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COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

To-day is the tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which was founded on the fifth of November, 1637. Three hundred years of unbroken existence is a wonderful and honourable record for any organisation, and the ringing Exercise is proud of the venerable society which has achieved this great distinction. The good wishes and sincere congratulations of ringers everywhere will go out to the society on this historic occasion, and the celebrations which take place in London to-morrow have, of course, a special interest and significance.

Among ancient guilds, the annual 'feast' was the great event of the year. In the College Youths this social feature has been maintained for more than two and a half centuries, even if not from the very beginnings of the society, and this year's gathering promises to be by far the biggest in all the long line of similar festivities. In addition there are to be two other events of interest, one the service in St. Paul's Cathedral, which confers a special honour on the society, whose members have always been responsible for the service ringing there since the present bells were installed nearly sixty years ago, and the other a tribute to the Master of 1685, Sir Henry Tulse, who was Lord Mayor of London in the same year that he was at the head of the College Youths.

The history of the society, as Mr. J. A. Trollope so well remarks in his recently published work, is an epitome of the history of the ringing Exercise. Its foundations go back to the very beginnings of the art of change ringing, and it is the one definite connecting link which we have with those far-off days. Through all the changing and shifting fortunes of the centuries, the College Youths have gone on, not always, of course, without internal difficulties and dissensions of their own, but unbroken in continuity, thus forming, as it were, a core round which the Exercise has grown and developed.

It has played in its time a vital part in the maintenance of the art, and the veneration in which it is held to-day is due to its share in the development of change ringing in the past as well as to the antiquity of the roots. If in these days of territorial organisations, other forces are moulding the Exercise, it does not detract from the admiration which is felt for the position which the old society has filled through all the generations that have come and gone since Lord Brereton was elected the first Master, but a little fuller recognition of these forces in some quarters would expand rather than lessen the influence of the society in the future, and certainly its dignity would suffer no loss.

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This tercentenary celebration should bring the society an increased prosperity. Under its present ordering it cannot compete with the activities of the 'modern' organisations, its scope is too circumscribed. Its membership is nation-wide, but its operations are really parochial, and there are those who would not have it otherwise. The special interest which this auspicious occasion is attracting to the society, however, can be turned to valuable account, and we hope the old society will continue to gather strength and influence as the years go by. To-day every ringer will turn his thoughts to the College Youths and, in the terms of its time-honoured toast, wish it continued success and prosperity.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 30 1937 in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING	*Treble*	*HERBERT P. CLIFF	7
*THOMAS W. CROWE	2	*REGINALD H. HEWITT	8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	3	*W. NORMAN PARK	9
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	4	ADAM DEAS	10
JOHN ANDERSON	5	WILLIAM H. BARBER	11
ROLAND PARK	6	RICHARD THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on twelve bells. This peal was rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the association.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5091 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	6
ALFRED H. POLLING	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN	7
THOMAS E. DENYER	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	8
E. LEONARD TAYLOR	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	9
ERNEST J AYLIFFE	5	RICHARD HAYES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Arranged on this date as a congratulatory peal for the Ladies' Guild on their silver jubilee the week previous, and to the College Youths on their tercentenary the week after.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING	*Treble*	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST A. REEVE	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	3	NORMAN V. MANNING	7
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK	4	ARTHUR HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALLISON PURDOM	*Treble*	JIM HURRELL	5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	2	GEORGE W. FOGDEN	6
WALTER F. TYLER	3	EDMUND MOUNTER	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	JACK DAFTERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by W. F. TYLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. R. Simmonds, of Lewisham.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' Tenor 23¾ cwt

*JOSEPH WREN	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*GEORGE F TIZZARD	2	GEORGE LAMBERT	6
*HERBERT D. WHYTE... ...	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
RICHARD D. DIVALL	4	SIDNEY W. CHESSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the 50th year of ringing at the above church by Joseph Wren.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY	*Treble*	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ...	2	FREDERICK HOOPER	6
KENNETH W. MAYER	3	FRANK W. VERNON	7
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First attempt for Double Norwich by all except the ringers of 4 and 5. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*WILLIAM HAWLEY	*Treble*	†MRS. E. BRADLEY	5
*MRS. J. W. RENDER ...	2	†FRED TERRY	6
HORAC S. MORLEY ...	3	ROBERT H. VIGOR	7
†WILLIAM TERRY	4	†EDWARD BRADLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringers of 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 are members of the local band.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	MAURICE J. LING	6
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ...	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
*MISS VIOLET FROST	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY

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

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR	*Treble*	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS	5
HERBERT HOLDEN	2	ARNOLD BRUNTON	6
JACK CLEGG	3	JAMES BARNES	7
ERIC BRUNTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung for the centenary of the church, all the above being service ringers at Churchkirk.

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LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

RUSSELL G. SPEARS	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
BERNARD H. SWINSON... ...	3	JOHN W. EUSTON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday October 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	*Treble*	*ERNEST T. BENNETT... ...	5
JOHN BROWN...	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
SYDNEY FORSHAW	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	4	WILLIAM DICKENSON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a Coronation peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Tuesday, October 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES N. LEMAN	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
WALTER G. PAUL	2	RICHARD G. BELL	6
ARTHUR W. DIX	3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELVAN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE TALBOT	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ALFRED W. HEATH	4	BERT SHELDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. John Phillips, of Cardiff.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR TAYLOR	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	VERNON SYKES	6
JOSEPH OGDEN	3	IVAN KAY	7
JAMES LEES...	4	JOSEPH WARBURTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of Mr. Herbert Barlow, a ringer at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Bloom 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, C. Roberts 3, A. V. Davis (conductor) 4, C. Forfitt 5, H. Bennett 6, H. Mitchell 7, F. Longman 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE	*Treble*	EDITH K. FLETCHER	5
*IVY R. HODSDEN	2	MARJORIE L. CROSS	6
ELSIE M. BAGWORTH	3	FRANCES BOTHAM	7
EVELYN STEEL	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild. Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Guild.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	5
FRANK L. FISHER	2	T. WILLIAM LAST	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	CHARLES E. FISHER	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
First peal of London in the tower.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY STONE	*Treble*	JOSEPH B. FENTON	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	ERNEST STONE	6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Stone, this peal being his 100th for the Warwickshire Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
JAMES TOPP	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
Arranged and rung as a tercentenary peal for the society.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN	*Treble*	FRED PRICE	5
RICHARD C. INGRAM	2	FREDERICK W. RISBWORTH	6
WILLIAM C. RHODES	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
LATIMER C. WILLIAMS	4	*JOHN GILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED PRICE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Arranged and rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Norman S. Power, eldest son of the Rev. W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
THOMAS H. REEVES	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
*JOHN S. MASON	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
ALBERT E. NORMAN	4	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the tercentenary of the Ancient Society by members resident in or near Birmingham.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FLITTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 15 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Woodbine, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD SHARP	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.
* First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Woodbine, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Treble*	HERBERT SHERMAN	4
PERCY TOMPKINS	2	JACK CHURCH	5
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE	3	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. S. BEAUMONT.

BUTTERWICK, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Sandal, Willesden, College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. KEMP	*Treble*	JOHN R. YOUNG	4
HENRY JOHN	2	WILLIAM WILKINSON	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. FLATTERS.
First peal of Minor as conductor, also first extent of first five methods.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	PERCY STONE	4
ERNEST STONE	2	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN	5
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	JOSEPH H. BEALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

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GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
*HERBERT GATES	2	FRANCIS TOMPKINS	5
FRANCIS KIRK	3	HORACE L. WAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE L. WAITE.

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

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH	*Treble*	LEWIS BOSH	4
GEORGE MASON	2	FRED WIGMORE	5
WALLACE COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN HILSON	*Treble*	CHARLES SARGENT	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
PERCY AMOS	3	DONALD L. COCKINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

DAVID WHITING	*Treble*	ARTHUR COOK	4
WALTER ELSEY	2	CHARLES V. ORVES	5
FREDERICK ROPER	3	ERIC G. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN PENNELL	*Treble*	*MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS	4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ...	5
NOEL FOAKES	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall and Lytham; (2) St. Clement's, College, Childwall and Wavertree; (3) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Single Oxford and Single Court; (5) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
MRS. J. BRAY	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band. There were 136 changes of method.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' COMMEMORATION PEALS.

To celebrate the tercentenary of the College Youths, a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods was rung at Watford on October 26th.

A tercentenary commemoration peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths at Portsmouth on Saturday. Would not London have been more appropriate?

A peal of Stedman Triples at Edgbaston on Saturday was rung by Birmingham and district members of the Ancient Society.

A Lancashire band of College Youths were unfortunate to lose a peal of Stedman Triples at Bolton on Friday, after an hour and a half's splendid ringing.

A peal of Stedman Caters at Haslemere on October 30th was a congratulatory peal to the Ladies' Guild on their silver jubilee, and to the College Youths on their tercentenary.

The ladies added another event to the celebration of the silver jubilee of their Guild, when, on Saturday, they rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at Harlow Common, on a ring of bells with tenor of 12 cwt. Our readers will note that the names in the 'official' record appear without any 'prefix,' but for the information of those who do not otherwise know we may say that the married outnumber the unmarried by three to one.

A report of a peal at Benfieldside, Co. Durham, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

A belated 'Coronation' peal was rung at Southport, Lancashire, on October 26th. The band met short on the eve of Coronation Day and had not since been able to make the attempt. Mr. J. Ridyard was in the original company, but was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from taking part last week in the peal of Stedman Triples that was rung. The thanks of the band are tendered to Mr. William Dickenson for his generous hospitality after the peal.

The first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of Aberdare, Glamorganshire, was rung on October 28th as a birthday peal to Mrs. John Phillips, of Cardiff. Mr. Phillips was unfortunately unable to take part in the peal.

Another band in Lincolnshire seems to be building up its multi-method performances. On October 29th, at Dunholme, they went on to 21 Minor methods in a peal of seven 720's. It involved 136 changes of method.

Mr. Ernest Stone, of Nuneaton, rang his one hundredth peal for the Warwickshire Guild on October 30th.

The first peal of London Surprise on the bells at Ufford, Suffolk, on October 30th(was a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Wightman, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman's mother.

Five members of the local band took part in a peal at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, on October 23rd; two of them, including one lady, rang their first peal and two others their first peal of Bob Major, including the conductor.

Six ringers at East Markham, Notts, rang their first peal of Double Norwich Major at the first attempt on October 23rd.

Mr. John Pennell, standing in at a moment's notice at Holbrook, Suffolk, on October 25th, rang his first peal, which consisted of seven 720's of Bob Minor.

Messrs. Edward Davey and Urban Wildney rang their 25th peal together when they took part in a peal of Bob Major at Great Holland, Essex, on October 23rd. It was Mr. Wildney's first peal of Major as conductor.

A peal in seven different Minor methods at Butterwick, Lincs, on October 23rd, Mr. Albert E. Flatters rang his first peal of Minor as conductor and his first 720's of five of the methods.

Mr. Joseph Wren, of East Grinstead, Sussex, has completed 50 years of ringing at the Parish Church, and celebrated the jubilee by taking part in his first peal of Stedman Triples on October 23rd and at the same time 'completing the circle' on the bells.

FIRST FOR FORTY YEARS.

The first quarter-peal of Major for 40 years on the heavy ring of eight at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, was rung by the St. Lawrence Jewry Guild on October 31st, for evening service, in 50½ minutes: G. A. Parsons 1, G. W. Fogden 2, F. Corney 3, F. C. Shorter (first as conductor) 4, R. Allen (first quarter of Bob Major) 5, G. F. D. Pratt 6, E. Murrell (first quarter of Bob Major) 7, A. A. Hughes 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

VISIT TO EAST ARDSLEY.

The October meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at East Ardsley on Saturday last. Ringing took place from 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. except for the breaks for tea, and the business meeting, which was held in the tower. The president was chairman and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company, also Mr. J. Rothwell, of Rotherham, and the Rev. Andrews, of Leeds.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, and the date and place of the next meeting were fixed for November 27th at Birstall.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A SIMPLE LESSON IN CHANGE RINGING.

When you begin change ringing the fewer bells you use at the start, the easier, obviously, will it be to observe and understand what you are doing. For that reason some instructors prefer to start their young ringers on four bells only and others on five.

For the sake of the public it is often best to confine the four-bell practice to handbells, if they are available, for the necessarily slow ringing which changes on four bells involves is not always appreciated. Nevertheless, changes on four bells only are a valuable means of starting a beginner, because, unless he is very dense, an explanation with paper and pencil, coupled with the practical demonstration, should quickly enable him to grasp what is required of him and to see something of the principles of change ringing.

In the previous article of this series (page 698), dealing with progress from call changes to half-pull ringing, we showed how plain hunting was effected; namely, how, with six bells, by changing first all three pairs and then the two middle pairs successively, a 'course' of twelve changes was produced, which brought the bells back to rounds.

On any number of bells this method of procedure will produce twice as many changes as there are bells employed. So that if you reduce your change ringing at the start to practice on four bells, your 'course' will be eight changes. But having thus rung a 'course' until you can definitely see your way up and down—starting from the lead, first over one, then over two and next over three bells until you are 'behind,' and then over three bells, over two bells and over one bell respectively until it is again your turn to lead—you will quickly want to go on to ring the rest of the 24 changes of which four bells are capable.

To do this, each time the treble leads, the bell which led before it, and then immediately strikes over the treble, has another blow in 2nd's, making a 'whole pull' over the treble and then leads again. That is called making 2nd's place and it causes the other two bells to make a 'dodge'; that is, instead of continuing their course, after passing one another, they step back a place before going on.

If, for instance, at the end of the hunting course no 2nd's place is made you will have the bells striking in order in each change as shown in A, but if 2nd's place is made you get a new succession of rows as shown in B:—

A.	B.
3 4 1 2	3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2	3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4	1 3 2 4
1 2 3 4	1 3 4 2
2 1 4 3	3 1 2 4
2 4 1 3	3 2 1 4

In B, the 2nd is said to dodge in 4-3 (sometimes described as 3-4 down) and the 4th in 3-4 (otherwise 3-4 up). The one is *after* a whole pull behind, the other *before* the whole pull behind.

This work does not interfere with the 'plain hunting' of the treble, and it is cyclical for the other three bells. Each makes 2nd's, and dodges in 4-3 and 3-4 in turn, but they begin the cycle at different places. It comes in this order after leading:—

	2nd bell	4th bell	3rd bell
First lead	dodge 4-3	dodge 3-4	2nd's place
Second lead	dodge 3-4	2nd's place	dodge 4-3
Third lead	2nd's place	dodge 4-3	dodge 3-4

Remember when dodging over another bell you must 'hold up' a little, and when dodging under you must cut down just a little. Unless you do, you will break the rhythm. Your ears can tell you whether you are too close or too wide. Use them.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

A letter from Mr. F. E. Dawe in reply to Mr. Stephen Wood is unavoidably held over until next week.

ANOTHER OCTAVE FOR LANCASHIRE

TREBLES DEDICATED AT POULTON.

Two new treble bells have been added to the six at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, and they were dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn as they stood in the chancel on Sunday. Ever since 1911 there have been two pits provided for them, and the bells have now been given by an anonymous donor.

They weigh 3½ cwt. and 3¾ cwt. respectively and are inscribed:—

'Peace. To commemorate the reign of King George V. and Queen Mary.'

'Goodwill. To commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.'

The old six came from the foundry of Abel Rudhall in 1741 and were restored and hung in a frame for eight in 1911. The new bells have been cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church on Thursday, October 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Bone 1, Mrs. R. Pacey 2, Miss B. Hart 3, S. Pacey 4, Rev. H. G. Benson 5, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 6, C. D. Nichols 7, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the dedication festival of the church.

HALESOWEN'S INTERESTING BELLS.

WORK OF AN OLD EDGBASTON FOUNDER.

A successful meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Halesowen, when over 50 ringers and friends were present.

Halesowen Parish Church is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and constructed in successive styles of architecture, the tower being commenced about 1390 and completed in 1440. The bells are particularly interesting, and F. W. Hackwood, a local historian, gives the following details in his book, 'Oldbury and round about.'

'The bells of Halesowen are a musical set of eight in the key of E justly admired for their clearness of tone. Six of these were placed in the steeple in the year 1707 and not improbably the old bells were recast at the same time. Some half-century after this a gentleman named Skittleton on a visit from London, while admiring the sweetness of the tone in the bells, at the same time lamented that they were not a perfect octave and generously offered to rectify the fault by presenting the first and second bells. The offer was accepted and on the arrival of the new bells they were welcomed by a public demonstration. At first they were fixed in a frame over the other bells, but this arrangement being found inconvenient, they were afterwards fixed in a range, which was ingeniously effected by raising the carriages of the two largest bells.'

The trebles were cast by Lester and Pack, of London, in 1753, and the others by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1707. Joseph Smith lived opposite the Swan Inn, at Edgbaston, and his name appears on many bells in the Midlands which were cast in the early 18th century, some of them, however, being no credit to his memory. The sixth was subsequently recast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1778, and thereby hangs a tale.

It was an old custom on Shrove Tuesday immediately the hour of eleven in the morning had struck for the ringers to strike the bells with hammers as well as ringing them. On one occasion the 6th was cracked and remained so until a woman named Susannah Box indicted the churchwardens for having a cracked bell. They had it recast with their own names upon it in 1778.

The tenor is in the region of 16-17 cwt., and has a number of William III. coins cast on it. It is inscribed as follows:—

'When the sound of bells doth pierce the ear,
Come to church God's word to hear.
My mournful voice doth warning give,
That here men cannot always live.'

The 5th is inscribed:—

'Be it known to all that doth me see,
That Joseph Smith in Edgbaston made all we.'

There were evidently bells in Halesowen as early as 1518, since the accounts for that year record the payment of 5 marks to a bell founder of Nottingham.

At the gathering of the Worcestershire Association the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Davies) conducted a service and gave a very helpful address. Afterwards the association was entertained to tea by the local ringers, and a collection taken for the Belfry Repairs Fund which realised 17s. 2d.

A business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. William Short (Association Ringing Master), Mr. Thomas Hemming (Branch Ringing Master) and Mr. J. S. Mason (branch secretary).

The next meeting was arranged to take place in January at Stourbridge, and the arrangements for the quarterly peal, to be attempted at Halesowen, were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The Branch Ringing Master expressed a wish to retire, and Mr. John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill, was elected in his place.

The branch secretary, Mr. J. S. Mason, and the Central Committee representative, Mr. John Bass, were re-elected for another year.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Hector Bird, an honorary member, resigning from the association, he having left the county. His resignation left a vacancy for an honorary member on the Central Committee, and to overcome this Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, was elected an honorary member, his name being recommended by the branch to fill the vacancy caused.

The Rector of Halesowen was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. C. Tintern, of Wollaston, J. Knott and C. Skipton, of Wordsley, as performing members. The belfry elections of Mr. W. J. Davidson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Mr. F. J. Hinton, of Claverley, were duly ratified.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and the local ringers was carried with applause, and Mr. W. H. Webb, replying, invited the association to come to Halesowen a little more often to ring peals.

Upon returning to the tower the ringing ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

LANCASHIRE VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Wood, of Friezland, Greenfield, near Oldham, who passed away on October 25th. He had reached the advanced age of eighty and had been a ringer for 64 years.

He rang in a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob on his birthday, and only a fortnight before his death walked two miles and rang a 504 for morning service.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES AT ALDERSHOT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was joined by the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at a meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, October 30th. There was a large gathering of ringers and friends from various parts of the Guild, including Bagshot, Yorktown, Worplesdon, Guildford, Portsea, Clandon, Chertsey, Ash, Old Woking, Farnham, Egham, Bentley, Hawley and the local tower. During the afternoon and again in the evening the bells were rung to touches in the standard methods, with rounds for learners.

A fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Rowsell (Vicar of Aldershot), who gave an inspiring address on the work of the ringers for the church and how the bells play an important part in the life of our country.

A splendid tea had been prepared in the Parish Hall by lady ringers of the Aldershot tower, and between 80 and 90 persons enjoyed the meal.

Mr. E. Gower expressed a welcome to the Vicar to the Guild meetings, it being the first meeting at Aldershot since Mr. Rowsell's induction as Vicar. Mr. Gower also thanked the Vicar for conducting the service. A suitable reply was made by Mr. Rowsell, who apologised for having to leave to take another service.

Mr. W. A. Dollimore (an honorary member) was in the chair for the business.

The retiring officers were renominated for 1938, viz., Mr. R. Hasted (Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary), Mr. P. Eldridge (auditor), Mr. W. A. Dollimore (hon. representative), and Messrs. T. Upshall and F. Nye (ringing representatives on the Executive Committee).

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of an hon. member (Mr. E. J. Hickox, Mus.Bac., of Bagshot), who had passed away since the last meeting. The action of the secretary in sending a wreath for the funeral was confirmed.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary) congratulated the Farnham band on their ringing broadcast. It was gratifying to know that the only tower in the Guildford Guild to have had their bells broadcast had not let the Guild down, said Mr. Grover.

It was announced by the secretary that all tower captains had not yet replied regarding the number of ringers able to attend Wednesday afternoon meetings, so no decision could yet be reached.

Hearty thanks were extended to the organist and choir, and a special vote of thanks accorded the lady caterers.

The Ladies' Guild then held their business meeting, at which Mrs. Bruce (vice-president) presided and 16 ladies were present. Miss E. Pascoe, of Aldershot, was elected a member, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Shalford, in February, 1938.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACON'S APPEAL TO CLERGY.

A special meeting of the association was held at the Parish Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, October 23rd, on the invitation of the Vicar and Rural Dean (Canon A. B. Parry-Evans). Only 22 were present, but an enjoyable time was spent by all.

Following the afternoon's ringing, a service was conducted by the Vicar, and an adjournment made for tea. The president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge, of Gosforth) thanked the Vicar for his hospitality, and Canon Parry-Evans, in his reply, welcomed the association to his tower. He regretted the apparent lack of ringers, and suggested that the associations and existing bands of ringers appeal through 'The Ringing World' and even the daily Press for members to come forward and attend conscientiously to Sunday service ringing. In touching upon the present-day opportunities for Sunday excursions, etc., the Canon said that he did not condemn these, realising their value in broadening the mind and giving a means of escape from the daily task. He did, however, appeal for church work to come first. God's purpose, he said, was for people to have liberty, but He did ask them to put Him first, and it was here that the ringers could help in their devotion to duty.

The tower was again visited, and after introductory remarks, the Canon called upon the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen) to unveil a peal board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung to commemorate the Coronation. After the unveiling, the Archdeacon expressed his pleasure at being once more amongst ringers, and, addressing the clergy present, hoped they would support the ringers in their efforts. The country, he said, had passed through a difficult time and he hoped all would pray for the success of the present reign.

Mr. Oubridge thanked the Archdeacon for his remarks and assured him of the co-operation of ringers, and Mr. R. L. Patterson cited, as an instance, that during the week a mission had been held in Sunderland and the ringers in that town had combined to have the bells rung for service each evening during the week.

Two courses of Stedman Triples were rung for the benefit of the Archdeacon, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to further ringing, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major being accomplished.

Two new members were elected at the meeting, and the following towers were represented: Gosforth, Darlington (Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's), Shildon, Staindrop, Sunderland (St. Ignatius'), Newcastle Cathedral, Durham Cathedral, Heighington, Kirkby Stephen and the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Now is the time to read Mr. J. A. Trollope's interesting new book, 'The College Youths.' The tercentenary of the society makes its appearance extremely opportune, and ringers who would like to know all about the history of this venerable ringing fraternity should not fail to read it.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will be 80 years of age next Wednesday. Ringers everywhere will unite in congratulations and good wishes to the most popular man in the Exercise.

A change of venue for the jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild on November 20th has been made. The dinner will be served at Clemences', Market Place, Chester.

After nine years as secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, Mr. S. J. T. Shellock has retired, and Mr. G. H. Spice has been elected to the office. A further report of the meeting held last Saturday at Rochester will appear in our next issue.

The unveiling of a peal board memorial to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, formerly Master of the Surrey Association, is to take place at Mitcham Parish Church on November 27th on the occasion of a meeting of the North-Western District.

We are glad to say that Mr. Jim Bennett is making rapid recovery from the operation performed on him in St. Bartholomew's Hospital and hopes to be out at the end of this week. He thanks the many friends who have written to him.

The ring of eight bells recently installed at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, by John Taylor and Co., were rung in thanksgiving on Friday, October 29th, when shortly after 10 p.m. the first blast furnace of Richard Thomas and Co.'s new plant was 'blown in.'

As the many processes to put the giant into commission proceeded, the bells sounded through the valley to rounds and 'Queen's,' the newly-formed band not yet being able to do any actual change ringing. The event was a momentous one in the history of the town.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leading article on the above you use the following phrases: (1) 'One wonders how many false peals really have been rung and have passed unnoticed'; and (2) 'The whole spirit of peal ringing . . . . has been based upon the strict truth of what is rung.'

Could one ever come across two more contradictory and yet, under present conditions, perfectly true statements.

At present *peals need not be true*; the conductor only has to think they are—and the majority of conductors to-day have no real knowledge of proving a peal.

Nothing could better illustrate the haphazard consistently inconsistency of the Central Council than its present attitude to peals and their compositions: They must be true, and yet anyone can string together the necessary bobs, or bobs and singles, to produce the required length, and, provided there is no visible repetition, it may be rung and rerung and counted as a peal.

There would appear to be two solutions: (1) The publication of the figures of all peals. (2) The formation of a peal proving committee to whom figures should be submitted for proof before being allowed.

Both these would entail a certain amount of expense—(1) for printing, and (2) for 'search' fees; but composers should be willing to pay this in order to avoid subsequent disappointment by having peals withdrawn when someone finds the error.

I had intended raising this matter at the last Central Council meeting at Canterbury—as I stated in a former letter to you—but was unavoidably absent. The matter will be raised at Leeds by myself if no one else puts forward a motion, but I hope that this important matter will not be left to an unknown member of the Council. It would be better if someone whose name is a 'belfry' word in ringing circles would make the move. J. K. ARMSTRONG.

WESTBURY TOWER REDEDICATED.

35,000 NEW SHINGLES ON SPIRE.

On Sunday last, October 31st, the 13th century tower and spire of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Westbury-on-Severn, was reopened and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester (the Right Rev. Dr. A. C. Headlam). The spire has been completely restored. The old shingles have been stripped off and new shingles to the number of 35,000 have been placed on it. The entire scheme of repair has cost £1,000 and the money has been raised apart from about £80.

After a shortened form of evensong, the choir, followed by the Vicar (the Rev. B. V. Borroughs, M.A.), led the Lord Bishop out of the church to the detached bell tower.

In the course of the impressive ceremony at the tower the churchwardens presented the key of the tower to the Lord Bishop, and his lordship, after throwing open the doors, dedicated afresh the bells and spire to the glory of God and for the calling of the faithful to worship.

After prayers the ringers rang 120 Grandsire Doubles to inform the worshippers inside the church (it was pouring with rain at the time) that the dedication had taken place.

The ringers were Aubrey Vernall 1, A. Burlingham 2, Maurice Watkins 3, E. Gleed 4, A. Gibson (conductor) 5, Victor Gibson 6.

GRESFORD BELLS REOPENED.

ONE OF THE 'SEVEN WONDERS' OF WALES.

Gresford bells have the reputation of being 'one of the seven wonders of Wales,' and have been under restoration. They were re-opened on Saturday, October 23rd. The weather, being rather unkind, prevented many ringers from attending, but a good muster, including ringers from Cheshire, Staffordshire and North Wales, took the opportunity of having a pull on the bells. The towers represented were Wrexham, Ruabon, Mold, Chester, Frodsham, Handbridge, Wallasey, Wistaston and Crewe.

GRESFORD PARISH CHURCH.

Ringing commenced at 2.30, and at a service in church, at which the Rev. Bowen officiated, an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Edwyn Jones), who expressed great pleasure in seeing so many ringers present.

Tea was provided in the Church House, presided over by the Vicar, who was thanked by Mr. Bibby on behalf of the visitors for inviting them to come and try the bells. It was, he said, always a pleasure to come to Gresford. During the evening the bells were again in great demand for both call changes and method ringing.

Congratulations by all present were showered on Gresford bellringers on the good 'job' that had been done, and it was regretted that Mr. Jack Reeves, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was not there to hear how delighted all were with the excellent 'go' of the bells. Ringing ended about 8.30. Time fled too quickly, and everyone voted that even if the weather was wet, a most enjoyable time had been spent.

ANSTON BAND'S RECORD.

RINGERS' LONG SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.

A remarkable record of service to the Church is provided by the ringers of Anston, near Sheffield. Of seven men who formed the six-bell band 30 years ago, six are living and five are still ringing. They are: Henry Stenton, 50 years; Francis Stenton, his son, 35 years; William Platts, 43 years; Charles Fowler, 60 years; Samuel Smith, 50 years; Herbert Turner, 45 years; Robert Smith, 50 years.

Their total length of service is 333 years. Mr. Samuel Smith, the oldest member of the party, died last Easter Day at the age of 85, and Mr. Robert Smith, 69 years old, gave up ringing about eight years ago for physical reasons. The other five are still ringers at the church. Mr. Charles Fowler, who is aged 77, is the conductor.

Four members of the party are also old members of the choir. They are Mr. Henry Stenton (aged 79), 50 years a chorister; Mr. Robert Smith (aged 69), 45 years; Mr. Herbert Turner (aged 60), 50 years; and Mr. Francis Stenton (aged 48), 40 years; a total of 185 years for the four men.

The ringers are members of the North Notts Association, the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society.

LONG SERVICE AT SEDBERGH.

At Sedbergh, on October 31st, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): R. Atkinson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, H. Haresnape 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the completion of 40 years' service on the part of the ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 8. Total service of the band 273 years and average age 57½ years.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

TO-MORROW'S CELEBRATION IN LONDON.

Laurel Wreaths in Memory of Famous Men.

Three hundred years ago to-day the Society of College Youths was founded in London, and Lord Brereton was elected the first Master. To-morrow the College Youths of 1937 will celebrate the tercentenary.

Ringers from all parts of the country are coming to London for the festival, the chief features of which, in addition to the dinner at the Cannon Street Hotel, will be the service at St. Paul's Cathedral, preceded by the unveiling of the restored memorial, at St. Dionys' Church, to Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor of London and Master of the College Youths in 1684.

This latter ceremony is to take place at 3 o'clock, and the service at St. Paul's at 4 p.m. This will be the usual evensong, but a special hymn and anthem are to be sung, a course of Stedman Triples will be rung on handbells, and an address given by the Ven. Archdeacon of London. Seats will be reserved under the Dome for members and friends, and the collection will be for the society's Benevolent Fund and St. Paul's Cathedral.

The ringing for this service will begin at 3.30 and be carried out by the St. Paul's Cathedral band. St. Paul's belfry will *not* be open for visitors before the service.

The Master (Mr. E. H. Lewis) will receive the members and guests at Cannon Street Hotel at 5.15 p.m., and dinner, at which a company of nearly 420 is expected, will be served at six o'clock.

In view of the large number to be received, members are asked to be at the Cannon Street Hotel in good time.

Between 12.30 and 3 p.m. the bells of various city churches will be open for ringing.

To-day laurel wreaths are being placed by the society in Brereton Church, Cheshire, in memory of Lord Brereton, who is buried there; in St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in memory of Benjamin Annable, whose grave is near the tower; and in St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in memory of Fabian Stedman.

The inscriptions on the wreaths were as follows:—

From the Ancient Society of College Youths, in grateful memory of William, Lord Brereton, who founded the Society on 5th November, 1637, and was the first Master.

From the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded 5th November, 1637, in grateful memory of Fabian Stedman, who was Master of the Society in 1682.

From the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded 5th November, 1637, in grateful memory of Benjamin Annable, who was a member of the Society from 1722 to 1756 and Master in 1746.

On each inscription is the date 5th November, 1937.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad if Past Masters who have not received a personal invitation to be included in a photographic group will kindly be present at St. Dionys' Church at 2.40 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday morning there will be ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 10 o'clock, and at St. Clement Danes, Strand, at 10.30. Afterwards members and their friends are invited to meet the Master at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

Next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be a special 'Tercentenary' number, and will contain a full report of Saturday's proceedings.

In connection with the coming tercentenary celebrations, eight members of the society resident in the Bromley, Kent, district met at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on October 28th, and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Groombridge, sen. 1, A. Purdom 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, J. Lyddiard 5, S. J. Humphrey 6, J. Emery (conductor) 7, E. A. Young 8.

After the ringing Mr. Young kindly entertained the band, and the toast, 'The Ancient Society,' proposed by him, was duly honoured. Thanks to Mr. Young for his hospitality were expressed by Mr. Purdom.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Bramshott on Saturday, October 30th. Those present included the Rev. E. A. Berrisford (Rector of Bramshott), the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman), the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse (district vice-chairman) and ringing members from Bramshott, Blackmoor, Petersfield and Steep, with two unattached members, a total of 20. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening from rounds to Bob Minor.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector of Bramshott. Tea was provided in the Church Room, the catering being carried out by Mrs. Berrisford and lady helpers.

A short business meeting followed, at which two new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. L. Marsh and Mr. A. Hutley, both of Petersfield.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the chairman specially thanked the Rector of Bramshott, himself a keen ringer, for all his preparation and the warm welcome he gave the meeting.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER.

BIG GATHERING AT BLACKPOOL.

Presentation to Retiring Ringing Secretary.

The popularity of the annual dinner organised by the Lancashire Association was again demonstrated on Saturday. The event has been moved from place to place in the county, and this year the venue chosen was Blackpool, which, despite the fact that the 'season' was over and the 'illuminations' at an end, drew one of the largest gatherings of the series, which now extends to half a dozen. Members and friends came by train, car and coach from every branch of the association, Liverpool Branch contributing 55, Bolton Branch 48 and others in lesser numbers. Owing to the event clashing with the Blackpool Musical Festival, which took place at the Winter Garden near St. John's Parish Church, only one ring of bells was available in the afternoon, namely, that at the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, and they were well utilised by numerous bands.

Dinner was served at the Imperial Hydro Hotel to a company numbering 250, genially presided over by the Rev. A. Scott, who last year succeeded the late Canon H. J. Elsee as president. Among those who attended were the Mayor of Blackpool, the Vicar of St. John's, Blackpool (the Rev. W. Yates), the Rev. W. S. Mellor (Rural Dean and Vicar of Poulton), Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. C. Sharples (vice-president of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Sharples, Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. C. I. Davies (hon. treasurer), Mrs. and Miss Davies, Councillor W. Dickinson (Bolton), Mr. and Mrs. P. Crook (Bolton), Mr. and Mrs. S. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson (Sheffield), Mrs. Cotterell and Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), Mr. T. Maude (Pudsey), Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. W. Holding (Crewe), Mr. S. Briggs (Rotherham), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), etc.

After dinner the company honoured the loyal toast, given by the president to 'His Majesty the King—Duke of Lancaster.'

MAYOR'S WELCOME.

The Mayor of Blackpool gave the association a cordial welcome to the town. It was the first time they had held the annual dinner there, he said, and he hoped it was the first of many such visits. His Worship had some amusing stories to tell, and concluded by expressing the hope that from that gathering they would gain inspiration to carry on the good work they were doing.

The President thanked the Mayor for his welcome and said they were honoured to have his Worship among them.

The President said they had with them that night an old friend, who had for long years served the association well and truly as a member and later, for 14 years, had held one of the important offices; he referred to Mr. Arthur Tomlinson. Some time ago Mr. Tomlinson wrote to him offering his resignation from the post of ringing secretary. He was taking over a newsagent's business in Blackpool, which he knew would occupy most of his time, and he felt, after very much consideration, bound to offer his resignation. Although he (the president) would have liked to ask Mr. Tomlinson to reconsider his decision, he knew he would find his time fully occupied by his new business. Therefore, he (the president) felt that in fairness to Mr. Tomlinson he could not ask him to alter his decision, and he felt compelled, with deep and sincere regret, to accept the resignation. He (the speaker) knew he was voicing the opinion of everyone present who had any connection with the association that it would not be fitting to allow such a good friend to leave office, although they were not losing him from the association, without some tangible expression of their respect for him. They had, therefore, subscribed for a very handsome gold watch, which he was going to ask Mr. Tomlinson to receive as a token of their affection and their appreciation. The watch was inscribed: 'Presented to Arthur Tomlinson by the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers as a token of affection and appreciation of his loyal and unselfish services as ringing secretary.'

Mr. Tomlinson received the gift amid loud applause. He expressed his deep thanks and said he did not expect anything for the services he had rendered. The time during which he had been doing the work for the association had been the happiest 14 years of his life (applause).

A SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association,' and congratulated them upon the magnificent gathering assembled that night. He reminded the members that theirs was one of the oldest of the territorial associations and that the ringing organisations of the South looked up to and admired the success which they had achieved. Since the days when the association was founded and when they felt it necessary to mention in their objects that the association was founded because the ranks of ringers 'have been sometimes of necessity filled up by those who have brought scandal upon the profession,' times had changed very considerably. The work of the association and of men like their late president, Canon Elsee, had altered all that. The Lancashire Association had had the loyalty and support of some splendid stalwarts, and he had discovered that their list of members included at least 50 who joined the association over 45 years ago. Such a record of experience was bound to be of great help to their new president, who, he hoped, had a long period of useful and successful work before him. He also hoped that there was no lack of youth coming on to take the place of the old hands, when, as it inevitably must, the time came for them to pass on. He hoped they would give the association every support and reminded them that they could expect to get nothing out of it unless they themselves first put something into it. In conclusion, Mr. Goldsmith referred to the splendid work done for the association by Mr. Shuker, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Sharples and the other officers, and wished the association every success in the future.

The Rev. W. S. Mellor, who replied, said the association was engaged in a great work for God and the Church, a service which took up much of their time, in addition to the time they had spent in attaining proficiency in an art which required a great amount of skill and stamina. He thanked the ringers for their services, in the name of the Church. He also thanked Mr. Goldsmith, not only for his speech, but for the very valuable services which he rendered to change ringers through 'The Ringing World.' The speaker went on to refer to the ceremony which was to take place in his own church at Poulton on the following day, when two new bells were to be dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn. There had been a frame for them ever since 1911, and now the bells had been given by an anonymous donor, one to commemorate the reign of King George V. and Queen Mary and the other the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. It was a splendid thing, he said, that they had good Christian men who would come and help the Church in this way.

The Lancashire Association, he added, appreciated the kind words and good wishes that had been expressed. There was a great amount of work to be done in the belfries, and he knew the association would do its best to see it completed (applause).

VALUE OF SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

Mr. G. R. Newton submitted the toast of 'Our Guests,' and in doing so spoke of the value of the social side of such meetings. Before the war, he said, there were only two gatherings of that kind, one in London and the other in Birmingham. Now there were quite a number held in various parts of the country. The increase, he thought, was due to the great fraternal spirit that pervaded the Exercise. He had been a ringer long enough to know that there was a far more friendly spirit prevailing among ringers and between the various societies now than there was thirty or forty years ago. That was all to the good and dinners such as that were helping towards that end. He hoped there would be more of them, for they did a great deal of good, and the development of the social side was often as important as the work in the belfry. Mr. Newton went on to welcome the visitors, especially the president of the Yorkshire Association (Canon Marshall), whom he congratulated upon having the opportunity next Whitsuntide of welcoming the Central Council to Leeds.

The Rev. W. Yates first replied and said how delighted he was to know that the association had honoured Mr. Charles Sharples by electing him vice-president. Mr. Sharples was captain of the belfry at his (the speaker's) church and he had known him all his life. The honour conferred on him was very well deserved (applause).

Mr. Yates went on to say that he knew very little about bellringing except the fact that bells in Blackpool were very unpopular (laughter), especially when the Musical Festival was being held, as it was that week (laughter). It was a singular thing, he continued, that they should have bells at the coming in of life and at the going out, and he wondered what life would be without them. He thought the world would be a duller place. In conclusion Mr. Yates expressed appreciation of the splendid work ringers were doing.

Canon Marshall, who was cordially received, also responded. He said he had long wanted to attend the Lancashire Association dinner, first because of his great affection for their late president, Canon Elsee, and secondly because he felt he had certain connections with Lancashire. But it was as president of the sister association that he was there that night to offer them fraternal greetings and to express the hope that the very cordial relationship which had always existed between the two associations might continue under their new president as they did under the old president (applause). It had always been a great pleasure to feel that these two great county associations could work side by side for the advancement of the great art which they practised, and he hoped the same cordial feeling would long continue. He congratulated the Lancashire Association on that wonderful gathering, for it put their Yorkshire dinner in the shade in regard to numbers. He emphasised what the proposer had said with regard to the value of such gatherings. The friendship among ringers was an extraordinarily fine thing. A ringer, whether he was a good ringer or a bad ringer, would find a welcome in any belfry and there existed among ringers a friendship which he did not think they would find in any other class or community. He had been struck with it in his own county and was glad of it. Ringing also took one to all parts of the country, and he had learned far more about it than he would otherwise have done. It had helped to convince him that Yorkshire was the best county in England (laughter and applause). But in pursuit of ringing it was also an education to go to all the beautiful churches. There was nothing beside ringing which took them about in that way and it was one of the things they should be thankful for (applause).

Mr. P. Crook proposed 'The Ringing Press' and spoke of the services rendered to the Exercise by 'The Ringing World.' He asked all those present to go back to their towers and endeavour to increase the circulation. He was very proud to say that he had taken the paper from the very first number, and he was very pleased last year, when the list was published, to see how many others had done likewise.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the toast, and remarked that the future of the paper depended upon the ringers themselves.

NO LACK OF YOUNG MEN.

Councillor Dickinson, in commendatory terms, proposed the health of the Chairman, who, in his reply, mentioned that among those who had sent apologies were the Bishop of Blackburn, the Bishop of Lancaster and the Provost of Blackburn. Mention had been made, he said, of the fact that that association was among the first of the territorial societies formed and that they had still many stalwarts left in their ranks. He would like to tell them that one of the original founders of the association in 1876, Mr. W. G. Mann, of Liverpool, was still alive, although he was in considerable ill-health. They could be sure his heart was with them that night and they were glad to remember him on that occasion (applause). Another old friend of the Lancashire Association was Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, who was now living in retirement at Putney. In their name he had sent him a telegram of good wishes. He was an old and valued friend of the association (applause).

Continuing, the President said that going about among the towers of Lancashire and attending the meetings he felt there would be no serious lack of young men to follow in the steps of the older ones when they passed on. As far as he could see, those young men were keen and interested in ringing and in the work of the association, and that, he felt, was what they wanted to foster and encourage as much as they could. He knew that when he learned to ring he must have caused endless anxiety and trouble to those responsible for teaching him. Let them remember, when they felt impatient, that they had all had to learn at some time, and, therefore, they must be patient with the young ringers of to-day. Much of the future of that association and of ringing depended on the care, education and patience of the older people with the generation that is coming on.

The President referred with pleasure to the presence of Mr. Goldsmith and said they were proud of the valuable work he was doing. They were also delighted to have Canon Marshall with them. Proceeding, he said he felt a considerable amount of responsibility was thrust upon him when they elected him president of that association. It was no light task to endeavour to follow in the steps of Canon Elsee, who, for over 40 years, served them loyally and well and who had the affairs of the association at his finger tips. He had found it difficult to pick up the threads of the work his predecessor had done during that long period and he could assure them the office was no sinecure. He was proud and pleased to take on to the full all the work involved and he devoted considerable time to it, but the association could never prosper as it did without the loyal and enthusiastic work of the other officers. To Mr. Tomlinson they had expressed from their hearts what they felt with regard to his services. He had read in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. Shuker had just rung a peal in commemoration of his 50 years' ringing and it was his 150th peal. They congratulated Mr. Shuker on that record and wished him many more happy years of ringing and service to the association (applause). To their vice-president, Mr. Sharples, they owed a very special debt of gratitude for the able way in which he had arranged that dinner. He congratulated Mr. Sharples and offered him their sincere thanks. The President added that he wanted to thank all the members for the collaboration and help which they had given to each other and to him in furthering the work of ringing in Lancashire. He wanted them to know that he was at the service of the association, and anything in which he could serve ringers and further ringing in Lancashire he would be most pleased to do (applause).

During the evening handbell selections were given by Mr. J. Booth and Miss Booth, of Wigan, whose skilful rendering of various pieces greatly delighted the audience. Vocal items were contributed by the talented Meistersingers (Miss Peggy Thompson, Miss Gladys Bury, Mr. Tom Brown and Mr. J. B. Tomlinson), who, in addition to some popular quartets, individually rendered songs which were much enjoyed. Mr. J. S. Warburton was at the piano, and at the close the artistes were thanked by the president.

The large party spent a very enjoyable evening, and Mr. C. Sharples, who was solely responsible for the arrangements, is heartily to be congratulated upon the success attained.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I owe my humble apologies to Mrs. Hairs for having in my speech at the dinner of the Ladies' Guild attributed to Mrs. Fletcher the perfect ringing of a course of Bob Royal at the Westminster Palace Hotel in 1912.

Miss E. L. Bennett was the lady who received the well-merited tribute from Sir Arthur Heywood.

My memory was at fault and I am sure that Mrs. Hairs would be ready to admit that the result might have been much the same if Miss Parker had been ringing 1-2. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

In also pointing out this error, Mr. F. I. Hairs says: Apart from personal congratulations from Sir Arthur on the evening referred to, Miss Bennett also received a letter from Sir Arthur (dated Nov. 16th, 1912), from which I quote: '. . . I take my hat off to you and your performances, while I also recall the neat handling of your bells and your excellent striking at our Central Council evening.'

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Fifty Years of Good Work.

The jubilee of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was celebrated at Alfreton on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing took place on the eight bells at the Parish Church, and a well-attended service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. De Cas), the address being given by the Rev. R. E. Birtwistle, a former ringing member of the association. He spoke of the significance of bells and said that a ringer should be a good type of Christian. He outlined many lessons to be derived from ringing, such as regularity, perseverance, patience, hearty service, kindness and forbearance. Team work was necessary for successful ringing.

A substantial meal was afterwards served in the Church Hall. Mr. Wilson Dobb (president) occupied the chair, supported by the Revs. L. H. De Cas, R. E. Birtwistle, J. C. T. Taggart and officers of the association.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to members and visitors, and especially the Rev. R. E. Birtwistle, who joined the association as a ringing member of Tibshelf tower in 1908. He also welcomed Mr. H. Draycott, the oldest member present, who joined in 1889. He had 'held the ropes' for 48 years and had a truly creditable record. The Chairman remarked that the association was a happy family of church-workers, and concluded by advising young ringers to always follow the advice and instructions of their leader.

The Rev. R. E. Birtwistle, in an interesting speech, referred to the honour conferred upon him by being asked to preach, and mentioned several rules concerning ringers and ringing of 100 years ago. He congratulated the association on the attainment of its jubilee.

The Rev. L. H. De Cas welcomed the association to Alfreton. He had been told that bellringing was on the wane, and that there was not the same interest taken in it as was the case many years ago. That, if true, was a great pity, and it was up to this association and all churchgoers to stimulate interest in bellringing.

A REVIEW OF FIFTY YEARS.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. England) gave an interesting resumé of the records of the association, with a list of officers since its formation. The association was formed at a meeting held at Clay Cross on October 29th, 1887, and was confined to towers of not more than six bells. The annual meeting had to be held on Easter Monday each year at Clay Cross. The name of the association was then the East Derbyshire Association, and it consisted of 45 members from six towers. It was interesting to record that eight members of the Hill family, of South Normanton, and four members of the Beardow family, of Ashover, joined the association. The Rev. Canon Massey was the first president and held the office for eight years, being succeeded by the Rev. J. B. Nodder, who is still Rector of Ashover. The rules were later amended to include eight-bell towers, and in 1901 it was decided to change the venue of the annual meeting. Later on, there was an unsuccessful attempt to change the name to the Derby Diocesan Association. In 1927 came affiliation to the Central Council, and in 1928 the alteration in name to its present designation. The secretary observed, with reference to the remarks of the Rev. L. H. De Cas, that he could assure him that bellringing, instead of being on the wane, was improving by leaps and bounds, and with the co-operation of those present, and particularly the young ringers, would continue to do so in that district. He also mentioned the sterling qualities and work accomplished by old officers and members, particularly the late Mr. T. Allibone, who was for 25 years secretary and five years president, Mr. J. W. Scott, Mr. T. Stimpson (17 years treasurer), Mr. C. J. Partridge and Mr. G. Taylor, who had now passed away, and others who had done noble work in the district, among them being Mr. T. Bettison, of Mansfield, the Butler brothers, of North Wingfield, Mr. J. A. Scott, of North Shields, Mr. F. Watkinson, now of Handsworth, whose names came readily to mind, and their example had been an inspiration to the present officials to carry on the good work and 'keep the flag flying.'

Mr. T. Clarke, Ringing Master, in the course of an interesting speech, referred to the value of 'The Ringing World,' and appealed to all ringers to give it their support and increase the circulation so that we could have a better and cheaper journal.

During the evening vocal items were rendered by Mr. J. Wright (who sang the song, 'Drinking,' with such effect that several members suddenly disappeared for a time), Mr. F. Cooke, Mr. A. Elliott, Mr. H. Fradgley and Mr. J. W. England. Mr. A. Lane accompanied the singing, and courses of Bob Major were rung on handbells by the young members of the Kirkby-in-Ashfield band.

A vote of thanks to the artistes, caterers and accompanists was moved by Mr. C. M. Heathcote (treasurer) and seconded by Mr. C. Carr, of Mansfield.

Mr. R. Walker and Mr. T. H. Marriott expressed the thanks of the non-ringing visitors, and wished the association every success. Over 60 members and friends were present, including Mr. J. Pagett (Derby), Mr. Ferguson (Repton) and Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham), and the gathering was a huge success.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James for the evening harvest thanksgiving service on October 3rd, 1,248 of Bob Major: H. Floyd 1, H. Walker (first quarter-peal of Major) 2, A. Walker 2, J. Hunt 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Bungay 6, J. Roy 7, W. Gigg (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Wendon on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. —F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, November 6th. The bells of St. Paul's Church (10), will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.15. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ormskirk, on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Mr. G. Wright, sen., will arrange tea for anyone sending him a card addressed Enderby Road, Thurlaston.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come, as *you* will help to make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, November 6th, at Timberland (6 bells, subject to the tower being available).—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—A practice meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, November 6th. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All are welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) available 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. —R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley Parish Church on Saturday, November 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

BISHAMPTON, NEAR PERSHORE, WORCS.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

IVER, NEAR SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Ringers are invited to attend a reopening of the ring of eight which will take place on Sunday, November 7th, at the 11 o'clock service. Bells rehung in a new steel frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for November: Service ringing Nov. 7th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., at 10 a.m.; practices at St. Clement Danes', November 8th and 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 30th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th (election night); St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. —The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Mossley, near Manchester, on November 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, November 10th, certain?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in the Church Hall at 9d. per head, to all who notify me by Tuesday, November 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walsden on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea 5.15. Further ringing from 6 to 7.30 p.m. Look up Duffield. —T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells from 3.15. Service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members are asked to make special efforts to attend this meeting, and all ringers and friends will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—What have you done for the Guild this year? If the answer is 'Nothing' or 'Not much,' make amends by attending the district meeting at Shalford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Don't trouble to send your name for tea. I am in form at guessing. (If you see the joke, let me know by November 9th).—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Longparish on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All welcome. All requiring tea please notify F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, by Wednesday, November 10th. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than November 10th?—Annual committee meeting after tea.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Stow Bardolph, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., St. Neots, Hunts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available during the evening. Will members of the branch committee meet after tea to arrange programme of meetings.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3.30. As there has not been a meeting of the district this year, please come and see what happens. Tea can be obtained near the church.—Tom Clarke, Dis. President.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify by the 10th? Every body welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hertford on November 13th, when the All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Regal Cafe, Fore Street, after. All ringing friends, members or not, will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Sileby (6 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. E. Talbot, Normanhurst, Seagrave Road, Sileby, by Thursday, the 11th inst. Please roll up and make this a successful meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute at 5.45 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret (8 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The meeting is at Worksop (8 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Rounds to London Surprise. For tea please send postcard to Mr. A. Johnson, 3, South View, Cheapside, Worksop, before November 11th.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, November 13th. The peal of ten, tenor 25 cwt., available at 2.30 p.m. Will those intending to come please let me know?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lincoln on November 13th. Bells available: St. Peter at Gowt's (6) from 2.30 p.m., and St. Botolph's (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea afterwards. Tea will be provided to those who apply to Mrs. McGuiness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, November 9th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches will be held at Alwalton (5 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Usual arrangements. Please notify either of the branch secretaries for tea.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Rev. L. S. Clarke, Polebrooke Rectory, Oundle, Peterborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 13th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 11th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The jubilee dinner and concert will be held at Clemences', Market Place, Chester (and not at Stafford Hotel, City Road), on Saturday, November 20th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, or the branch secretaries, before November 13th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting. If you intend to be present, a postcard by Thursday, the 18th, will assure you of a good tea.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby, with meeting to follow. Fulham bells (10) from 7 to 8 p.m. Let's have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, the 18th inst.—A. P. Cannon, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome, but please let me know by Wednesday, November 17th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, at Angel Hotel, 1s. per head. Half-rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Kelly, 3, Broadway, Fairfield, Droylsden, not later than November 17th.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at Express Dairy on London Bridge Station approach. Business meeting in vestry after tea. All names for tea by the 16th, please.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A united meeting of the Calne and Swindon branches will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 20th, when it is also hoped to have the co-operation of the Devizes and Chippenham branches. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Usual arrangements for service at 4.30, and tea in the Schoolroom for all. A card would be welcomed so as to provide sufficient to meet all requirements. The date coincides with L. A. Wilson's 40 years as towerkeeper.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Anne's Parish Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea in Institute at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, rehung in new steel frame) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after. All those requiring tea *must* let me know by November 17th.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Bruce Castle Bakery, near the church, at 5.30, at 1s. each. Please advise me by November 17th. Special method, Edmonton Bob Major. A practice will take place at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, November 17th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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