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Among not the least important of things which the Central Council has done is the setting up of a library, although there can be few people at present who know how extensive this library is. For the first time a 'Library List' has now been printed and is available to anyone who will send three-halfpence to the Honorary Librarian. The publication of this list is an important step, and henceforth students and others interested in the history of bells and the art of bell ringing will know what material is available in this growing collection. It has been accumulating over a long period, and in recent years, by gifts and purchase, has been increasing at a fairly rapid rate. It touches ringing at many points, and includes volumes of ringing publications and county histories, and ranges from text books to poetry, to say nothing of manuscripts by such masters of their subject as Sir Arthur Heywood, Rev. H. Law James, John Carter and J. A. Trollope.

The object of the library is two-fold. First, it is established to disseminate knowledge, and the more its resources are drawn upon by ringers the more it will serve its primary educational purposes. Hitherto very little has been known about its contents, but that obstacle is now removed, and it is hoped that ringers will avail themselves of the facilities for borrowing the available books. Every ringer should have in his own possession the modern text books which can be purchased for a few pence, or at most a shilling or two, but there are in the library many volumes long since out of print (and in the case of MSS. some which have never been in print at all) and others beyond the reach of the pocket of the average member of the Exercise. The library provides every responsible ringer with access to these, and many of them will well repay borrowers by the instruction and entertainment they will provide.

The other purpose of the library is as a receptacle for valuable ringing books, which might otherwise be destroyed or permanently lost. In the past many such books, when the owner has no further use for them, have gone into the dustbin or on to a bonfire. Outsiders coming upon them do not realise their interest or their value to ringers, and cherished possessions thus often disappear. The Central Council's library is not a dumping ground for any and every kind of bell literature that may be left behind when a ringer passes on, but it should be the resting place of any valuable old books to save them from destruction. In the hands of a central body like the Council they are at the disposal of all; left to the mercy

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of an unappreciative world, they disappear. In any event, should ringers have books which they would like to see placed in safe keeping they will be doing a service to the Exercise if they are offered in the first place to the Council's library, or, failing that, if they are placed in the custody of their own society or some other body with an established library.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	HENRY G. MILES 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 10
CHARLES S. BORDEN 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 8
CHARLES H. PULLEN 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ERNEST BRETT 10
LAWRENCE B. PORTER 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 6	JAMES H. RUMLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

FREDERICK C. WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
FRANK BARRETT 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 8
HENRY C. WHITE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

Ring with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of sincere respect to the late Mrs. George Holifield, sen., wife of the composer of this peal, who was laid to rest at the above church on Thursday, November 28th.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAW Treble	GEORGE WIGGINS 6
FRANK BENNETT 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	*ALFRED C. PANKHURST 8
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 50th peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. F. WARD ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... 6
GEORGE WARD ... 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 3	ARTHUR BRAINS ... 8
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
JOHN HOLMAN ... 5	*ALBERT G. F. WARD ... Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by P. W. CAVE

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day and as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George on the occasion of his 82nd birthday.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
JAMES WHITE ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 8
JAMES MARTIN ... 4	EDWARD CADNCE ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day and as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. David Railton, M.A., M.C.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	HERBERT POPE ... 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	JAMES AVERY ... 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	GEORGE SIMMS ... 7
JAMES G. POWELL ... 4	*REUBEN WELLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

* First peal and first attempt.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OLIVER THOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 5
*MISS B. V. DOBSON ... 2	WILLIAM BISHOP ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	POLICE INSP. H. CARTER ... 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 4	HENRY CRISTIE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor for his 72nd birthday.

LEONMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Priory Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED JAINE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
*ERNEST SALMON ... 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 6
FRANK DOWNES ... 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... 7
GEORGE H. GIBLIN ... 4	CHARLES H. SPARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. TAYLOR.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers from Hereford Cathedral except F. Jaine, a local man, who stood in at the last minute.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of Bishop Ryder,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ROGER W. DANIELS ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 6
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. James George. Quickest peal on the bells.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER Treble	JOHN ARBURY ... 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... 2	A. GEORGE BETTS ... 6
*JOHN H. GODFREY ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
†CHARLES J. TURNER ... 4	†EDWARD H. MARKS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 24.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	WALTER WALLACE ... 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung for Mr. James George's 82nd birthday, it being his 1,200th peal on tower bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

CHARLES BUTCHER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 5
WILLIAM LOUD ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 4	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. R. BAXTER. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lillian Baxter. First peal in the method as conductor.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

ARTHUR J. FARR ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 5
CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 2	JOHN CURRY ... 6
GEORGE LADD ... 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
JOHN G. AMES ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. George Ladd.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
*EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. E. S. T. Farr had not previously struck a blow in 'London.' First peal in the method as conductor. L. Stilwell has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

LESLIE W. KEY ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... 5
KENNETH I. PARDOE ... 2	*STANLEY J. MASON ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 7
DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... 4	†ERNEST S. BUSHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by N. G. LEECH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt. A 21st birthday compliment to K. I. Pardoe. The conductor's 40th peal.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT KNIGHT ... Treble	DAVID HINGLEY ... 5
GEORGE BUTLER ... 2	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	BERT HORTON ... 7
*HOWARD HOWELL ... 4	†ARTHUR REED ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHEROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUCKER ... 3	WILFRED HELLIWELL ... 7
HAROLD WALMSLEY ... 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

The first peal on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES CAMM ... Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5
*ALLEN MORGAN ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HORGWOOD.

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

FREDERICK MOLINEUX ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
THOMAS HEMMING ... 3	CYRIL CHAMBERS ... 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ALFRED MOLINEUX ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the opening peal on the bells by the St. Martin's Guild—Thurstans' five-part peal of Stedman Triples, on Saturday, November 28th, 1885.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Five Hours,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 9760 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 3	HORACE MODLT ... 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Longest peal yet rung without bobs. This composition has 400 singles and the 120 course ends.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
FRANCIS KIRK ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
WALTER AYRE ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 30), and was rung without previous practice. The figures of this method were published on August 22nd, 1930.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHN H. ARSON ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
PHILLIS E. TILLET ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. E. S. POWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
REV. E. S. POWELL ... 2	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 6
*JOHN A. GREEN ... 3	*ALBERT J. GREEN ... 7
*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by the ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ERIC GILBERT Treble	†GEORGE LEDSBAM 4
JOHN COLLINGWOOD 2	JOHN BAYLEY 5
FREDERICK DAVIS 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First in five methods for all. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Norfolk and Primrose; (2) Cambridge and Ipswich; (3) Surfleet and Beverley; (4) York and Durham; (5) London and Wells; (6) Wearmouth; (7) Lightfoot. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	KENNETH FORD 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in 12 Surprise methods by all and on the bells. Thirty-six changes of method.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with 6-8 covering. Tenor 21 cwt.

E. ELLIOTT Treble	F. WILLMSMORE 5
R. SPRINGHAM 2	W. SAMUEL 6
J. SMITH 3	H. ELLIOTT, SEN. 7
W. GILBEY 4	H. ELLIOTT, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by H. ELLIOTT, SEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. N. Wood and Mr. C. H. Tucker, captain of the band. First peal by all the ringers.

HILPERTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	ERNEST F. WHITE 4
PERCY HARDING 2	FRANK GREEN 5
*NORMAN G. KNEE 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. W. J. Mees, who has resigned the leadership of this tower through ill-health after 18 years. He has been a servant of the church as a ringer for 61 years. The thanks of the band are due to him for entertaining them after the peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, with tenor covering. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS HESKETH 4
JOHN ROBINSON 2	HERBERT LODKIN 5
*JAMES DUNBAVIN 3	JAMES W. GARDNER 6

WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. LODKIN.

* First peal. First peal of Minor in three methods by all except the conductor. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings).

*HARRY PARDOW 1 reble	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD 4
HAROLD SMITH 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	JOHN H. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in two methods.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

CHARLES PICKEN Treble	RICHARD INSTON 4
FRANK MOLE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ALBERT WOODVINE 3	JOHN W. TRANTER Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Barnfield, of Stockton Grange, on the occasion of her 95th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Inston, parents of the 4th ringer, kindly entertained the band to supper after the peal.

ALFORD, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury and Reverse Bob; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Sandal and Kingston Treble Bob; (4) Wath and Carisbrooke Delights; (5) Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Taxal and Marple Delights; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY C. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 135 changes of method. First peal in 27 methods by all.

TIGHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWERY 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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FOR BEGINNERS.

BUILDING UP DOUBLES.

Let us continue our lesson of last week on the subject of writing out methods, and see how it applies to Doubles, which is the usual starting point for practical ringing. When we had only four bells we produced our 'changes' by alternately changing two pairs and one pair. If we had changed two pairs twice in succession we should at once be taken back to our starting point, because the pairs which we change must always consist of adjoining bells: 1 and 2, 3 and 4, if you are starting from rounds. It cannot be 1 and 3, 2 and 4, or anything of that kind, which would necessitate 'jumping' over a place.

When we come to five bells we find that the number enables us to change two pairs of bells every time; and it is this succession of double changes which gives us the name 'Doubles,' applied to all methods rung on five bells.

We began with rounds: 1.2.3.4.5, and there are three ways in which we can effect the first double change. We can change the first and second pairs, to make 2.1.4.3.5, or the first and last pairs to make 2.1.3.5.4, or we can move the last two pairs and have 1.3.2.5.4; the fact that this last is not made as the first change in general practice does not signify for our purpose. Having got your first change, you can then proceed by changing any other two pairs.

A	B	C	D	E	F
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21354	21354	13254	13254
24153	12453	23145	12534	31524	31245

If you had changed the same pairs the second time, you would have returned to 12345. We made progress by changing different pairs, and if you want to build up any method of Doubles, you must proceed in that way, by changing two different pairs each time.

Although our scheme on four bells enabled us to get all the possible changes on that number, as soon as you get above it and use more bells, you cannot by any recognised plan produce all the changes, without the use of certain variations in your procedure, which may be either 'bobs' or 'singles,' which are used for the purpose of diverting the otherwise systematic run, or 'course' of the bells and preventing them from coming round or producing some other repetition.

As you know, the number of changes possible on five bells is 120. For a reason which we need not go into now, it is only possible to produce half that number by changing the bells two pairs at a time. Can you build up the 60 changes in the two following ways?—Begin with our first example (A) by changing alternately the two front and two back pairs. If you do this without any 'bobs,' you will be back where you started from in ten changes. Well, do it, and see what it looks like.

Now start again, but when you come to the seventh change, instead of moving the two front pairs, move the front and back pairs, and let the bell in the middle stay where it is; i.e., 'make 3rd's place,' as we say.

When you come to the tenth change, draw a line under it for convenience and go on again changing the bells in pairs, but when you reach the fifth change, make a 3rd's place by changing the front and back pairs and do the same again at the seventh change. When you get to the end of this section of ten changes your figures should read 23145. Now continue this process, and in alternate sections, make 3rd's place (which in this method is the 'bob') at the seventh change in one, and 3rd's place at both the fifth and the seventh changes in the next. That, if properly written out, will give you your 60 changes, in the method called 'Original.'

Next take the third example (C) given above; in which the first change is obtained by changing the front and back pairs, and the subsequent changes by changing the two back pairs and the two front pairs alternately. Draw a line under the tenth change, and repeat the process, making the 3rd's place at the start. This 3rd's place, however, is not a 'bob'; it is part of the method, but we cannot get our 60 changes without bobs in this method any more than in 'Original,' and the first of these is made in the second section (or to give it its correct name, second 'lead') by making 3rd's place at the ninth change, instead of changing the two front pairs. When you have completed the tenth change below the first line, it should read 13425, and you draw another line. These lines are not essential, but they do help.

Having got things right thus far, go on with the process, always making a 3rd's place at the first change of each lead, and making a 'bob' at the ninth change of alternate leads. When you have done this, you will have written out half the extent of Grandsire Doubles.

Draw a continuous line over the figure 1, through all the 60 changes, and study the figures to see how all the other bells, in varying order, pass across it.

Before passing on, we ought, perhaps to explain that if no bobs were made, and the only 3rd's place inserted was at the first change in each lead, the bells would come round in three leads, or 30 changes, forming the 'plain course,' that is a course without any 'bobs.'

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Sunday, November 17th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Shaw (conductor) 1, J. Cowley 2, G. Saint 3, W. Bagley 4, J. W. Hall 5, S. Cadwallender 6.

ERYRI.

AN ANCIENT WELSH NAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You ask me to enlighten you on the name 'Eryri.' As you say in your last editorial, 'What's in a name?' Sometimes there is a great deal, and why not in 'Eryri'? You ask 'Why Eryri?' I retort, 'Why London? Why Duffield? Why Pudsey?' All the old and many new methods are named after places, and the rule seems to be the older the place the more veneration there is for the name.

Now the name Eryri was in use in these islands centuries before Julius Caesar landed here or London was founded. It is the old Welsh name for that district of Caernarvonshire that is now commonly called 'Snowdonia.' So when I wanted a name I took it from that district that I most love.

As you say, the method has been published before. I published it in 'The Bell News,' either in 1909 or 1910, I forget which.

I had been having a long correspondence on the method with Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who was much interested in it, and, as we failed to get a peal with a fourth's place bob, I published one with the bob in sixth's. There the matter rested until Mr. Cashmore showed me a very clever composition, in which he used one bob when the treble was behind. He afterwards parted the tenors and produced the peal that was rung at Bushy. May I take this opportunity of congratulating him and the company who rung it?

While writing to you, may I take the opportunity to say that Bristol Surprise was first produced in Cambridge in 1890, and that the Gonville and Granta variations are also my work. Composed in Cambridge on January 17th, 1921, the first peal was conducted by E. M. Atkins on the same evening.

E. BANKES JAMES.

'WORTH SURPRISE MAJOR.'

A method with a double dodging treble hunt and all the places made at hand and back was published by Mr. Fred Dench many years ago and named after his birthplace, Worth. A peal in this method can be got with tenors together.

DEATH OF MR. W. GILLINGHAM.

PORTISHEAD RINGER WHO TAUGHT MANY LADIES.

Despite the very inclement weather, a large congregation assembled at Portishead Parish Church on Friday last to pay their last respects to Mr. William Gillingham, who was from 1915 to 1930 a member of the local Urban Council, and was for many years one of the assistant overseers of Portishead. He was also captain of the Portishead ringers for 45 years, and it was mainly through his efforts that two extra bells were added to the peal in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. No one encouraged ladies in the belfry more than William Gillingham, and probably none have taught more to ring. Two peals have been rung on the bells of Portishead wholly by ladies attached to the tower, the first on January 30th, 1915.

The funeral service was choral, and while the mourners were assembling the organist played 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' and 'O rest in the Lord,' and also Chopin's 'Marche Funebre' as the cortege was leaving the church. The hymns sung were 'Hark, on high the joyful music' and 'Abide with me.' Unfortunately, a very heavy storm of rain persisted during the actual committal at the graveside, which forced the proceedings to be rather hurried.

Prebendary H. W. Jukes officiated at the service and was assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs and the Rev. V. R. B. Milton. In addition to the ringers present, representatives of the Church Council and Portishead Urban Council and School Managers attended. After the service the bells were raised and Grandsire Triples were rung by the following: A. E. Colbourn, E. Goldstone, A. L. Sale, A. Lane, R. Williams, J. Nisbett, W. S. Watts and Miss Orchard. Mr. W. A. Carr (Bristol) was also present at the church and graveside.

FOUR GENERATIONS.

BROXBORNE RINGER'S 'JUBILEE.'

On Sunday evening, at the Parish Church, Broxbourne, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) was rung by members of the local band: W. Pedder 1, C. Gouldsmith 2, Miss N. Radley 3, E. Gouldsmith 4, D. Hammond 5, A. Radley 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, J. Luxon 8.

This quarter-peal was specially rung in honour of the completion by Mr. C. Gouldsmith of 50 years' service as a ringer at Broxbourne Church. The band congratulated him and wished him health and strength to continue his work for the church for a great many years.

Mr. Gouldsmith has always been regular and punctual at practice and service ringing. His grandfather and father were both ringers before him at the same church, and his son has also taken up the art, making four successive generations of ringers in one family.

MUFFLED BELLS.

As a last token of respect to the memory of Sir Francis Bingham, who had a distinguished military career, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, was rung with the bells half-muffled at Burnham on November 7th when the funeral took place: B. O'Neil 1, G. H. Lämmer 3, J. E. Taylor 4, J. D. Taylor 5, B. T. Harrison (first 720) 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, C. A. Burgess 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SHREWTON.**

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch on Saturday last. The meeting was at Shrewton, but ringers coming from Salisbury stopped at South Newton on the way out and had a short touch on the bells there.

At Shrewton members arrived from Hindon, Wilton, Amesbury, Wylye, Shrewton, Longbridge Deverill, Warminster, Tisbury, Britford, Winterbourne Earls, Breamore and Salisbury (St. Martin's). The Guild service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Robins). He gave a short address and apologised for his inability to attend the meeting afterwards.

Tea followed at the Plume of Feathers, and there was a brief business meeting, at which the branch chairman (Mr. E. Caple) presided, supported by the Rev. W. J. F. Groves (Rector of Wylye), the Rev. H. Moxou (Amesbury) and Mr. F. W. Romaine (branch secretary).

The Rev. W. J. F. Groves, who was until recently Rector of Pembroke, Bermuda, was elected an hon. member of the branch, and expressed his appreciation of the honour bestowed upon him. He said that on his return to England it was very good to hear bells rung again. In his church at Bermuda he merely had a chime of bells, played from a clavier by one performer.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, Mr. E. F. White, chairman of the Devizes Branch, and the other ringers from Warminster and Longbridge Deverill.—Mr. White, replying, said how much he enjoyed his visit, and looked forward to seeing some of the Salisbury ringers at their branch meetings.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the meeting, and to the organist for her good offices.

Some of the members then journeyed to Amesbury at the invitation of the Rev. H. Moxou and set the excellent ring of six going to the various methods and also to call changes.

THE HELMINGHAM RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like, through your valued paper, to congratulate the Helmingham band on their excellent performances. In their modesty they omitted to state that they reside in four parishes, so that each time they meet many miles are covered. The peals, also, were conducted by four of the band. This shows that no jealousy exists. As I have heard one at least of their peals this year, I can testify to their good striking.

'PLAIN BOB.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN THE NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 23rd, with almost a record attendance of ringers, over 80 being present. Nearly all the towers in the branch were represented, and visitors attended from Abingdon, Beenham, Basingstoke, Taunton, Aldermaston, Twyford, Reading, St. Mary Bourne, Launton, Swindon and Wallingford. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch), and an excellent address given by the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master).

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, 72 sitting down to tea.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided.

Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary and treasurer, reported good progress. Six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40, and six peals had been rung in the branch. The branch now had 19 honorary members and 157 ringing members. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £21 10s. 9d. Good reports were received from most of the towers.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman, Mr. H. W. Curtis hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis, F. J. Owen and A. Smith as representatives on the General Committee.

Six new members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Shaw in February, and the spring meeting for Peasmore in April, the dates being left for the secretary to arrange.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Deputy Master, the chairman, Miss Love (organist), Mrs. Curtis and her helpers, which was carried with applause.

The Deputy Master congratulated the branch on its continued progress.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, urged all those present to work together for the Guild, and congratulated the branch on its report.

The tower was again visited, and various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung until 9 o'clock.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATED.

At St. Mary's Church, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, for evensong, on Sunday, November 24th, on the occasion of the dedication of the first peal tablet to be erected in the tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, in 10 callings): Miss V. Marsh 1, L. H. Pink 2, H. W. Saunders 3, Dr. A. M. Cunningham (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 4, F. G. Blake (conductor) 5, M. Martin 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung, and, indeed, the first for a good many years, was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, on Saturday week.

Restorations at Pinner Church, Middlesex, are now complete, and ringing will take place on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and practice will be on Wednesdays (instead of Mondays as formerly) at 7.30 p.m. Ringing began last Sunday.

An interesting peal was rung at Billingshurst, Sussex, on Sunday. It was the first peal by a local band at this church for 38 years. Mr. Albert Feist, who rang the 2nd, took part in the first peal on the bells.

Two more Devon peals are shortly to be taken in hand by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., viz., the rings of six of Christow, near Exeter, and East Buckland, near Barnstaple. Both peals are to be removed to the Loughborough Foundry for tuning and refitting prior to being rehung in new frames. John Taylor and Co. are also adding a new treble to make six at East Austley Church, Devon.

The same firm are also busy in Cornwall, completing the ring of eight of Tuckingmill (Roskear), near Camborne, by the addition of two new trebles, also rehanging the rings of six of St. Veep and Landulph Churches with new fittings in new frames.

A jubilee peal, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells, was rung at Hagley, Worcestershire, on Thursday last week. All the members of the peal rung in 1885 have passed away.

The ringers in that peal were J. Buffery, S. Reeves (conductor), H. Bastable, T. Reynolds, W. R. Small (whose 50th peal it was), H. Johnson, jun., and F. H. James.

Mr. M. J. Exeter, captain of the local band at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, rang a peal on Saturday, his first after a lapse of more than 25 years! After the peal the ringers enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Vicar and members of the local company, whom they wish to thank.

With 135 changes of method, a peal in 27 Minor methods was rung at Alford, Lincs, on Saturday.

'The Topographical Quarterly' for November contains an interesting article on British Bellfounders, together with a chronological list of all known founders with dates of their existence and places of residence, from 1282 down to the present time. This work is from the pen of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who has recently had his latest book published, 'Legends of the Bells.' The latter has had a splendid reception and many fine congratulatory Press notices.

A peal of 9,760 Bob Major, reported elsewhere, was rung at Loughborough Bellfoundry on Saturday last. This had 400 singles and no bobs!

In the report of a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung at Thame on November 23rd, it was stated that it was believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells. The first Surprise peal rung there, however, was a peal of Cambridge, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on September 29th, 1904, conducted by George Williams.

The claim to the first peal on the bells at Ashbrittle, Somerset, made in a report last week, will also not stand. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung there on April 18th, 1920, conducted by A. Tout.

Another correspondent tells us that the statement sent to us that Ashbrittle is eight miles from a railway station is not true. There are three stations, neither of which is eight miles distant: Venn Cross 3, Binleycombe 4, Wellington 7.

Councillor Arthur Payne, M.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, gave a highly appreciated lecture on 'Church bells and change ringing,' attended by about 200 people, at Gateshead, on Wednesday week. The lecture was illustrated by over 80 lantern slides, demonstrations were given on handbells by St. Nicholas' Cathedral Guild, Newcastle, and copies of 'The Ringing World' were distributed.

The report of a peal of Doubles rung at St. Helens, Lanes, has been sent without the date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. George Williams wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all ringers and friends who sent their very kind expressions of sympathy to him in the loss of his wife; also for the many beautiful wreaths and attendance in such large numbers of ringers and friends from far and near at the funeral at North Stonham Church. He hopes to acknowledge all letters personally in due course.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S 82nd BIRTHDAY.

Mr. James George rang no fewer than four peals in celebration of his 82nd birthday, and all within eight days. In addition to the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus', London, recorded last week, he rang in peals of Stedman Triples at Birmingham, Stedman Triples at Oversea, and Stedman Caters at Derby. What a record!

He rang 21 peals between his 81st and 82nd birthdays, made up of Stedman Cinques 3, Caters 5, Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Yorkshire Surprise Royal (with treble) 1, Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Bob Major 1, and Cambridge Surprise Major 1.

His peal at Oversea was his 1,200th on tower bells, and his total now is 1,247.

B.B.C. AND BELL BROADCASTS. REPLY TO MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIONS. A 'Standard Practice.'

As a result of a resolution passed recently at a meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, regarding the B.B.C. practice of superimposing announcements over the broadcast of bells when rung for broadcast services, the following letter was sent to the B.B.C. by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow):—

'At a meeting of the above association held at Brentford on Saturday last, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That while appreciative of the broadcasting of service ringing by the B.B.C., this meeting desires to express its protest at the prolonged and unnecessary announcements made during such broadcasts. The practice is unfair to the ringers concerned and to those members of the listening public interested in the art of bellringing."

'In bringing this matter to your notice, I would add that arising out of the discussion on the above resolution it was considered unnecessary to announce the precise order of the service at the expense of the bells. The bells are rung to the glory of God and have a definite message to convey. That they are appreciated by the majority of the public is evidenced in many ways, and not least by their ready support of bell restorations, etc., undertaken by church authorities.

'I plead, therefore, for broadcast ringing free from interruption. In addition, where a service is broadcast from a church possessing a ring of bells, cannot the music of those bells be included as a prelude to the service? Sunday by Sunday, this custom has been carried out for years, in many cases centuries.

'I place these views before you as representing the opinion of a body of ringers and churchmen numbering several hundred. Your observations are awaited with interest.'

In reply to this communication, the hon. secretary received the following from the Religion Executive of the B.B.C.:—

'Our standard practice, when we broadcast bells before a service, is now to begin with five minutes' ringing; about half-way through, the bells are faded down, and an announcement of the service is superimposed; the bells are then faded up again until the service begins. We want to emphasise that the ringing should always be quite audible behind the announcement, and that the announcement is normally very brief. We hope that in future you will have no cause for complaint.'

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. A CELEBRATION MEETING.

An enjoyable time was spent by members of the Warwickshire Guild at a meeting held at Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton on Saturday, November 23rd. This meeting was arranged to celebrate the foundation of the Guild 28 years previously. The foundation meeting was held at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, on November 23rd, 1907. At that meeting it was pointed out that the need of a Guild for the county had become a necessity; Warwickshire (with the exception of that part in the Diocese of Birmingham which is covered by the St. Martin's Guild) was the only county in England having no county guild or association for change ringers.

The majority of the affiliated towers in the Guild were represented at the meeting on Saturday week, members being present from Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Erdington, Lillington, Rugby, Stoke, Bedworth and Wolvey. The following were among those present: The Rev. J. A. B. Davies (president), Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master), Mr. M. Melville (secretary), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker and Mr. Frank Haynes (St. Martin's, Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin and Mr. T. W. Chapman. Apologies were received from Messrs. Edward H. Adams (the first Ringing Master), J. B. Fenton, J. F. Smallwood, and James George, who was celebrating his 82nd birthday in London.

Nearly fifty ringers and their friends sat down to an excellent tea in Chilvers Coton Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. Lewis. In spite of a severe cold, the president of the Guild very kindly joined the party after tea, when two presentations were made. These presentations took the form of emblems of the peal rung at Crayford by youthful members of the Exercise; they were the gift of Mr. Dawe to Percy Stone and had been framed by the Guild. One was presented by the Ringing Master to the president, who accepted it for Chilvers Coton belfry; the other was presented by Mr. Dawe, the organiser of the peal, to Percy Stone, who was one of the ringers in the peal.

After tea a move was made to the tower of St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Afterwards a pleasant two hours were spent in the Bull Hotel. Under the able direction of Mr. Stone, a varied and entertaining programme was got through. The artistes included Mr. Swain (piano), Mr. Price (violin) and Messrs. Barnett and J. Smith (songs). Touches of Stedman and Grandfire Caters were rung by Messrs. A. Walker, F. Haynes, F. Pervin, J. White, A. Beamish, F. Dawe and D. Argyle, while tunes on the handbells were given by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Mr. C. H. Webb.

Altogether a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, and thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. M. M.

MANY LADIES AT JOINT MEETING.

GENTLEMEN WELCOME THEIR PRESENCE AT ALDERSHOT.

All the circumstances attending a meeting at Aldershot on Saturday seemed to belie the attitude taken up by the correspondent in these columns, who regrets the presence of ladies in the belfry and wants ringing left to the men. There were 21 ladies present in a gathering of just over 50 ringers, and they did their share in giving 'joie de vivre' to the proceedings. They helped with the ringing, they prepared and served the tea, and, as far as one could see, did just what the men told them. The 'mere males' did not appear to suffer from any suppressed complex, and if any of them thought the belfry was 'no place for ladies,' at least when men are about, they didn't show it. Does it depend on the charm and grace of the ladies? There were neither 'frumpy' women, nor 'crusty' men at the Aldershot gathering, which was a joint meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

A meeting at Aldershot can always be depended upon to produce a satisfactory attendance, and, despite inclement weather, ringers came to the gathering from Aldershot, Bagshot, Bentley, Basingstoke, Blackmoor, Croydon, Claygate, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Seale, Stourbridge (Worcestershire), Worplesdon and Wokingham. St. Michael's, Aldershot, prides itself on its choir as well as its ringers—indeed, both these branches of churchworkers are well intermixed—and the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Le Fleming), was inspiring. A dozen choirboys, in addition to some of the choirmen, led the singing, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham.

The Vicar, who preached, drew lessons from the character of St. Andrew, one of whose traits was to share what he had with others. The mark of ringers, he said, was fellowship. Again and again he saw how men and women, and in the case of his own tower boys and girls, were brought into a fellowship, in which there must be something much more than the interesting study of bellringing, delightful as that must be. They were brought into a fellowship of real Christian folk, and through it kept in close touch with the true life of the Church. The old idea that ringers belonged to the tower and not to the church was breaking down. The tower was now one of the ways leading directly into the House of God, and the ringing fellowship was a part of real worship and real Christian life. That was why it was such a joy to him to meet and join with them in such a service as that.

The Vicar continued that most of them would be sorry to be without the music of the bells, but he had read that in one modern church it had been suggested that a hooter should be installed instead of bells. 'There is an emotion within us,' he added, 'that cries out against that sort of thing.' No one can tell what effect bells have in stirring up a spiritual emotion in those who hear them and helping them back to God. The bells might stir the first impulse to bring them back, and as they rang the ringers should feel that they were doing something which might have real spiritual effect.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the meeting of the Guildford Guild which followed the tea, admirably served by the Aldershot lady ringers and presided over by the Vicar, Mr. W. A. Dollimore (an honorary member) was voted to the chair, the Vicar having to return to the church for another service.

An apology was received from the District Ringing Master (Mr. E. Hasted), who had been detained at Hayling Island for a month through sickness, and a message of greeting and good wishes was sent to him.

The retiring officers for the district were all renominated, except that Mr. Dollimore was nominated as the representative of the hon. members on the Executive Committee in the place of Mr. L. A. Middell (resigned).

Members were reminded of the annual dinner of the Guild, which is to take place at Guildford on Saturday, January 11th.

It was announced that the committee had decided that collecting boxes should be placed in all towers in aid of the Benevolent Fund. It was hoped that not only would 'odd coppers' be placed in the box, but that ringers would make a point of giving a periodical sum. It was suggested, too, that where ringers had a 'Christmas share-out,' they might allocate at least 5 per cent. to the fund.

A retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 9s.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the organist, the choir, Mr. Dollimore and the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Some of the gentlemen tried handbell ringing in another room while the ladies held their meeting, and afterwards, as in the afternoon, the light peal of eight were busily employed, ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise methods.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kingsbury, on Friday evening, November 29th, in the new tower, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples, for service in the old church: Miss E. Lakin 1, Miss M. T. Barrett 2, R. G. Spears (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. H. Kilby 4, G. M. Kilby 5, J. H. Riding 6, F. Barrett (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. B. Hartley 8.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

MR. WORBOYS SUPPORTED.

Some 'Ordinary Young Men' Reply.

Following upon the many letters which we published in our last issue on the subject of 'Ladies in the Belfry,' a further batch of letters has been received this week, among them the following, some of which support the views of Mr. Worboys, who replies to his critics:—

MR. WORBOYS REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the leader of this paper on November 15th it was suggested that ladies might be made 'associates' of the Ancient Society of College Youths. My letter, published on November 22nd, was either not plain enough or the critics have read other thoughts into it. The letter, as far as I am concerned, was written in a purely psychological strain. My whole point is this, that I do not think it necessary for ladies to join towers that have had for years complete bands of College Youth ringers, and I think this is what would happen if ladies were made associates. I do not object to lady ringers, as I said before, and if at any tower it was impossible to get a complete band of men, and ladies stepped in to fill the gaps, I should esteem it a very noble act on their part.

In reply to Miss I. B. Thompson, may I say that my letter was not a general epistle against lady ringers, but against the suggestion in the leader of November 15th. I myself am just as pleased to ring with ladies as with men, and am very pleased to stand in touches rung to assist a lady learner, although I am in the same stage myself.

In reply to Miss E. D. Turner, I am not averse to ladies in the belfry, as you will have seen above. May I correct Miss Turner when she says ladies recognise man's pastime? Perhaps she does not know that there are international games of Association football played by women; in addition to which is cricket. In reply to 'A Lady of the Belfry, Bristol,' I agree with her second paragraph, but it would be slightly different entering as a regular ringer into a tower where ladies had not rung before. The existing spirit in the tower would have to be broken and a new spirit grow, incorporating both ladies and gentlemen.

In reply to Mr. E. F. Poppy, may I say that I, as he, have yet to meet friction in a belfry, but I was only treating one question of ladies entering new belfries, and then I fully understand that any change would be psychological and not practical.

By this time, Mr. Warrington must surely see that I do not wish to keep all ladies from all belfries. That is ridiculous. I am not shy.

In reply to Verse, I am, I hope, also bright and I should like to meet the author about the 'crusty' part. I should hope to bring him out of his temporary lapse.

Lastly, I hope all will understand what I mean about psychological trouble, the breaking down of one spirit and the building of another. I am, in fact, a post-war 'modern,' who would like to see this very ancient but strong society stand by all its principles at its tercentenary. If you do not agree with me, the matter must be left in that position, as this is only a matter of personal opinion. May I give you to understand that I have collaborated with no other person? I now leave the front line 'unstung' and 'unshifted' to any other 'warrior' who would like the position.

A. H. WORBOYS.

Barking, Essex.

'A STORM OF CONTROVERSY.'

Sir,—I have carefully perused the various letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' anent 'Ladies in the belfry,' and it seems to me that your leading article of two or three weeks ago, in which you advocate the admission of the ladies to membership of the College Youths, has raised a storm of controversy, which, to my mind, can cause nothing but bad feeling, and, as I have already discovered for myself, a certain amount of somewhat acrimonious discussion. It is my opinion that the sooner the correspondence on the subject is brought to a conclusion, the better it will be for the Exercise.

Whether we menfolk like it or not, let us quickly realise that the fair sex have firmly entrenched themselves, and no amount of argument, verbal or written, will shift them from the positions in the Exercise which a very select few of them occupy so ably.

It is a matter for the Ancient Society to decide if ladies are to be admitted to membership, and the decision can well be left to them.

Let us, then, carry on and do what we can to further the art, and even if some of us men do not approve of lady ringers, let us at least tolerate their now inevitable participation in our activities. I am sure it will be to the ultimate advantage of our grand old science if we do so.

JAMES G. A. PRIOR.

VIEWS OF A 'FEW ORDINARY YOUNG MEN.'

Dear Sir,—One cannot help feeling sorry for Mr. Worboys, whose perfectly reasonable letter has brought down such a storm of protest and abuse on his head. His views are the views of many, and we

hasten to associate ourselves with his quite understandable opinions. As a first step, may we point out to your other correspondents on this subject that they appear rather to have 'jumped to conclusions.' No one is suggesting that women should give up ringing altogether—certainly not Mr. Worboys. All he suggests is that they leave efficient male companies alone.

It is quite obvious that there are, and must be, exceptions, but it is our opinion that, as a rule, the introduction of one or more women into a band of men does more harm than good. There is no question of clubs or socials or dart-rooms or any improper use of the belfry in this direction; it is merely the question of the upsetting of the even tenor of an efficiently operating unit. No one will wish to use such an absurdly strong expression as 'refined mental torture' or 'pain in the neck,' rather can it be described as causing a relaxation of that feeling of interest and determination which is so invaluable to the continued progress of any voluntary organisation. It would also be as well to remember that ringing differs greatly from committees, dramatic societies, etc., in one important respect, namely, that it was, until recently, essentially a men's preserve, so that what may pass unnoticed in the latter case may be very much an intrusion in the former.

So much for the several sound and reasonable arguments advanced in last Friday's letters, but some of the other statements made therein are, to say the least of them, wild; whilst others are the merest expressions of opinion. It seems to us, for instance, that 'trash' in the tower is rather enhanced when women enter, and we fail utterly to see what possible connection the donors of the bells can have with this question. We further consider that the number of young people who have women to thank for introduction to, and instruction in, the art must be very small—the merest fraction, in fact, of those taught by the 'mere male.' Let it be realised, also, that there is a men's guild in existence in the shape of the world's foremost ringing organisation, and, unless we are grievously mistaken, it was the question of the introduction of females into this last stronghold which was the original cause of all this furore—seemingly even a 'pukka' men's guild would not be safe.

As lovers of good striking, we readily agree that some ladies' ringing abilities make us feel uncomfortable, and we have yet to be convinced that any pastime involving a ball is more of a man's job than turning in St. Paul's tenor to a peal of Cambridge Maximus. Seemingly, also, the existence of lady footballers could be more generally known.

Here, then, are the views of a few ordinary young men, not bright young things, or gay little skylarks, or anything else unusual—just plain young men, and neither Eliza nor twenty Ladies' Guilds can make us alter them.

J. A. WAUGH.
F. W. CORNEY.
S. F. WEBB.
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C. E. TAYLOR.
BERTRAM W. BRIGHTY.
RAYMOND G. COUSINS.

'A GROSS INSULT.'

Dear Sir,—I hope that you will allow me a small space in 'The Ringing World' in which to reply to the letter under the heading of 'Ladies in the Belfry.' The heading is so very definite that I, for one, cannot let it pass without comment.

The letter I consider is a gross insult to all lady ringers—and there are quite a few of us in the country to-day. More than once 'The Ringing World' has urged bands to obtain lady recruits, so evidently Mr. Worboys is speaking only for himself, and not for the majority of ringers.

I have been a regular member of a tower for the past ten years, and am the only lady member of the band. Instead of having a depressing effect on the other members of the band, I am told that the belfry is not the same when I am away. I have not expected, and most certainly have never received any treatment different from an ordinary member of our band. Mr. Worboys mentions brotherliness amongst ringers—well, from my experience, the presence of ladies has curbed (at least temporarily) a few exhibitions of 'brotherliness' which had developed into rather nasty arguments. The correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' also contribute ample evidence of that feeling of brotherliness.

Another remarkable thing is, when we ladies hold a ladies' meeting, what an enormous gathering of men attend. Evidently we are not as repugnant as Mr. Worboys would have us believe. If he has the 'Garbo' instinct, and wishes to be alone, then surely an annual reunion of ringers is not the place for him.

No, Mr. Worboys, lady ringers have just as much right to attend an association's annual dinner as the men, and are certainly just as competent ringers as many of the men. We ladies do not become ringers because we enjoy the company of men so very much—it is the art of ringing to which we are attracted. It would appear that this is what Mr. Worboys has overlooked.

'INSULTED.'

A SHAFT FROM ALDERSHOT.

Sir,—Surely Mr. Worboys' letter on 'Ladies in the Belfry' must be a joke! If it is, we can safely ignore it. On the other hand, if Mr. Worboys is serious, it will be necessary to enlighten him.

There are towers where ladies are welcomed, and not only do they keep the atmosphere cheerful, but are invaluable when it comes to sociability and keeping the men up to the mark.

As regards recruiting, there are not many young men who prefer an all male band, and when a young man 'acquires' a young lady, surely the best plan is for the young lady to be introduced into the band and so increase the membership of the tower? This also affects the attendance at ringing meetings, for what better Saturday afternoon outing can be had than attending a meeting at another tower?

In fact, the ladies are a decided addition to ringing, and are appreciated by the majority of ringers.

Although Mr. Worboys' letter was for the College Youths, many comments have been made on it, and it is surely any man's duty and pleasure to defend the ladies from undeserved attacks.

'THE LADS OF ALDERSHOT.'

LADIES ALLOWED MORE LATITUDE.

Dear Sir,—Judging by the correspondence which has followed Mr. Worboys' letter, he appears to be alone in his opinion, but I believe this to be just the opposite, and I think that he has a lot more support than he imagines.

First of all, I think we must admit that many of these ladies, by their ringing ability, put some of us poor men in the shade; also that their presence adds colour to the belfry, but to say that the presence of a charming young lady in the belfry has no psychological effect on the men is untrue.

As Mr. Worboys writes, when the lady is a permanent member of the band, trouble is likely to occur, and this is due to her being allowed more latitude than the other members of the company.

Personally, I think that the belfry is for men, but others think differently, and there always will be towers where women will be allowed to join.

Providing that the ladies are treated exactly as the rest of the band, all will be well. But, frankly, is this possible?

Benilton, Surrey.

W. CYRIL SMITH.

WHAT THE MOUSE OVERHEARD.

Sir,—Last Saturday there were great things doing in the Church Hall where I live, and I thought you might like to know something about what I overheard. First of all, a great tea was spread for such a lot of people—more than I could count—and there were a lot of small boys among them who seemed to be so hungry that they did not leave off eating for a long time. How I envied them!

Then some men got up and talked and quickly went away. Afterwards I heard bells ringing in another room—the very room where the tea had been prepared and which I specially wanted to visit, to get my supper. As I was afraid to go in, I had to stop in the hall and remain very quiet for fear of frightening a lot of ladies who sat round a long table and kept on talking.

Apparently they had got a grievance. Someone had written to your paper to say that they—the ladies I mean—*would* go where they were not wanted and they seemed very cross about it. One lady said the letter ought never to have been printed. The Editor must be a bad man to allow anyone to say the things that the other man had said about them, but I noticed that the ladies chuckled over what other ladies had written about the other man. They evidently thought the other man had 'got it in the neck.' I can't remember all they said about him, and if I did perhaps you couldn't publish it. Afterwards they all got serious, and with very straight faces they agreed that they would take no notice of what the other man had said and would treat it with the utmost contempt.

And then they ran off to ring with the other men who didn't think that ladies ought not to ring with the lords of creation, for fear of disturbing their equanimity.

When they had gone I was able to hunt for my supper.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

ADDED INTEREST AMONG YOUNG MEMBERS.

The annual report of the Ladies' Guild has just been issued.

'In reviewing the past year,' it says, 'there certainly seems to be added interest in the Guild in most districts, especially among the younger members, but in some there is still room for improvement. We expressed a hope in our last report that at our meeting in London we should be able to say that all outstanding subscriptions had been paid, but this we are unable to do. The great trouble about the whole matter is that we are unable to say definitely what our membership is, because the people in arrears do not definitely resign from the Guild, but just "simply fade away." We do appeal to members who join to be prompt with their subscriptions, as the matter is of real concern to the district secretaries.'

'The district meetings have, on the whole, been well attended and the joint meetings have been a great success. One peal has been rung, viz., a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Crayford, the first in the method for the Guild. This was rung at the first attempt.'

'In the Northern District, the secretary (Miss N. Cawthorne) has resigned, and Miss Dorice Turner has been elected. We thank Miss Cawthorne for her work in the past, and wish the new secretary every success.'

'Both the Central Council representatives attended the Shrewsbury meeting. Here the Australian tourists were welcomed and entertained, two of our members, Mrs. and Miss Richardson, being of the company. We should like to add our welcome home and express our pleasure that the Guild was represented on this great adventure.'

'We are now in the 23rd year of our existence, and it is gratifying to see the numbers being maintained, but we should like to see them increase a little faster, which would happen if old members kept their subscriptions paid. Members will bear in mind that after three years they cease to remain in the Guild if their subscriptions have not been paid.'

'We much regret to record the death of Mrs. George Williams, of Eastleigh, Hants, a foundation member of the Guild, and the first lady to ring a peal, which she accomplished "in hand" in 1892.'

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 23rd, when about 50 people attended. The service was conducted by the curate, who also officiated at the organ.

At the Schoolroom an ample tea had been provided by Mrs. E. M. Atkins and the local ladies.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mrs. Deal.

Six new members were elected, i.e.: Mrs. McCombie, Leytonstone, and Miss E. G. Oakden, Oxon, hon. members; Miss Joan Wheeler, Bishopstoke; Miss Lydia Cornes, Kilburn, Miss Mary Rawlings, Beckenham, and Miss Marie Goodship, Wealdstone, ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmonton in February, the date to be fixed later.

Members were reminded that the next south-of-the-river meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on December 14th.

Miss Bradford drew the attention of the members to the amount of work Mrs. Fletcher had done in producing the latest reports.

Mrs. Deal expressed the pleasure of the members at having with them that afternoon three welcome visitors, i.e., Miss E. Steel (president), Mrs. F. Boulton (vice-president, Northampton District) and Miss H. Mills (secretary, Southern District).

The business concluded after a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins for making all the necessary arrangements for an enjoyable meeting.

MEETING AT ALDERSHOT.

Mrs. Bruce presided at the business meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held at Aldershot on Saturday.

Three new members were elected, viz., Miss Irene Tuck and Miss Margaret Hill, of Aldershot, and Miss Lena Miles, of Bramley, Hants. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Leatherhead in February, 1936.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Fletcher (general secretary) for the work put into the annual report.

Mention was made of the recent letter in 'The Ringing World' with reference to 'Ladies in the belfry,' but those present thought it was not of sufficient consequence to discuss.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Bruce for presiding, and a welcome was extended to Mrs. Park and Mrs. Massey, of the Central District.

Twenty-one members of the Guild were present.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds was held on Saturday. Mr. H. Knight (Wrighton) succeeded to the office of chairman, and Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester) was elected vice-chairman.

All the other officers and stewards were re-elected. Mr. S. Riches and Miss Scofield were added to the stewards' list.

The profit on the year's working amounted to 2s. 5d.

TITLES.

We have received another long letter from Mr. P. Amos on the subject of changing the titles of some of the old ringing societies. He says he knows all about their history, which makes his first letter all the more surprising.

The best he can think of by way of change seems to be the following: Instead of the Ancient Society of College Youths, 'The Holy Cross Society of Change Ringers'; instead of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, 'The Duke of Cumberland Society of Change Ringers (if, he adds, 'no better name could be found)'; instead of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, 'St. Martin's, Birmingham, and District Guilds.'

We do not wish to be unkind, but if this is the best contribution Mr. Amos can make in the name of 'truth' and 'progress,' to which he refers in his letter, we suggest that he should save the time and mental effort required in penning such effusions.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

About sixty ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District of the Herts County Association at Hitchin on Saturday week. Ringers were present from London, Baldock, Aston, Tempsford, Northill, Bedford, Bromham, Ravensden, Henny (Derbyshire), Shillington, Royston, Stevenage, Newmarket, Sawston, St. Paul's, Walden, Meppershall, Little Munden, St. Albans, Luton, Cambridge, Northchurch, Apsley, Henlow, Barley, and one ringer, Mr. Taylor, from Ohio, U.S.A.

Tea in the Church House was followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. W. Ayre, of Leverstock Green (president of the association) presided. Messrs. S. Herbert, E. Winters, W. R. Dennis, K. Perry and Brown were elected members of the association. Ashwell was decided upon as the next meeting place, with St. Ippolyts as an alternative.

A good deal of time was spent in collecting subscriptions, said Mr. G. E. Debenham, who urged the members to pay their subscriptions more promptly.

Mr. Don Mears, the hon. district secretary, thanked the Vicar, the Rev. Reginald Routh, for the use of the bells at St. Mary's Church, and also the ladies for preparing tea. The Vicar suitably replied.

After the meeting, evensong was conducted in the Trinity Chapel of St. Mary's by the Vicar, after which ringing was resumed, and included Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Bristol Surprise and Superlative Surprise.

Copies of the photograph taken in the tower can be had 1s. 1d. post free from 'Pictorial' Offices, Bancroft, Hitchin.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The November meeting was held at St. Peter's, Birstall, on Saturday, instead of at St. Michael's, Headingley. The change of tower may have had something to do with the poor attendance before tea. The ringers were invited to tea and to the sale of work which was being held in the Church Schools, and were welcomed by the Vicar.

Ringing was continued until the business meeting, which was held in the tower at 7 p.m. The president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Liversedge, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Ripon, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

Two new members, Messrs. R. H. Dove, of St. Michael's, Headingley, and C. White, of Ossett, were elected, and the election of Messrs. H. Devonport and W. Helliwell, who were made members of the society before a peal during the month, was confirmed.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, and mentioned that Birstall company should be specially thanked for accepting this meeting at short notice.—Mr. J. Hey seconded the motion, and Mr. H. Peel replied for the local company.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the ladies who attended at the tea tables.

There will be no meeting during December, and members are asked to watch the columns of 'The Ringing World' for the date of the next meeting, which is due to be held at Pudsey.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church for morning service on Sunday, November 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Bennett 1, R. Hurst 2, W. Waylen (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, W. C. Shute 4, E. T. Griffin 5, Miss M. White 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th, St. Michaels on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting after.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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. 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., 53, Anvil St., Blackburn.

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. —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.—F. Clark and M. Wilson, Secs.

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. Reports to hand. All ringers will be welcomed. This is a good tower and most methods will be rung.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Hilpert on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Holt bells available from 7 o'clock.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will take place at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Canon Edgar Neale). Business meeting 6 p.m.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Please make this a good meeting by turning up. This means you!—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5.15 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Greyhound Hotel 5.15. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsburry (6).—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several members of the district still owing subscriptions for this year. I should be very pleased if they would kindly forward the same before the year is up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 7th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock. Tea to follow, at the Christine Café, 1s. per head. All will be heartily welcome. May we have a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let us finish with a bumper meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Rd., Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

BUSHEY, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at the Institute 6. Business meeting, etc. Bells available till 8.45. Coaches stop at church. Rail services from all parts to Bushey Station. Cheap tickets.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road. Tel. City 4270.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come to our last meeting of the year and make it a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A combined practice will be held at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., 11, Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. There are buses from the Britannia, Shrewsbury, at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Return 5.45, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Will all attending please make their own arrangements for tea.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—The dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service and tea as usual. Please notify in good time those requiring tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service at 4.30 and tea after in the Church Room. The bells have just been overhauled. Please send numbers for tea to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Delayed November meeting on Dec. 7th at St. George's-in-the-Borough. Bells at 3. Tea at nearby Lyons 5.15. Business and ringing to follow.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

FRESHFORD, near Bath, Somerset.—The new treble bell, making a ring of five, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bath on Sunday next, December 8th, at 3 p.m. The new bell is by Taylor & Co., Loughborough, who have also rehung the other four bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Special Northern District meetings: Sunday, Dec. 8th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, at 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Wednesday, Dec. 11th, elementary 12-bell meeting at St. Mary-le-Bow, at 7.30 p.m. Speciality, Caters and rounds on 12. All good handlers are particularly invited, whether they have handled 12 before or not.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Reports to hand. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. P. Lewis) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Dec. 12th?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Kindly notify me of your intention to be present by Dec. 11th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 10th.—Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, Tewkesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Bramley, Leeds. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Apply Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrel's Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, on or before Dec. 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me at their earliest convenience.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, usual terms, in The Good Shepherd Hall, at 5.30. Service at 7.30 and business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please advise me by previous Wednesday. All ringers welcomed. Nearest station, Clapton (L. & N.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. All Saints' tower open from 6 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Dec. 11th?—C. R. Smith, 53, West Carr Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints', near King's Lynn, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Bell Inn. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service, conducted by the Vicar, at 4.30. Tea, at 5 p.m., to those who notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcomed.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Millom on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Swindon (Christ Church) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. A card re tea will oblige.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough and Northampton Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Spratton (5 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretaries for tea by Tuesday previous.—G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby, J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, Hon. Branch Secs.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 11th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnhurst, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Watermoor bells (8) open 3 o'clock. Tea, 4.45, Viner's Restaurant. Service, 6 o'clock, in Parish Church. Bells (12) after service. Please advise for tea by Dec. 10th.—W. H. Hayward, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Oxford and District Branch will be held at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names in by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—R. A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Marsh Gibbon on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (5) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tea will be provided by the Rector at 6d. each to those who notify him at the Rectory, Ruskington, Sleaford, by Thursday, Dec. 12th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Wallasey, St. Hilary's (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne Abbey on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Other local towers open. All ringers welcome. — J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery. — Dec. 14th, at North Crawley. Begin 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15

p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Bryce. Business meeting to follow. Ladies invited. Roll up and let us have a bumper meeting for the last of 1935. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Dec. 11th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

REPTON, DERBY.—On Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the two new trebles. The ring of six has been rehung and the peal augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HINDERCLAY, near Diss, Norfolk.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me before Dec. 14th. — H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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