a bell musical. In Canon Simpson's principle they hollowed out the crown of the bell to get a true octave, and that ruined the bell for bell music and turned it into an inferior musical



SOME OF THOSE PRESENT AT THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER, AS SEEN BY A CARTOONIST.

to go very well. The last time he was there, however, he found a wrought iron and steel frame. Whether that would last or not was another question, but in that he was on dangerous ground, for they had already heard from the Master that there were some things on which he did not always agree with the architects (laughter). He had had the privilege that night, continued the speaker, of sitting between two distinguished ringers, both of whom had contributed chapters to Sir Arthur Heywood's very interesting book on bell towers. One was Mr. E. H. Lewis, who wrote a most interesting mathematical treatise on the dynamics of bells, and the other Major Hesse, who wrote on the advantages of metal frames over wood. There, again, he was on dangerous ground, but he recalled two instances in his own experience of the use of wooden frames, which were put up by his friend, Mr. Hughes. One was in St. David's Cathedral, the other at Elveden in Suffolk, a tower for which he was the architect. They were both fairly heavy rings of eight bells, with a tenor of about a ton. The frames were of a very hard Burmese wood, but in the case both of the twelfth century tower of St. David's and of the new tower at Elveden, they could stand on the top of the tower when the bells were going and would not feel a tremor. If they wanted any sort of proof that a timber frame could be made absolutely rigid, there they had it. He had never come across any other two examples of wood frames that were so admirably constructed and which gave such results; at the same time, he was bound instrument. Many of them, Mr. Caroe added, would probably criticise this remark, but it was a subject to which he had given great study. He had been interested in bellringing ever since he was a boy, and he only gave up ringing when he was 21 years old, because he had never had time to stick to it.

In proposing 'Kindred Societies,' Mr. E. Alex Young referred to the good fellowship that existed between all those who followed the art of ringing. Their brothers of the belfry all round the country were represented by that gathering, and through that toast the College Youths extended to them their good wishes. It was a very wide toast, for it covered the whole country of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland and even extended to ringers overseas, wherever a few ringers were gathered together, and he reminded them that all the societies were drawn together into one whole through that great parliament of theirs, the Central Council, whose president, Mr. Lewis, was to respond to the toast.

GOOD SHOW OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Mr. Lewis said that day the Lord Mayor's Show had taken place, and he had heard that the particular feature of the procession was the show of country produce. That night they had a very good show of country produce in that room (laughter and applause). They had members and friends there from all over the country, he had seen some from as far away as Lancashire and Yorkshire, and there was one present from Hobart, Tasmania (applause). The country mem-

bers greatly appreciated that opportunity to visit the society at its annual dinner. They sometimes criticised the society a bit when they thought, perhaps, it was a little bit 'sticky' (laughter) by not going in for more methods, for some of the country members went in for a great number of fancy Surprise methods, the diagrams of which looked like a jig-saw puzzle. Mr. Lewis, amid laughter, reminded his hearers that the jig-saw puzzle was originated by an Aberdonian who accidentally dropped a pound note into a mincing machine. Continuing, Mr. Lewis uttered a word of warning with regard to noisy towers. He said he sympathised with people who lived in the neighbourhood of bells where they were unduly noisy, and there was no doubt there were a lot of towers where the bells were far too noisy outside. Difficulties might arise if proper steps were not taken to modify the sound. He would suggest that those who had not already heard them should visit the new peal at Chislehurst. In this instance the architect, before beginning work, consulted Canon Coleridge, and arrangements had been made whereby the sound was allowed to escape only through the roof. It was possible to carry on a quiet conversation with every comfort in the immediate neighbourhood of the tower, and half a mile away they could appreciate the full beauty of the bells.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S NEXT VISIT TO LONDON.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he did not want to say much about the Central Council that night or to make apologies for its existence. He thought the time for that had passed, but he would remind them that next year the Council would meet again in London, when it was hoped the London societies would once more be as kind to them as they were three years ago in the way they looked after the social arrangements. Indeed, they were looked after so well that it made one almost regret that there could not be some similar arrangements of a permanent character made, whereby country ringers would know exactly where to go and where to find out about the ringing they might get during their stay. As they knew, said Mr. Lewis, the Council had a committee that looked after the interest of bells in broadcasting. That committee had done a lot of good. They still had to suffer St. Martin's, but he thought with patience they might be able to reduce the amount of that noise and to hear more proper ringing. He thought the B.B.C. were getting kinder to ringing. He had only once had the privilege of taking part in a broadcast, and on that occasion the complete touch of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. The announcing did not start until the bells had come into rounds. He thought if they handled the B.B.C. properly they would get more results of that kind. He thought they ought to be very careful and tactful in their dealings with the B.B.C. By all means write letters to them, but do not attempt to dictate, but try and offer advice in a humble way. Referring to the construction of bell frames, which had been dealt with by Mr. Caroe, Mr. Lewis said there was a cast iron frame put in at St. Luke's, Liverpool, nearly a hundred years ago, and it was standing up as well as ever. He hoped that, in time, reinforced concrete would be used for bell frames. It was an excellent material for the supports for frames, and he instanced the case of Boston Stump, where the bell frame rested entirely on a concrete floor built on reinforced concrete walls entirely separate from the tower and carried up ten or twelve feet from a reinforced concrete corbel course running right round inside the tower. He thought they would get more examples of that kind in future.

Mr. C. W. Roberts proposed the toast of 'The Press,' and said ringers should be thankful for the fact that they had a paper devoted to their interests, and grateful to the Editor for the way in which from a large amount of contributions sent to him he managed to make an interesting and attractive paper with the comparatively small amount of space at his disposal. Mr. Roberts referred to 'the splendid series of articles for young ringers' which is now appearing in 'The Ringing World.' By their aid, he said, the mysteries of change ringing became plain, and all young ringers should read and study them carefully. He appealed to members of the society to support 'The Ringing World,' so that its circulation might increase by leaps and bounds (applause). He referred to the fact that the Editor of the paper was absent from the last gathering of the College Youths, as he was in Australia helping to stir up interest in change ringing in that country. That night they welcomed him home again (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast, and the proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was admirably rung by Messrs. A. B. Peck, F. Perrens, H. Pasmore, H. Langdon, A. Walker and F. E. Haynes, songs were sung by Mr. Wilfred Simpson, and Mrs. Hughes once more delighted the company with her handbell soles. She first played 'I hear you calling me' and 'Rose in the bud,' and, in response to the undeniable encore, played 'Solveig's Song' and, by request, 'Land of Hope and Glory.' After her performance, the Master, on behalf of the society, presented her with a bouquet of chrysanthemums and carnations, which Mrs. Hughes gracefully acknowledged.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. E. P. Duffield was reinstalled as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths when the election of officers took place on November 12th. Mr. E. H. Lewis was elected Senior Steward and Mr. L. Porter Junior Steward. The other officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. A. Hughes, hon. treasurer; Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton, trustees, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUPPORT FOR ACTION WITH B.B.C.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Brentford on Saturday week. Gas works, soap works, narrow streets and mean houses, it is not, perhaps, an attractive place to visit. The Vicar of St. Lawrence's Church appreciates bellringing, however, and the warmth of his welcome dispelled to a large extent one's aversion to the town.

During the service he addressed a few remarks to the congregation about his love of bells and also developed in a very original manner the theme of ringers who do not stay to service. He regretted he was without a band of ringers, and, because of this, it appeared that there was to be a break in the continuity of Armistice Day ringing for the first time. Later, however, at the business meeting, a call for volunteers to attend St. Lawrence's and carry on the good work met with a satisfactory response, and the bells paid their tribute as usual.

During the business meeting a discussion took place on the B.B.C.'s practice of superimposing the voice of the announcer on the sound of the bells before a service. The hon. secretary was instructed to approach the B.B.C., and, while expressing appreciation of the broadcasting of service ringing, to put forward the ringers' case as recently outlined in 'The Ringing World.'

It was decided to visit St. Mary's, Ealing, in December (probably on the 14th), while notice was given of the annual supper at Heston on January 4th, and the district annual meeting at Twickenham, provisionally fixed for February 1st.

The usual thanks to those who helped in arranging the meeting concluded the business.

The six bells, tenor 14 cwt., were rung to many methods during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. M. Kilby.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

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Further donations should be sent to any of the undersigned, who gratefully acknowledge the above sums.

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A LONDON GUILD

The 12th annual meeting of St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn, was held on Saturday, November 3rd. Tea, served in the Court House, was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Bedford and, needless to say, very much enjoyed by the members present.

The Rector opened the business meeting by thanking the ringers for their services as Sunday service ringers and for their help given on various occasions. The cash statement was adopted, and the election of officers resulted as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. F. G. Cole; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton.

After the business meeting music and song followed. The Rector gave a reading, and songs were contributed by Messrs. W. R. Dennis, E. Brett, E. Pryor and H. Alford. Handbell ringing also took place by Messrs. F. G. Cole, Wilfred Williams, A. C. Darnell and T. Langdon.

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MR. HARRY CHAPMAN'S BIRTHDAY.

A KEYSTON CELEBRATION.

On Friday, November 15th, a party of ringers representing Raunds, Rushden and Higham Ferrers visited the village of Keyston, Hunts, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman on the fine old peal of five bells (which, by the way, could do with modernising!). The occasion was the 72nd birthday of Mr. Harry Chapman, who, since leaving Manchester, has resided in the village, and, needless to say, the party did not disperse without drinking Mr. Chapman's health and wishing him many more years of peaceful retirement.

The visitors were Messrs. W. Wilby, G. Smith, W. Martin and D. Newell (Higham), W. Whitmore (Raunds) and G. D. Deighton (Rushden), also Mr. R. F. Deal (of London, temporarily domiciled at Rushden), who took part in much ringing with Mr. Chapman in the Manchester district some years ago.

Mr. Chapman has recently spent some months in Canada, where he has been spending a holiday with members of his family.

Keyston is one of the fortunate places where traffic lights are not yet a necessity, and the inhabitants can still cross the roads in safety without the aid of 'beacons.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SUNDERLAND.

A happy and successful meeting of the Eastern District took place at Sunderland on Saturday, November 2nd, members being present from West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Gateshead, Jarrow and Headingley, as well as from the local towers.

A short service was held. After tea a meeting, at which Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, was in the chair, took place. He said he was pleased to see such a good number present, and he welcomed Mr. Sherwood, of Headingley, a member of the Yorkshire Association. He again advised all ringers to take 'The Ringing World,' especially the younger members, who would find it very helpful.

Mr. W. Sheraton moved a vote of thanks to the respective Rectors for the use of the bells, viz., Bishopswearmouth and St. Ignatius', and Mr. J. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the substantial tea. He said the ringers were grateful to the ladies for the great interest they showed at these meetings.

Mr. Sherwood thanked the chairman and members for giving him such a hearty welcome, and he was delighted to be present at the meeting. He had seen the notice in 'The Ringing World' whilst he was in the district (another splendid reason for taking the paper).

The next meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 4th.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Rev. J. R. C. Forrest, R.D., to-day (Friday, Nov. 22nd) at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Rendezvous Cafe. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Frequent buses from Belgrave Gate, or L.M.S., London Road.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Let us have a good meeting in this fine old church. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nov. 23rd, Annual Hitchin meeting. Bells ready 3 p.m. Learners welcome. Handbells also available. Tea arrangements as usual. Shortened evensong 6.30 p.m. Excellent rail and bus services—so no excuse this time! It is hoped that a photograph of the company will be taken, which will doubtless prove a pleasant reminder of our 'Jubilee Year' meeting. Rally round.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30. Anyone who can pull a bell welcomed at this meeting.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—To mark the date of the Guild's foundation, which was on Nov. 23rd, 1907, the next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. at Chilvers Coton, followed by tea at 4.45 in the Church Hall. Ringing after tea at Nuneaton. A social evening from 8 p.m. at the Bull Hotel. It is hoped that everyone will try to attend and thus make this meeting a success; a special invitation is extended to the older members of the Guild.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held at Emberton (6) on November 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstoke Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—The two trebles, added to the present ring of 6 bells, by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bodmin on Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, November 30th. Service 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made, and it is important that those who intend to be present should notify as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, November 26th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godstone on Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Jones' Café to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Green Man Inn.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than the 26th. The bells have recently been put in good order.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. M. Mitchell, Rector of Clyst St. George. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD) Farnham District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting will be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral Service 5, followed by tea and business meetings in Parish Hall. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 27th.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting willl be held at Birstall on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Nov. 27th. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual business meeitng will be held at St. Werburgh's Church, Mina Road, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 27th inst. Bus No. 139 from Old Market every 15 minutes.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collinwood, Knightthorpe Road, Loughborough.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—Re-opening service at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30th; preacher, the Rev. A. Rust, President of the Beds. Association. All ringers come. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Arnold, Hazelmere, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, on account of tea arrangements? The ring of 10 bells has been tuned and rehung by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NORTH NOTTS.—On Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new tenor bell which has been installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The meeting arranged for Nov. 23rd at All Souls', Bolton, has been postponed to Dec. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. Kay, 37, Cloister Street, Bolton, by Thursday. A special effort is requested to make this meeting a success. Meeting arranged Dec. 14th, at St. Bartholomew's, cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, free to members. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 2nd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Battle Axes. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th?—H. W. Shradrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Dec. 5th, for same. — F. Clark and M. Wilson, Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The district annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Those requiring tea, price 6d. per head, please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Reports to hand. All ringers are welcomed. This is a good tower and most methods will be rung.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Wynmondham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at Underwood's at 4.45. Please give notice of your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

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