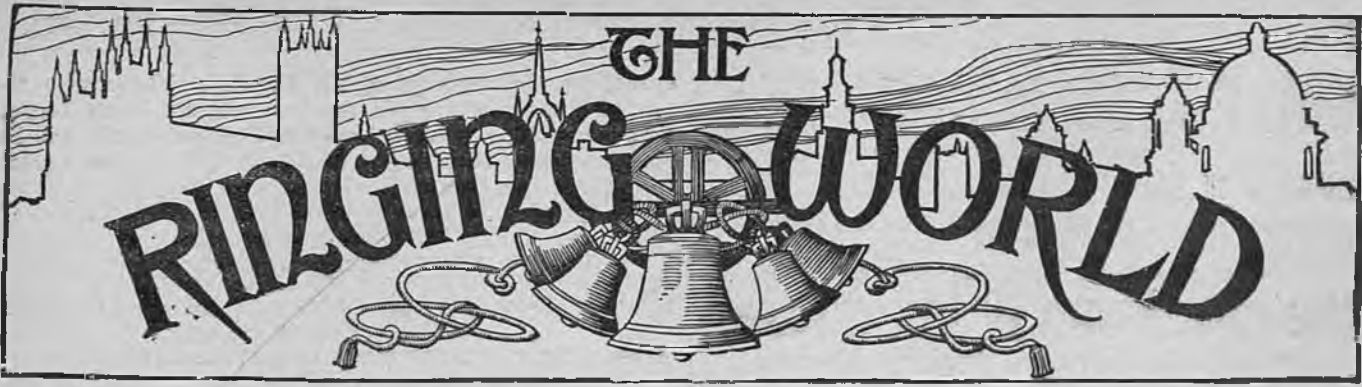


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The subject of the sermon was, in a sense, a reminder of the place of church bells in modern life. Despite the changes and the speeding up of the conditions under which we live, the distractions, the anxieties and the indifference of to-day, it is good to know that there are still some things that endure, and that among them church bells are still a reminder of the 'eternal values of God and of the human soul.' To listen to a discourse such as that preached by the Rev. James Wall, who drew an enchanting picture of his memories of Durham Cathedral, where he served in the ministry for eight years, is a stirring encouragement to ringers. It puts their work in its proper perspective, and those, if any there were, who look upon ringing only as a fascinating art and a pleasant pastime, must have realised the wider and more serious part of the duty they undertake.

The bells of our churches still have an appeal to the public. They strike a chord in the conscience which cannot readily be ignored, and whether the call to worship is answered or not by those who hear their sounds, the Church and all it stands for cannot be forgotten. The bells are the constant reminder of those higher things which the Church would have all men remember, and although the voice of the clergy cannot reach out beyond the walls of the building, the bells carry the message far and wide in a manner that cannot easily be silenced. They speak no words, but their sounds are well understood, even in these 'pagan' days. 'The bells themselves are the best of preachers; their brazen lips are learned teachers.' Longfellow's words are still true, and we who ring the bells will get all the more enjoyment from our art if we realise the importance of our work, not merely as the practical expression of an interesting science, but in its relation to the public, as the means of

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spreading the message of the Church. Those who attended Sunday evening's service will not soon forget their experience, and we hope the College Youths will be encouraged by the success of this first venture to repeat the experiment another year.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	† WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	JOHN HOYLE 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALAN R. PINE 9
* WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William John Whiting, of Leatherhead, and Miss Marjorie Irene Quilley, of Isleworth, which took place at this church the same afternoon.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WALTER LAGO 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ALAN JONES... .. 7
JOSEPH L. STAINER 3	* B. LESLIE JONES 8
GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... 9
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5	† ARTHUR H. GARRETT... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.
* First peal on ten 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, California.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	BIRLEY WALSHAW 6
JOSEPH HALL 2	* HUGH REYNOLDS 7
HAROLD LONGDEN 3	WILLIAM PYE 8
* FRANK REYNOLDS 4	RICHARD LONGDEN 9
THOMAS JONES 5	JOSEPH WILSON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by R. LONGDEN.
* First peal of Caters. Rung as a compliment to ex-P.C. James Turner and Mrs. Turner, who both celebrated their birthday on the above date. Also as a farewell peal to the Rev. J. L. Southern, who leaves Birch for Denton this week.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

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On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Fussell.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*JAMES ROSE... .. Treble	*GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL 5
†KEITH W. WHITTLE 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 6
ARTHUR R. WOODARD 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
SHELFORD SPARROW 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by W. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
First peal in the method on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise at first attempt. Mr. W. Fernley has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN BRASSINGTON 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. B. Allman.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
DEREK M. SHARP... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 3	FREDERICK J. CULLDM 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLDM.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	SAM LONGBOTTOM 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
KENNETH SIMPSON 3	HAROLD PEARCE 7
MISS MARY WHITE 4	ROBERT H. VIGOR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.
First peal as conductor in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS 5
CHARLES W. CLARK 2	HARRY PETTIT 6
ALBERT PLOWMAN 3	WALTER PERKINS... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	CHARLES RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.
Rung on the eve of the festival.

GREAT TEW, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

MARGARET E. REYNOLDS Treble	REGINALD H. JARVIS 5
HERBERT IMPRY 2	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 6
DANIEL COOMBS... .. 3	JAMES H. JARVIS 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	LEONARD CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

ROMSEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. ETHELDREDA AND MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in C sharp.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	HARRY W. SMITH... .. 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.
All the band are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	HARRY KILBY 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by B. THACKRAY. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Arranged and rung on the occasion of the marriage at the above church of Miss Joan Bradford, of Twickenham, and Mr. Jack Seller, of Hampton. Miss Joan Bradford is the daughter of Mr. George E. Bradford, a ringer at this church for a number of years, and younger sister of Miss Kathleen M. Bradford.

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HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY JARMAN Treble	ARTHUR DAY... .. 5
THOMAS J. HULL 2	ROLAND NEWSON 6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 3	BEN JARMAN 7
STANLEY A. CARTER 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

First peal of Little Bob Major by all except the 4th and tenor men and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal of Little Bob as conductor.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 24½ cwt.

*JOHN D. MORRIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM POSTON 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	GEORGE L. CORNWELL ... 6
†ALFRED WHEELWRIGHT ... 3	ALFRED T. POSTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight—both at first attempt. Arranged as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., who is leaving Ross-on-Wye for Madley, Herefordshire.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOB C. MELLOR Treble	*ALBERT WHITELEY 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL 2	HENRY H. SMITH 6
JACK FISHER 3	WILLIAM E. HOLROYD ... 7
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE 4	FRANK RHODES Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOB C. MELLOR.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE JOHN Treble	*WILLIAM POWELL 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	LESLIE BAINHAM 5
*REV. I. RICHARDS 3	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for Mr. W. Powell.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*FRANK VERNON 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	*JAMES W. RAIZBY 5
*CLIFFORD VESSEY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Sunday evening, August 30th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Skinner 1, H. Hayman 2, D. Deem 3, J. Deem 4, O. Gatter 5, J. West 6, T. E. Collins (conductor) 7, C. Deem 8. The conductor is from Croydon, Surrey. The rest belong to the local band.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN MOORE Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
†JOHN F. PEARSON 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
FREDRICK W. STORES ... 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' A wedding peal for Mr. George Ernest Smith and Miss Gladys Taylor, who were married at the above church the same afternoon; also a birthday peal for the ringer of the second.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BLACKPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT 58, EAST TOPPING STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*BERNARD H. HALL 1-2	*JOHN H. FOSTER 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES 5-6	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor. First peal on handbells ever rung in the Fylde.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE.

The annual district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Saturday, September 19th.

Ringling commenced at St. Bene't's Church at about 3 p.m., followed by service at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, who gave an address appreciated by all.

At the meeting which followed apologies for absence were read from Miss K. Willers (general secretary of the association), who is away on holiday, and from the Vicar of St. Bene't's (the Rev. N. Davey), who said he was particularly sorry to be absent, as he wished to show his interest in ringing and his pride in being Vicar of a church with such a unique connection with change ringing.

All the officers of the district were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. T. Hurst, of Little Shelford, on the committee.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of St. Bene't's and Great St. Mary's for the use of the bells, to the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, and to Mr. H. J. Hazell for presiding at the organ.

Further ringing at Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's was carried on until about 8.30 p.m.

ST. BENE'T'S, CAMBRIDGE.

RINGERS WANTED FOR STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—May I appeal once again for help in keeping some sort of ringing going at St. Bene't's, Cambridge? For the past year or two a few of us have met to ring for morning service on alternate Sundays, but we find it increasingly difficult to get a band. I can assure all who do come that the Vicar is very anxious for us to keep the ringing going, and has promised to look out for any likely recruits for us who are directly connected with the parish.

On Sunday, October 4th, the harvest thanksgiving services are being held, and ringers are invited to turn up at 10.25 a.m. to ring the bells that Stedman rang.

C. W. COOK, District Secretary,
Ely Diocesan Association.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 19th. Forty-one members and friends were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Breaston, Cheadle, Derby, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Overseale, Stoke-on-Trent and Uttoxeter.

A service was held, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Charlton), in his sermon, gave a brief description of the story of 'The Nine Tailors,' which was interesting, even to those who had read the novel. After tea the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells. Mr. A. G. K. Davies, churchwarden, was elected an honorary member.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Doubles for the beginners, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Leek Major were rung.

THE IRISH TOUR.

ELEVEN PEALS IN TWELVE ATTEMPTS.

The ringing tour which took place in Ireland from September 12th-19th was very successful. Twelve peals were arranged, and ten of these were rung. A peal of Cambridge Major was lost at Hillsborough after nearly two hours' ringing, whilst the other attempt could not take place owing to the death of the Archbishop of Drogheda. Instead a handbell peal was rung, making a total of eleven. Ten members of the party shared in the conducting, nine of them being successful. Some notes of the tour will be given in our next issue.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE 1	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1931. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. B. Kendall, of Shipley, Yorks, on his 70th birthday.

ENNISKILLEN, COUNTY FERMANAGH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT ST. MACARTAN'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 9
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 5	GABRIEL LINDOFF... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal rung on the bells, and first of Cambridge Royal rung in Ireland.

LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1	CHARLES T. COLES 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Royal on the bells. First Surprise peal in the county.

COLERAINE, COUNTY DERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal of Surprise Major in the county.

BALLYMENA, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ROBERT RICHARDSON 1	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Mr. Frank Bennett's 50th peal in the method.

CARRICKFERGUS, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	FRANK BENNETT 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Bristol Surprise in the county, and first Surprise peal on the bells.

HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 1	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
*CHARLES T. COLES 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal in the method rung in Ireland.

BANGOR, COUNTY DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COMGALL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT GEORGE'S HOTEL, GREAT GEORGE'S STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

Umpire—E. C. S. Turner.
 First handbell peal of Bob Major rung in Ireland.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 1	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON... .. 9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF 10
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT... .. 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER 1	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BARNSELY RING OF EIGHT RESTORED.**STRESSES ON THE TOWER REMOVED.**

The eight bells at Barnsley Parish Church have been restored, and a joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association with the Barnsley and Sheffield Societies was held on September 12th to synchronise with the rededication of the peal.

The bells had been silent for a year on the advice of the architect and the bellfounders, for not only were the frame and fittings in a bad way, but there was excessive movement of the tower. The fabric has been attended to and the bells have been tuned skilfully and rehung entirely with modern fittings in a massive cast iron frame on a reinforced concrete foundation.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on the result, for the bells go like tops and the movement of the tower has been reduced to a remarkable degree.

The back six bells, the tenor of which weighs 14 cwt., were erected in 1769, and two trebles were added in 1772. There was evidently a peal in existence previously, for the tower, the most ancient part of the church, dates from about 1410.

Upwards of 50 members were present at the meeting, and the towers represented were Rotherham, Doncaster, Bolsover, Adwick-le-Street, Arksey, Wath, Bolsterstone, Darfield, Felkirk, Holmfirth, Friezeland, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Hoylandswaine, Eastwood, Anston and the local company.

The service of rededication, which was of simple character, was performed by the Bishop of Wakefield, assisted by the Rector of Barnsley (Canon Hone) and other clergy from neighbouring parishes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. C. D. POTTER.

Tea in the Parish Room was very much appreciated, and the ladies who undertook the catering had a very busy time. The business meeting followed tea, and was presided over by the Rector, who thanked the ringers for attending in such large numbers, and said that he hoped they would all be satisfied with the work which had been done to the bells.

A vote of condolence and sympathy with the relatives and dependants of those who had passed away in the recent mining disaster at Wharncliffe Moor Colliery was moved, and also to the relatives of Mr. William Turton, of Ecclesfield, a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1884, who had been buried that day. His passing will be very much felt by his old Sheffield associates.

Two new members, Messrs. L. W. Garbutt, of Barnsley, and T. A. Lamb, of Sandal, were elected, and, no invitation being forthcoming for the next meeting in December, it was left to the secretary to arrange.

The Secretary made an appeal to all tower secretaries in the Southern area to let him have any change of address which members may have made, so that they could be included in the next report and so keep it up to date.

The hearty congratulations of all present were extended to Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who had just celebrated his 78th birthday, and who has done so much for the ringing art in the Barnsley area. He founded the Barnsley and District Society many years ago and for several years was its secretary. The number of ringers who have enjoyed his hospitality at various times must run into hundreds. Saturday's ceremony saw the fulfilment of one of his dearest wishes, and he said he was the happiest man in Barnsley that day. It is to be hoped he will have the privilege of enjoying the bells, for which he has done so much, for many years to come.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens, and to the ladies for their services at tea, was moved by Mr. John R. Brearley, of Deepcar, who referred also to the excellence of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work in the tower, and the satisfaction with the ringers experienced that day with Barnsley's rehung bells.

Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield, seconded the motion, which included acknowledgment of the local company's welcome. The Rector and Mrs. Hone, in reply, both gave the association a cordial invitation to visit Barnsley again in the near future.

RINGERS' JUG REAPPEARS.

After ringing had ceased all visitors were invited to be the guests of Mr. Potter, his son, Councillor H. Potter, and Councillor J. Rideal, at the Royal Hotel, when they were supported by the Rector and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon. To make them 'feel at home,' both councillors were elected honorary members of the association. A very pleasant evening was spent. Handbell ringing, piano solos by Mr. H. Chant and some very interesting stories of ringers and would-be ringers were very much appreciated, as were also Mr. Johnston's account of adventures in foreign lands, and some mathematical problems relating to bells and bellringing which he asked the company to consider.

A very interesting piece of pottery (to ringers) was on view (and used). This was an old ringers' jug, capacity about one gallon, which has been missing for many years. Now it has reappeared there are good grounds for hoping that it will find its way back to its proper home, the Parish Church, and the Rector promised to take every care of it if its transfer could be arranged, and he thought it could.

The inscription on the jug reads as follows:—

Dec. 26th 1879. 8 Members of the Barnsley and Sheffield Societies rang at St. Mary's Barnsley a Peal of 6,080 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 50 minutes. The ringers were:—

(Continued in next column.)

FOUR CUDDINGTON RINGERS,**OVER 50 YEARS TOGETHER IN ONE TOWER.**

The Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a quarterly meeting at Dinton on Saturday, September 12th, which was well attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Drury), and an interesting address was given by the branch chairman (the Rev. G. Dixon). Tea was served in the Cricket Pavilion, and during the business meeting which followed Messrs. A. Webb, A. Frost, E. Ward and G. Orchard, all of Cuddington, and four ringers from Dinton tower, were elected members of the Guild.

The Vicar, in replying to a vote of thanks, said it was interesting to note that the four ringers of Cuddington tower who had just been elected are all over 70 years of age and have been regular Sunday service ringers since the bells were restored 52 years ago. Mr. A. Webb and Mr. A. Frost have also served in the choir for over 50 years. It must surely be almost if not quite unique for four ringers to serve at the same tower together for over 50 years.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT FARNBOROUGH.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Farnborough on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 members and friends attended. Punctually at 3 o'clock the light peal of six (tenor 7 cwt.) was set going to Doubles and Minor methods, and, although at times the striking left much to be desired, partly due to the very fine 'set' of one or two of the front bells (which even caused several experts great anxiety) and the excessive noise from the bells immediately overhead, good practice was had by all before the service. The Rector of Farnborough (Canon W. A. Challacombe) conducted the service and gave an exceedingly interesting address on the comradeship of ringers and 'the pull of the unseen.' The bells, although not seen, were, he said, heard by many, reminding them of something which perhaps they had forgotten or even wilfully neglected. He wished the Guild greater success in its objects and prayed God to bless the ringers in their work.

Mr. T. A. Stroud (Frensham) at the organ accompanied the singing. Tea was served in the Jubilee Hall, following which a short business meeting was held. The Rector presided, supported by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) and the Guild Treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett). One new ringing member was elected, Mr. W. Roys (Farnborough).

Attention was called to the leading article in 'The Ringing World,' asking for renewed efforts at towers where practice had ceased during summer months. Several towers in the district were affected by this, and members present were asked to bring the article to the notice of fellow-members.

The Master proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, local tower captain (Mr. Gasson) and the caterers. A hearty welcome was extended to several ringers who had cycled from Uxbridge to attend the meeting, and also congratulations and good wishes offered to Mr. and Mrs. P. Eldridge on their recent marriage.

The treasurer acknowledged a donation of 10s. from the Rector towards the Benevolent Fund, and a retiring collection for the fund realised 7s. 6d.

Further ringing took place in the evening, the usual methods being rung. The bells were lowered in peal at 8 p.m.

Towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnborough, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Hillingdon, Sandhurst, Seale, Sunbury-on-Thames, Uxbridge and Wokingham.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HARROW WEALD.—On Sunday, September 6th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: F. J. Wilcox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. K. Hartle 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. D. Butler 7, W. Horrod 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday, August 30th, for evensong, 1,269 Grand sire Caters: G. Hollifield (conductor) 1, C. J. White 2, Miss S. Davis 3, W. Hibbert 4, F. Messenger 5, H. A. White 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, G. Hollifield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

(Continued from previous column.)

Treble.—C. H. Hattersley.

2nd.—W. Richardson.

3rd.—G. Tyas.

4th.—W. Whittaker.

5th.—R. Sharks.

6th.—A. Brearley.

7th.—T. Hattersley.

Tenor.—R. H. Pease. Tenor 15 cwt.

Mr. G. Lewis, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked their hosts for the evening's enjoyment and their hospitality, a privilege he had enjoyed on many previous occasions. This was replied to by the gentlemen concerned in a very happy manner. 'Time, please,' came all too soon, and thus ended a very enjoyable and happy gathering.

ANOTHER FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have just been informed by Mr. Arthur Knights that peal No. 415 of his Collection of Treble Bob Major is false, rows repeating in the 7th and last courses. This peal was rung for the Yorkshire Association (to Oxford) on Saturday, September 3rd, 1933, at Drighlington, and conducted by me. It appears under peal No. 3,718 of the association's performances.

I wish to convey to the band who took part in the peal the sincere apologies of the composer and myself. Included in the peal were four first peals in the method, and as Mr. Knights has forwarded me another composition to take its place, I shall be only too pleased to try and arrange another attempt at some future date.

WILLIAM AMBLER.

Queensbury, Bradford.

RINGING RECTOR'S RINGING DAUGHTERS.

The three young daughters of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, who is hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and well known for his work on the Central Council, have achieved considerable proficiency in handbell ringing.

At St. Nicholas' Rectory, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on September 8th by Monica Richardson (aged 12) 1-2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3-4, Brenda Richardson (aged 14) 5-6. The above band has rung eight differently called 720's of Bob Minor, each of the children having rung several 720's on every pair of bells. Dorothy Richardson (aged 10) has rung two 720's of Bob Minor on 1-2 and on 5-6, and the combined band has rung 672 Bob Major.

DEATH OF A FORMER RECTOR OF BEACONSFIELD.**MEMORIAL RINGING.**

Much regret was felt in Beaconsfield at the news of the death of the Rev. A. S. Commeline, M.A., who was Rector of Beaconsfield from 1900 until his retirement in 1926.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church, Oxford, at 12 noon on Monday, September 7th, and simultaneously a memorial service was held in Beaconsfield Parish Church. Here, during the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rector by the following, all of whom are Sunday service ringers: W. H. Fletcher 1, F. J. Smith (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, K. E. Fletcher 4, R. Smith (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 5, H. Wingrove 6, J. Harrison (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Emmaus 8.

VISIT TO BUCKFAST ABBEY.**EXETER RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

On Saturday, September 12th, the St. Thomas', Exeter, band of ringers and other ringing friends had their annual outing. The weather, after the heavy rain in the morning, turned out very pleasant. Leaving St. Thomas' Church at 1.35 p.m., the first stop was Highwick (Newton Abbot), where the party were met by the Vicar of Highwick and some of the local ringers, also Messrs. Lilley, sen. and jun., and Mr. Walker. Touches of Grandsire Triples, also rounds for the beginners, were rung. A move was then made for Buckfastleigh, where Mr. Bennett, of the local ringers, and a visitor from London met the company. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major as well as rounds were rung. Buckfast Abbey, which was of special interest, was next visited. Here the party were awaited by some of the Abbey ringers and were escorted to the tower. On the way to the ringing chamber they paused at the balcony where the ringing hitherto had been done, and where some of the party had rung, possibly with some misgiving. Better a floor to look at than an open space of about 70ft. drop. Anyway, the spacious ringing chamber (where the bells hitherto had hung) was reached in safety, and the middle eight of the twelve bells was got up and touches of Grandsire and Stedman rung. The remaining four were then raised and rounds rung on this glorious twelve, it being, for some, their first pull on twelve bells. A well-struck touch of Stedman was then rung on the back eight, which all enjoyed. Next a great effort was made, in turn, by nearly all present to turn over the great 'Hoshanna' bell weighing $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons, but without success. Actually this bell is hung and can be rung up to about half-way. The clapper weighs one ton, the headstock two tons. The whole is a wonderful piece of work. A great deal of 'see-sawing' was done to and fro from the ringing chamber, for all wanted to see (and hear) the bells in motion. Eventually all the bells were lowered (the middle eight in peal), and with great reluctance the visitors departed and retraced their steps to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. A vote of thanks was passed to those responsible for the outing, etc.

The party then went on to Brixham, where Mr. Taylor was waiting for them. A stiff climb to the well-kept ringing chamber and more ringing was indulged in before leaving for Paignton, where a short stay was made and refreshments partaken of. Home was safely reached at 11.30 p.m. Special thanks are accorded to all those responsible at the various churches for such an enjoyable day, also to Mr. Bennett for his kindness in 'fixing up' at Buckfastleigh and the Abbey.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that we have to hold over several reports of outings and a letter on False Rows in Minor Methods from Mr. George Baker. What was probably the last peal on the bells at Llanfrecifa, Monmouthshire, before they are augmented to eight, was rung on September 15th. Two trebles are to be added to the existing ring of six. Mr. Win. Powell, one of the local ringers, has been chiefly instrumental in securing the augmentation, which is to be completed in time for the Coronation. The peal of Bob Minor last week, in which he took part, was a birthday compliment to him.

Mr. W. J. Whiting, one of the Leatherhead, Surrey, band, about two and a half years ago acted as best man to a belfry colleague, Mr. A. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The chief bridesmaid at that ceremony was Miss M. I. Quinney, and best man and bridesmaid met for the first time. On Saturday they were married at Isleworth, Middlesex.

A Guildford Guild ringer, invited to ring for the wedding, journeyed to Isleworth for the purpose. There he asked the way and was directed to the church, where he duly arrived, a few minutes after the appointed time, and found the wedding ceremony in progress, but no signs of the other ringers. He tried the door leading to the belfry, but found it locked. Then he discovered he had come to the wrong church and the wrong wedding!

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed the work of recasting the ring of six bells at Shalford, near Guildford, into a ring of eight, with a tenor of about 14 cwt. The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Wednesday evening, November 4th.

The work on the bells at Manchester Town Hall, which are to be recast into a peal of twelve, is now well in hand. The bells have been removed to Loughborough Foundry.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are also taking out the bells at Birch-in-Rusholme, which are to be rehung and put on ball bearings. It is hoped to have both peals ready in good time for the Coronation.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques unfortunately failed at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, after 3 hours and 30 minutes, by the sixes becoming reversed. The occasion was the 85th birthday of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who was ringing the 5th. Mr. John Holman, of Sheffield, was also among the band.

Ufford bells are to be dedicated on October 7th at 3 p.m. Since the notice was printed last week, Mrs. Drake has arranged to give tea to all ringers and their friends who ask for a free invitation before September 30th. She hopes, in this way, to hear from all interested.

The bells of St. Michael's, Gloucester, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were reopened on Sunday afternoon.

The 299th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths has been fixed for November 14th.

In the footnote to the report of the peal rung at Bobbing, Kent, on September 5th, it was stated that the rehanging of the bells was done by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, the founders of the bells.

DEATH OF THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

We very deeply regret to announce the death on Tuesday of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Cambridge, at the age of 87 years. He was president of the Cambridge University Guild from its foundation over 50 years ago, and was a past president of the Central Council.

STUDENTS FORM A RINGING SOCIETY. OUTCOME OF LECTURE AT SALISBURY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

This term at Salisbury Theological College has seen the foundation of a ringing society. Interest in the subject of ringing was started as the result of an enlightening lecture by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, and hon. secretary of Salisbury Diocesan Guild. He pointed out to his listeners how advisable it was for those who are going to take Holy Orders to know something of the nature of church bells, which play so important a part in Church worship. He made his lecture the more interesting by bringing with him a model bell hung in a frame, and also a set of eight handbells.

The new society has been started by Mr. R. S. Jones, a student of the college, who was Master of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers during the year 1935-36. The Vice-Principal of the college has been elected president.

Thanks are due to Mr. Romain, captain of the ringers at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, for the loan of handbells to the college and for giving ample opportunity for learning to ring in the tower. Practices have now begun both on handbells and in the tower, and already the membership totals from twelve to fifteen.

KING EDWARD VIII'S NAME ON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As stated in last Friday's 'Ringing World,' the recast tenor at Anstey, Leicestershire (where the bells were rededicated on September 12th), bears the inscription:—

'Recast in the year of the accession of King Edward VIII. . . .'
It would be interesting to know if this is the first bell to be rung bearing King Edward VIII's name. Perhaps someone will enlighten us.

ALBAN DISNEY.

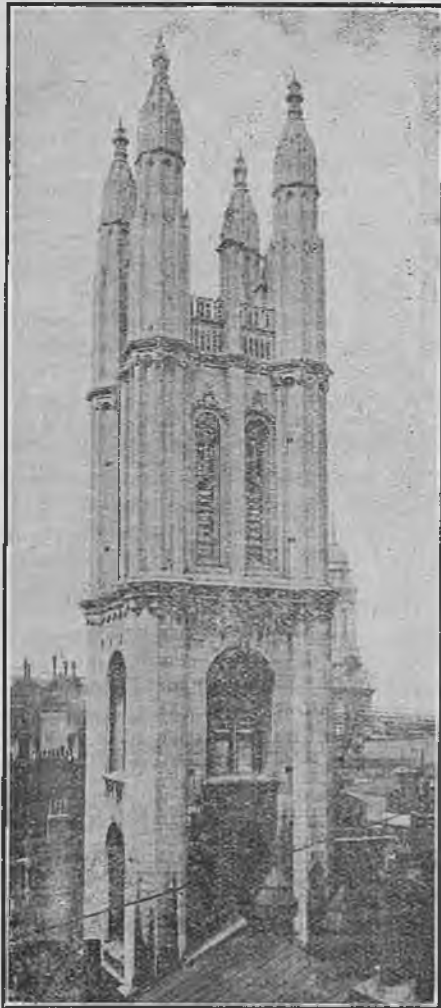
RINGERS' SERVICE IN LONDON.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INNOVATION AT CORNHILL.

A STRIKING SERMON.

An innovation by the Ancient Society of College Youths brought together a large gathering of ringers in London on Sunday evening. The society officially attended service at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, and College Youths and members of other ringing societies were present from over a wide area, despite an unfortunately wet evening.

Ringers began to assemble at six o'clock, and for an hour the twelve bells were kept going in touches of Stedman Cinques. When the service began at seven o'clock the church was well filled, many members of St. Michael's regular congregation being mingled with the visitors. The specially arranged service was an inspiring one, the stirring hymns and anthem and the beautiful singing of the choir adding greatly to the impressiveness of the occasion.



THE STEEPLE OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

Designed by Wren and completed in 1721, it was one of the earliest towers to contain a ring of twelve bells. Richard Phelps installed a peal of ten in 1728, and two trebles, by Lester, were added in 1746. Our picture is from a photo by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

At the outset the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), who wore the new badge of office, and the stewards (Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. L. Porter) walked in procession with the choir and clergy to their seats, the mace, carried by the senior steward, being afterwards placed on a small table in front of the Master's pew.

The Rector, the Rev. Prebendary J. H. Ellison, M.V.O. (who is a Chaplain in Ordinary to H.M. the King), conducted the service, which he opened by announcing the purpose of the assembly in the following terms: 'Brethren, we are come together to thank God for the sound of church bells, to dedicate anew to Him the joyous work of the ringers, particularly of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and to pray that we and all others who hear their music may live not unworthily of the summons.'

Then was sung the hymn, 'Immortal, Invisible God.' The Master read the lesson from Romans xii., which was followed by Psalm xv. and special prayers for those called by the sound of the bells to enter the House of Prayer, for those who are hindered from assembling together for worship, for those who, in their daily calling, hear the sound of the bells, and for those who ring.

After the Lord's Prayer the choir rendered parts of Handel's Chandos Anthem, Mr. Harold E. Darke, director of music, being at the organ.

CLOSELY ALLIED TASKS.

The address was given by the Rev. James Wall, assistant priest, whose first words were a warm welcome to those bellringers and their friends who were present. 'We owe you,' he said, 'a great debt, yet, in a way, it would be presumptuous for us to acknowledge that debt, because in our several duties, yours and mine, we are fellow-workers in the same cause. It is not only that you ring people into church for us of the clergy to preach to. Our tasks are more closely and more intimately allied than that. Rather is it that in our different ways we proclaim to the world the same message, the message of the eternal values of God and of the human soul.'

'Of all beautiful sounds,' he continued, 'the sound of church bells is the most swift in its effect. The symphony may, as it progresses, carry us in spirit to some concert hall in Germany or Austria, perhaps, where we once heard it ideally performed; the quartet may take us in memory to the country house where we sat in the dull gleam of a peat fire and listened to a recording of it many years ago. But church bells are at once more swift in their action, more inordinately sure and much more potent. As soon as they strike the ear, we are uplifted; time and space melt into nothingness; we find ourselves in the presence of the eternal. As we hear their sound floating above the feverish crowds and traffic of our city streets, we are borne over hills and vales to those fields of youth where their soft, buoyant music used to speak to us or to our parents; for even in this city we are all countrymen by ancestry and at heart. Their music used to speak to us of the place of God in an ordered life and of the peace that that brings. Life then had a rhythm; it had a true perspective; it had a proper stillness. The week, ever lived under God's guidance and in His service, was punctuated by worship. Even if we stayed away from church on Sunday, hearing the bells, we were prevented from forgetting the privileges of our kinship with the eternal. The same bells pealed or tolled at irregular times reminded us how, in our steady progress through time, we find our greatest happiness in a life of sharing, which at the close is rounded with sleep. For the townsman life ever tends to become a disorderly hustle interspersed with sudden, inexplicable catastrophes. If life then had the stateliness of a lovely minuet, it seems now to be set to the drunken stagger of jazz. There is the temptation to underestimate the existence and, therefore, the value of the historic past. To-day in our sudden vast accession of knowledge, amid the hectic production of our machines, we may be inclined to underrate the values of such things as leisure, of honest intelligent handwork, or chivalry and honour, of the dignity of all human life and lowly service. Yet these things were ever present to the mediæval world, certainly in aspiration and in great measure in fulfilment.'

The preacher recalled the words of Froude, who, writing of the gulf which lay between his times and those of old England, said only among the aisles of the cathedral, only as we gazed upon the silent figures sleeping on their tombs, did some faint conception come before them of what those men were alive, and perhaps in the sound of the church bells, 'that peculiar creation of the mediæval age, which falls upon the ear like the echo of a vanished world.'

GREATEST OF ALL MEMORIES.

The preacher went on to refer to his own experience during the eight years he lived in a Cathedral Close, beneath the shadow of the great square tower which contained, he was told, the highest peal of bells in England. Many and valued, he said, were the thoughts of those days that crowded through the gates of memory: Heavenly music, long processions splendid with colour, aisles packed with Bank Holiday crowds, moonlight playing through the painted glass on the Norman columns, amidst the darkness of the nave, but perhaps the most memorable of all were those of the scene when at the last midnight of the year, after, as it seemed, ages of waiting, the rushing waterfall of joyous clanging sound was loosed from the belfry over the city, sleeping beneath the crisp northern air. Here and there in the College and Close a beam of light would shine out as a door was opened to welcome some dark stranger, the first friendly hand in the new year, while the world went spinning on through space and time. Year after year the bells never failed to bring their message, a message of regret for the past, of hope and high resolve for the future; saying goodbye to the prejudices and disappointments, the pettiness and the wasted opportunities of yesterday, to make way for friendliness, for more persistence in well-doing, for wiser stewardship in the steadily decreasing number of years that remain.

The preacher concluded his eloquent address by reciting the lines from Tennyson's poem 'In Memoriam':—

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

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REDEDICATION OF BELLS AT CANTERBURY. IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH.

The rededication of the bells of St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, took place on Saturday, September 19th. A large congregation, which included many ringers, was present at the service, which was conducted by Bishop Bidwell, the other clergy present being the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Miller, the Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar of Littlebourne), with the Rural Dean, the Rev. S. E. Griggs. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, and during the singing of the next hymn the clergy proceeded to the baptistry, which is immediately under the tower, for the dedicatory prayers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bells were set going for a few minutes in rounds.

After the service the many ringers present had the opportunity to try the bells, and ringing was carried on until eight o'clock in the evening.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were represented at the service by Mr. A. A. Hughes. A clean sweep has been made of the old frame, and a new oak frame installed. The bells have been quarter-turned and tuned, and now hang in two tiers. They have also been placed lower in the tower, thus making the bells sound more pleasantly to the people in the houses in the vicinity. All the ringers were pleased with the tone and go of the bells, the only complaint being that at present the bells are a bit on the loud side in the ringing chamber, a fault which is to be rectified shortly. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the completion of a successful rehanging.

A new band has been formed and it is hoped that soon the bells will be heard ringing for Sunday service regularly, after a lapse of 20 years.

RINGERS SERVICE IN LONDON

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Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor;
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man, and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

A hymn specially written for the service by the Rev. James Wall, who was Precentor of Durham Cathedral, was then sung. It comprised four verses, set to an old and familiar melody, and forms a striking addition to the collection of ringers' hymns. The first two verses are as follow:—

Ye who delight to ring the bells,
Praise Him Whose love their sound forth tells,
Alleluya, Alleluya.

Grateful for health of arm and brain,
For keenness, lift the glad refrain,
Alleluya.

Ye who in hours of toil or rest,
Hear their melodious behest,
Sing His praises, Alleluya.

Ye who on sick beds hear their call,
Praise Him for hope, whate'er befall,
Alleluya.

During the singing of the hymn a collection was taken for the King George Memorial Fund, four members of the College Youths acting as sidesmen, Messrs. E. A. Young, C. Burden, J. E. L. Cockey and F. C. Shorter.

The delightful service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Rector.

A SUGGESTION. To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This is *not* a complaint, but a suggestion.

On Sunday I had the pleasure of being present at the bellringers' service, held at St. Michael's, Cornhill. I saw a goodly gathering of the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and many others—a really fine attendance, in spite of the rain. The service was admirable, and the last hymn, composed specially for the occasion by the Rev. James Wall, M.A., was in itself a tribute to the Exercise. But I think that if the service had been held on any other day than Sunday, or at a different time from that chosen, more ringers would have had the opportunity of being present. Perhaps the service would have been better in the Sunday afternoon, as that would not have interfered with our ordinary duties at our respective churches.

Again, I remind you that this is a suggestion and not a grouse.
Deptford Park, S.E. JAMES FIRWOOD.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

APPEAL FOR BEST RINGING IN BROADCASTS.

A glorious September afternoon favoured the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association for their meeting at Hanbury last Saturday. The meeting should have taken place earlier, but was unavoidably delayed.

Hanbury Church, situated in delightful country, is somewhat difficult of access, but there were quite a good number present, about 45 members with visitors, including the Misses Amy and Kathleen Johnson, who had cycled 18 miles from Hinton-on-the-Green, Mr. Roger Daniels, of Leckhampton, and Mr. Edward Large, of Birmingham.

The peal of eight bells, tenor 16 cwt. and of moderate tone, were made good use of in a variety of methods.

A short, appropriate service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. V. Blois), who later very kindly provided tea at the Rectory and presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the secretary (Mr. G. E. Large), Ringing Master (Mr. C. Camm), Central Council representative (Mr. S. T. Holt) and Central Committee representative (Mr. W. Ranford).

Mr. S. T. Holt gave a brief résumé of the Central Council meeting held in London, in particular mentioning the Council's desire to see better support of 'The Ringing World,' and improved ringing for broadcasting. Regarding the latter, Mr. Holt said that if any band in the branch was asked to broadcast, he hoped they would only attempt to do that which they were capable of doing best, and that good rounds and call changes would be preferred to bad or indifferent change ringing.

Mr. C. E. Lindo, 80 years of age and an expert signwriter and pavement artist, who was present from Worcester in the role of spectator, offered to write peal boards for any important peal rung by the branch free of charge if they provided him with the boards, an announcement which was warmly appreciated by all present.

After the vote of thanks to the Rector, members again visited the tower until about 8.30. It was dark when the last came out of the belfry, and the red lights on the masts of the Droitwich transmitter some two miles or so to the north-west indicated that another company was actively engaged.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH MEETING AT BUNBURY.

A very successful meeting of ringers was held at Bunbury on September 12th, but owing presumably to the early downpour of rain, the number attending was small.

Ringings commenced at 4 o'clock and tea was served at the Dysart Arms. A short business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. G. Biddulph, Ringing Master (in the absence of branch officials).

Mr. George Crawley, of Crewe, congratulated the Ringing Master on his good example to other ringers by attending all the meetings and helping the less fortunate in the art of ringing.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and to those responsible for the tea were accorded.

A tour of this beautiful church and a study of its ancient relics is quite an education, even to the man who tried to lift a 7ft. x 3ft. 4in. thick stone coffin and won a 'Woodbine.'

Further ringing in various methods, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, were enjoyed by all, and those who stayed away are informed that the weather was lovely, and there was not a drop of rain. D. R. W.

WHERE BELLS ARE APPRECIATED.

AN AUGMENTATION IN KENT.

The dedication of the new treble bell at St. Margaret's Church, Chelsfield, Kent (augmenting the peal to six), took place on Sunday, September 13th, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Parsons). Rounds were rung during the service by members of the Kent County Association from SS. Peter and Paul's and St. Luke's Churches, Bromley.

After the service the first touch of Bob Major was conducted by Mr. I. Emery from the treble, followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first Surprise on the bells: F. E. Pitman 1, M. Oakshett 2, Miss Oakshett 3, J. Lyddiard 4, P. Spice 5, A. Blackett 6.

The first 720 on the bells was an extent of Kent Treble Bob: P. Spice 1, Miss Oakshett 2, M. Oakshett 3, F. E. Pitman 4, J. Lyddiard 5, A. Blackett (conductor) 6.

Good striking was maintained throughout, which the Vicar and members of the congregation who remained thoroughly appreciated. It is to be hoped the local band will make good use of the extension, as bells are appreciated in this locality.

The new treble has been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

PRESENTATION AT FENHAM.

On Sunday, September 13th, a presentation of a silver inscribed cigarette case was made to Mr. A. Dodds, who is leaving SS. James and Basil's belfry, Fenham, for Glasgow. Regrets at his departure were expressed by all, and the sincere best wishes of the Guild were given to him in his new sphere. Mr. Dodds suitably responded.

Following the ceremony a farewell quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') was rung by D. Reay 1, A. Dodds 2, T. W. Crowe 3, A. S. Walker 4, N. Fairman 5, K. Arthur (conductor) 6, P. Wishart 7, R. Crosby 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM PLAIN TO REVERSE AND DOUBLE BOB.

There must be numerous towers about the country where Plain Bob, even after many years, is still the order of the day. We constantly see peals of Minor rung in which the method has been Plain Bob in all the seven 720's. There is legitimate excuse for the young band whose first peal attempts consist of nothing but Plain Bob, but there are many ringers who ought to get out of this rut, and learn to ring something else. The returning winter evenings are the time to make the effort.

The first steps can be easy ones, and in order to get some idea of the work which you may find in other methods, we suggest that you should try the Bob method in other ways than the one you have been in the habit of ringing. Yes, there are other ways. There is Reverse Bob and there is Double Bob.

When you ring Plain Bob you make 2nd's place or dodge when the treble is leading, and very possibly you have learnt where to dodge by the position in which you pass the treble as you hunt up and the treble hunts down.

Reverse Bob, as its name implies, is the opposite of Plain Bob. Instead of 2nd's place or dodging when the treble leads, 5th's place is made and the dodging takes place when the treble is behind, and you learn where to dodge by the position in which you pass the treble as you hunt down and the treble hunts up.

Double Bob incorporates both Plain and Reverse Bob; that is you make both 2nd's when the treble leads and 5th's when it lies its whole pull behind. Consequently there is dodging on both occasions.

You can learn where to dodge by the position in which you pass the treble both as you hunt up and as you hunt down. Some people do not take the trouble to do this, but we think that for those beginning to launch out into the boundless sea of methods it is just as well to start this way.

Let us first compare Reverse Bob with Plain Bob and see how little difference there really is in the actual work. You want to try to count your way from the back, as you do from the front. For instance, in Plain Bob, if you meet the treble first from the front you make 2nd's and lead again. In Reverse Bob if you meet the treble first from the back (that is after you have had your whole pull behind), you make 5th's and lie a whole pull behind again.

In Plain Bob, if you meet the treble second from the front you dodge in 3-4 (up); in Reverse Bob, if you meet the treble second from the back, you dodge in 4-3 (down), and so on. Put in another way you can compare them thus:—

PLAIN.		REVERSE.	
Pass Treble		Pass Treble	
5-6	dodge 4-3 down	2-1	dodge 3-4 up
4-5	dodge 6-5 down	3-2	dodge 1-2 up
3-4	dodge 5-6 up	4-3	dodge 2-1 down
2-3	dodge 3-4 up	5-4	dodge 4-3 down
1-2	make 2nd's	6-5	make 5th's

Dodging in 1-2 in Reverse takes the place of dodging in 5-6 in Plain—everything, in fact, is reversed. If you want to see what it looks like on paper, write out a plain course of Bob Minor, draw a continuous line through the figures representing one bell—then turn it upside down, and you have Reverse Bob.

If you want to ring Double Bob you just put the two things together. There is nothing else to learn as far as ringing the method is concerned. If you know exactly what to do when you have passed the treble, either in hunting up or down, in the Plain and Reverse; you will know what to do in the Double method. Of course the dodging and place-making do not come in the same sequence, but, when you have passed the treble, your next dodge will be in accordance with the tables given above, whichever way you are going.

There is another way of ringing it which may help you. May we put it in rather unorthodox style and say 'You do something and miss something alternately'? The 'something' may be a place or a dodge, and we put it in this form to save a confusion of terms.

Think of the method in terms of 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 6-5, 4-3, 2-1. If you dodge in 3-4, you do nothing in 5-6; then dodge in 6-5, do nothing in 4-3; dodge in 2-1, do nothing in 1-2; dodge in 3-4, do nothing in 5-6. Then you find you pass the treble; therefore, make 5th's and lie a whole pull, which is equivalent to doing nothing in 6-5, dodge in 4-3, do nothing in 2-1, dodge in 1-2, do nothing in 3-4, dodge in 5-6, do nothing in 6-5, dodge in 3-4, do nothing in 2-1. Then you will pass the treble in 1-2 and have to make 2nd's and lead. Whether, after doing nothing in 2-1 or in 5-6, you have to dodge or make a place (2nd's or 5th's) will be decided by whether or not you immediately pass the treble.

We have not given the figures of the methods. You can work them out for yourselves.

The conductor can call his bobs in the Reverse method, when the treble is behind. That causes the bell passing the treble in 5-4 to make 3rd's and hunt up, the bell that would have made 5th's to hunt straight down, and the bell that would have dodged in 3-4 up to run straight up and turn the treble from behind. If this is done the ordinary calling for 720's can be applied.

In Double Bob the bobs are called when the treble is in front, exactly as in Bob Minor. There are certain differences in some of the

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BURNHAM SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

YOUNGSTERS INTRODUCED TO HEAVIER METAL.

As the 12, 13 and 14 year olds of two years ago are maturing, it was decided this year that the weight of metal should grow with them when the Burnham ringers had their annual outing. Therefore, on Saturday, September 12th, the society (less one lady member who was touring Wales) departed from their headquarters (Five Bells) at 1.30 p.m. by motor-coach over the Chilterns to Great Missenden (tenor 26 cwt.), where they soon had this delightful six going to Treble Bob and Plain Minor. Mr. E. G. Higgin, who met the band at the tower, extended a warm welcome. Back across these hillocks via Great Hampden and Princes Risborough, Watlington was reached at 4.15. Mr. W. Alexander was on the spot to greet the party. This eight (tenor 24 cwt.) were raised and touches of Triples and Major were rung and enjoyed. On again to Abingdon, where Mr. A. E. Lock kindly met the visitors. Following tea at Messrs. Palmer's Restaurant, the society had their second annual practice on ten bells at St. Helen's Church (tenor 20 cwt.), where a couple of courses of Grandsire Caters and one of (look out for brickbats!) Plain Bob Caters were rung. Nettlebed was reached at 8.15 p.m., and at this tower Mr. J. (Gunboat) Smith was ready and waiting, so touches in various Minor methods were rung, including 'laminated,' on this handy little six. This completed the ringing portion of the programme, and the younger members are to be congratulated on the way in which they handled the heavy end. The only fly in the ointment was the weather, for the route taken passes through some fine scenery, which was absolutely blotted out by incessant downpours, but even that could not discourage these young bloods, as, with an expert accordion player (one of the society) aboard, a continuous concert was carried on from time of departure till the hour of return. The coach, as on previous occasions, was lined with fruit, crisps, biscuits, 'pop' and 'grown-up pop,' and a word of thanks should be given to the captain (Mr. G. W. Limner) for the way he sees the wants (which are many) of everyone supplied. Headquarters was reached about 10.15 p.m., everyone having been safely deposited at their own door. Thanks are extended to all steeplekeepers for meeting the society and to all incumbents for so readily granting the necessary permission to use the bells. G. G.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held on Saturday in the north-western part of the county, the bells at the following towers being available for ringing: Hinderclay, Redgrave, Hopton, Rickingham, Theltham and Hepworth. Tea was provided in the school at Hinderclay, by the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. Shaw), and about 20 members attended.

A short business meeting followed. The Rector, who presided, was given a hearty vote of thanks for the bounteous repast.

On the motion of the secretary, a collection was taken in aid of Hinderclay Bells Fund, and the sum of 14s. was handed to the Rector.

The Secretary announced that the dedication of the restored ring at Ufford would take place on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m., and a meeting of the Guild would be held there on October 17th.

A fair amount of ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, mainly at Hinderclay, Theltham and Hopton, although at Theltham an ominous lumbering overhead caused some alarm to those below. These bells evidently require the attention of a bell-hanger.

THE SOMERSET TOUR.

LOST PEALS.

Mr. Wilfred Williams writes to correct a wrong impression given about the Somerset tour. There was no peal fixed up for the first Saturday, the Sunday attempt was at Clevedon and 'stand' had to be called there after ringing an hour and a half owing to one of the band being unable to continue. There were two attempts on each of the following days, except the last Saturday, when there was only one. Three of these efforts were abandoned, after about an hour in each case, owing to some of the bells requiring a lot of hard work. Glastonbury was another tower at which ringing took place, and there was plenty of spare time to visit, in addition to the places already mentioned. Downside Abbey, Wells Cathedral, Cheddar Gorge and caves and Wookey Hole.

SILVER WEDDING COMPLIMENT.

At St. Andrew's Church, Heckington, Lincolnshire, for evening service, on August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Connell on the occasion of their silver wedding: H. Connell 1, N. Brown 2, N. Asher 3, F. Brown 4, W. Asher 5, A. Dixon 6, W. Woods (conductor) 7, F. Warrington 8.

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compositions that are needed, but as long as the conductor sticks to the 'old' 720's he will be all right. By the 'old' 720's we mean those with the tenor called Wrong, Right and Wrong; or In, In and 4th's; and the 5th called 4th's, Out, Out; or Right, Wrong and Right, each, of course, being five times repeated with a single half-way and end.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**SILENCERS TO BE USED IN NOISY TOWERS.**

There was a gathering of about 50 at the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Motcombe on Saturday, September 12th. Besides representatives from ten local parishes there were visitors from Bath, Bristol, Chilcompton, Chewton Mendip, Cucklington, Doulting, Frome, London, Melksham, Poole, Publow, Reading, Stoke Trister, Stoke Wake and Westbury, also from Horsington and Templecombe during the evening.

The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Watkins-Jones), the address being given by the Rev. W. Uphill, of Stour Provost, and the singing led by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards at the organ.

An excellent tea was served by Mrs. S. F. Burden in the Memorial Hall, followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presided and extended a hearty welcome to the many visitors.

Mr. W. C. Shute mentioned that there had been some complaint at the noise of the bells at a combined meeting held in May. After discussion it was decided to purchase a set of Davis silencers for use at meetings or other occasions where lengthy periods of ringing might be a source of annoyance or inconvenience to nearby residents.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. Uphill for his very helpful and uplifting address, and to the ladies for the delightful tea provided.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for coming to his parish. It was, he said, his first experience of a Guild meeting, and he hoped they would soon honour him by another visit.

The bells of St. Peter's and Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury, and St. Leonard's, Semley, were available during the evening, and excellent practice was obtained, ranging from rounds to various Surprise Minor methods.

LEATHERHEAD RINGER'S WEDDING.**GUILDFORD GUILD FRIENDS RING PEAL IN MIDDLESEX.**

A member of the Leatherhead, Surrey, band, Mr. William John Whiting, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Whiting, of Devezes, was married on Saturday at All Saints' Parish Church, Isleworth, Middlesex, the bride being Miss Marjorie Irene Quilley, only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Quilley, of Isleworth. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, and the service was choral. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attired in a dress of white satin. She also wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of dark red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Molly Whiting and Miss Amy Whiting (sisters of the bridegroom) and Miss Peggy Atkinson and Miss Daphne Passey (cousins of the bride). Miss Molly Whiting wore a dress of pink crepe suede, and the other bridesmaids wore dresses of similar material in blue. They all wore diamante pendants, the gifts of the bridegroom, whose best man was his brother, Mr. H. Whiting.

By the kindness of the local ringers and a band of the Middlesex Association, who had obtained the bells at All Saints' Church for a peal on the afternoon of the wedding, the bells were placed at the disposal of Mr. Whiting's Guildford Guild colleagues, who rang the bridal pair from church with a touch of Grandsire Caters, and afterwards scored a well-struck peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Afterwards the ringers joined the wedding party at the Church Hall, and joined in the good wishes extended to the happy pair.

Mr. Whiting is an assistant sanitary inspector at Leatherhead, where he and his wife will reside.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT'S ENJOYABLE MEETING AT WOODFORD.**

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on Saturday. This meeting at Woodford always seems to be popular and Saturday was no exception, there being some thirty or so members present. Ringing began at 3.30 p.m. and the bells were almost continuously in use until 5.30 p.m.

Regular visitors missed the usual tea in the Church Hall. This year tea was served at a nearby cafe and was much enjoyed, with touches of Henry Hall breaking through at odd moments.

The usual lightning business meeting took place in the belfry. The hon. secretary being absent (how those plus fours were missed!), Mr. F. C. Shorter was asked to fill the role.

Further ringing took place after the business meeting until 9 p.m. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. A little better striking would have finished a good meeting.

During the afternoon, the name Woodford Bridge was frequently heard, and one wonders whether there are any bells there or—what? The remaining noticeable feature was the absence of the Chief Knut of the N.U.T.S.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 720 Ipswich Surprise (E. Stich, conductor), 360 Oxford Treble Bob (A. Bradley, conductor). The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, E. Stich, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, L. Camp.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 26th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. and again in the evening. Service at 5 o'clock followed by tea and a short business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stillwell, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Attractive musical programme. All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 3 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford District meeting, originally fixed to be held at Ockham on September 12th, has been postponed and will be held at Ockham on September 26th. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3.45. Tea 4.45 in Parish Room. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The contest for the Crawford Cup will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, September 26th, commencing at 2.45. Ringing as usual after tea. Please send me a card if you intend to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. All ringers welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at East Hendred on Saturday, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Festival service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Dinner at 6 o'clock at Crown Hotel. New rules will be proposed for adoption at annual meeting which follows. Will those who intend to be present notify me as soon as possible.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the club.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wendover (6 bells), on Saturday, September 26th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head. Will all who can please make a special effort to attend and make this the most successful meeting of the year?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Bells 2.30, also Cheriton. Everybody welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

PAULERS PURY, NEAR TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been rehung in a new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on September 29th, St. Magnus' on October 1st, 15th and 29th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th, St. Andrew's on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on November 14th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, September 30th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Welcome Hall, High Street. Notification for tea to be sent to Mr. Taylor, 31, Nelson Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec.; E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

CAUNTON, NEWARK.—The ring of three (tenor 9 cwt.), which has been rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Thursday, October 1st, at 7 p.m.

BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.—At 3 p.m., on Thursday, October 1st, the Bishop of Crediton will rededicate the ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting is on Saturday, October 3rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by September 30th for tea; 1s. will be charged. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting is to be held at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. sharp. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. All ringers will be welcome, and it is particularly requested that the Ashford district be well represented. It is essential to notify me by Thursday, October 1st.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Saracen's Head, adjacent to the church. Short business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 30th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Acton on October 3rd. Ringing (6 bells) from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, September 30th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Westbury on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on October 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Those who hope to be present at tea are asked to notify me not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Sculthorpe on Saturday, October 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell prize contest at Brighouse, Saturday, October 3rd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d. Tea 1s.—F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Glaston on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—S. H. Towell, 17, King's Road, Oakham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thornby (5 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting at Brize Norton on Saturday, October 3rd. Visitors kindly let me know by Thursday, October 1st, by first post.—W. Evetts, Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Bus service from Sleaford. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on October 3rd, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the new Vicar. Tea and business after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden (8) and Launton (6) also available. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, Saturday, October 3rd.—St. Mary's (10 bells) open 3 to 6; St. Peter's (10 bells) open 6 to 8. Visitors heartily welcomed at both towers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, October 1st.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Deanery.—A branch meeting will be held at Ashchurch on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—The ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Felwyn Bean on Sunday, October 4th, at 3 p.m.

UFFORD, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be inaugurated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m. Will ringers intending to be present please apply to the Rector, the Rev. H. Drake, before September 30th?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. Application for tickets, 4s. each, to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 6th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Unveiling of tablet recording first peal on the bells at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meat tea (1s. 3d. per head) reserved only for applicants notifying Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, October 6th. Important business, election of officers, etc. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—October 10th, a meeting at Clifton Reynes at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Conversation afterwards about future meetings. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, by Monday, October 5th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th. Duty to your association and brother ringers should prompt you to ascertain that your tower will be represented at this meeting. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and very important business meeting. Will members who do not notify me of their intention to come to tea by Wednesday, October 7th, kindly let the others take their seats first. The tea will be free.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.15. Subscriptions are due for the current year.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD and the OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 10th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. St. John's (10), 3.15-4.45 p.m., 6.15-7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Social evening in St. John's Hall from 7.30, to which all ringers and friends are cordially invited. Names for tea to me by October 5th, if you please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—G. Dent, District Master, Potten Street, Harlow, Essex.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Grantham on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Great Yarmouth on September 5th. Ringing started at 3.30 p.m. After tea, which was served at Johnson's Rooms, Northgate Street, a business meeting was held. The election of several members was ratified and a meeting was arranged for the last Saturday in November at Halvergate.

The Rev. R. Aubrey Aitken, Vicar of Yarmouth, presided, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary of the association), Mr. J. Harwood (branch secretary) and Mr. W. Lee (branch chairman). Twenty-four members attended the tea and meeting and others were present for ringing. The members were from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Wroxham, Redenhall, Halvergate, Reedham and Acle. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, London, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich Major.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A highly delightful meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Burstow on Saturday. About 30 ringers attended, with visitors from Capel, Beddington and Worth. The bells, raised at 3 o'clock, were kept going, with an interval for service and tea, until 9 p.m. All the standard methods for six bells were rung and some good practice put in for the less advanced members.

The Rector (the Rev. A. Hackblock) conducted the service and gave a brief address on 'Home Life,' the need of harmony and toleration therein and how very necessary it was that this kind of feeling should be found in the tower. The lesson was read by Alderman Newell.

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