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THE PLANNING OF MEETINGS.

There is a good deal of point in the matter raised by a district secretary elsewhere in this issue, in regard to the clashing of meetings in adjoining areas. It is just the outcome of lack of consultation between neighbouring secretaries, and could—as it is in some instances—be easily avoided. Our correspondent quotes two cases of organisations arranging meetings for the same date at towers within two or three miles of each other. On the face of it, it seems absurd, for one or both meetings must suffer, or at any rate fail to be the success they otherwise might be. Even within the ranks of a single association there are often meetings which clash, through the more or less indiscriminate way in which the district secretaries arrange these gatherings. Sometimes, of course, it is unavoidable—dates cannot be made to fit. But even allowing for this, there is far too much overlapping.

There are some secretaries who are able to adhere to one particular Saturday a month, or quarter, as the case may be, for the meetings in his district, and neighbouring secretaries who know this, if they are wise, avoid these dates when making their own arrangements. Often, however, the selection of places and dates is a haphazard affair, with no settled plan—it depends on the whim of the members at the previous meeting. In some organisations a scheme of meetings for the whole year is drawn up, largely, of course, for internal convenience, but it is a plan which works well by preventing the clashing of events which inevitably happens otherwise. Similar arrangements could, we imagine, be made without much trouble between neighbouring associations by secretaries of adjoining districts. The essential point is to take the necessary steps in good time. When, as sometimes happens, the clashing is not known until the meetings are advertised, it is, of course, too late to change the dates; it is only by preliminary co-operation that successful results can be achieved. It is the clashing of dates more than the selection of neighbouring towers that should be avoided, for even if the towers are twenty instead of two miles apart, there may still be, in these days of easy transport, some who would be prevented from attending both meetings, although they would like to do so.

We suggest that in the coming year associations might with advantage not only arrange the meetings in their own areas so that there is no overlapping, but co-operate with adjoining organisations to avoid clashing. If neighbouring secretaries would make it part of their organising efforts to get into touch, advantageous and useful results could be obtained. After all, the associations

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are aiming at the same objects, and the more they can facilitate each other's work the better for both. The clashing of dates is due entirely to want of co-operation, and, when one comes to think of it, is entirely unnecessary except in rare cases.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937 in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	... 7
JAMES A. TRALE	... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	... 8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON...	... 3	WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...	... 9
SIDNEY F. PALMER ...	... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	... 10
ALBERT H. WARD ...	... 5	A. PADDON SMITH... ...	... 11
GEORGE ROBINSON ...	... 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First 'touch' on twelve bells as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Woodhead and W. H. Barber.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

DANIEL COOPER	...*Treble*	JOHN W. WARD	... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	... 2	THOMAS G BANNISTER	... 7
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	3	*HARRY W. SIMMONS ...	... 8
ROYDON DAVIES	... 4	AMOS W. CLARK ...	... 9
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	5	FRANK E. DARBY... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*WALTER NICHOLS ...	...*Treble*	TOM CLARKE	 6
*GEORGE E. FOSTER ...	... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ...	 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ...	... 8
ALEX HUTCHINSON ...	... 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	... 9
†FRANK BROWN	... 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to J. F. Milner.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937 in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	...*Treble*	ROYDON DAVIES	... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ...	... 7
MRS. FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	... 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ...	... 4	FRANK E. DARBY	... 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ...	5	CHARLES H KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E DARBY.

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GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 11 lb.

WILLIAM CHALK	*Treble*	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... ...	2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	6
GEORGE M RASHBROOK ...	3	FRED CHALK...	7
LESLIE J. CLARK	4	RICHARD F. DEAL...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
Arranged and rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

URBAN W. WILDNEY... ...	*Treble*	GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
*EDWARD B. SMITH	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
*WILLIAM A. ROUSE	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
†MAURICE J. LING	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Monday, November 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK LAWTON	*Treble*	JOHN W. TRUELOVE	5
*HARRY PLATT	2	†CHARLES HAINES	6
JOE OGDEN	3	IVAN KAY	7
ISAAC GARTSIDE	4	†FRED POLLITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by I KAY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. J. H. Dunkerley, J.P., who was Vicar's warden for 35 years.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHUCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	REGINALD WOODYATT... ...	6
*PERCY BLISSETT	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
*LEONARD CLAY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT G. HALL	*Treble*	HARRY WYRE	5
ARTHUR GROVE	2	CHARLES W. COOPER... ...	6
JOHN GOODMAN	3	HAROLD J. SHUCK	7
ARTHUR WYRE	4	†LLEWELLYN R. HALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. J. SHUCK.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Toulouse), also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN F. GRINHAM ...	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
THOMAS LINCOLN	2	HERBERT DEVENISH	6
HIRZEL EDWARDS	3	PERCY GREEN	7
GEORGE GREEN	4	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged and rung in connection with a sale of work and social held at the Village Hall.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*HORACE OVER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. WOOD	5
ARTHUR ROWLEY	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	6
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ...	3	†ALFRED BALLARD	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	HARRY P. WORILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Triples and in the method. † 50th peal of Stedman.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PENN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	THOMAS J. ELTON	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	BERT HORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W WASHBROOK. Conducted by BERT HORTON.
First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method as conductor.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. POSTON	5
CHARLES L. SADLER	2	*ERNEST F. SALMONS	6
JOHN J. WEBB	3	H ERNEST COX	7
ALFRED T. POULTON	4	WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL... ...	*Treble*	CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
JOHN R. YOUNG	2	JOHN R. KEMP	6
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	7
WILLIAM WILKINSON	4	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. FLATTERS
First peal in the method on the bells and by the branch. Except the ringer of the 5th, none of the band had previously struck a blow in the method.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP...	*Treble*	WALTER H. DOBBIE	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	2	ARTHUR S. BOAR	6
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ...	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 14, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Treble*	EDWARD C. COOKE	5
ROBERT W. COOKE	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
MISS JESSIE COOKE	3	GEORGE A. COOKE	7
WALLACE W. COUSINS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*VICTOR G. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	HENRY HUTTON	5
*THOMAS W. WHITE	2	COLIN A. HOPPER	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
*DONALD E. BRISTOW	4	HERBERT W. COLLIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal. A farewell to the Rev. H. D. Pilcher, curate in the parish.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 16, 1937 in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK BORLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WATHEN	5
ROBERT J. STEED	2	SHELFORD SPARROW	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD	7
*FRANK ROPER	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal on eight bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY	*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
JOHN WHEADON	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	JAMES E. BAILEY	7
FRANK E. WALKER	4	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E BAILEY.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor and first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
*BERNARD H. SWINSON	2	*DEREK M. SHARP	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	*EDWIN A BARNETT	7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	†HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE	2	FRANCIS KIPK	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7
WALTER AYRE	4	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* 250th peal. The first peal in the method. A birthday peal for C. W. Woolley and Ena, daughter of Walter Ayre.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK PICKERING	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
TOM BROTHWELL	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
ARTHUR FIRTH	3	REGINALD PAYNE	7
LESLIE HEYWOOD	4	ALBERT NASH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the fifth ringer.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. SMITH	5
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	*URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL	*Treble*	*HARRY WILDE	5
EDGAR WHITELEY	2	HAROLD PEARCE	6
*SAM LONGBOTTOM	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
ALBERT PICKLES	4	*RONALD SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. Handley, M.A., who is leaving the parish for Scarborough.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*MARIE I. GOODSHIP	*Treble*	PHILLIS HUMPHREY	5
†FREDA CLAYTON	2	DORIS COLGATE	6
†FLORENCE K. HARTLE	3	EDITH K. FLETCHER	7
†ELSIE K. FULTON	4	FRANCES BOTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild. Rung to celebrate the Guild's silver jubilee.

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CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. No. 13. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
ERNEST WILSON	2	ALLEN MORGAN	6
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
*RAYMOND C. SAYERS	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

RICHARD CONSTANT	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
RICHARD SMITH	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JOHN WHEADON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
DEREK M. SHARP	4	JAMES E. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY
Specially rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Richard Smith.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

WILLIAM FLATT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
CHARLES W. LOOME	2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal by all on the bells and for the association in the single method.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD V. FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. WILLETT	5
RONALD A. TUFFIN	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
*ALFRED J. BULL	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
EDWARD G. TALBOT	4	WALTER CLAYDON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.
* 300th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
*PERCY NEWTON	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by G. MARTIN.
* First peal in the method.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	JOSEPH GOACHER	6
*RONALD WALKER	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
NORMAN V. HARDING	4	GEORGE L. GROVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, October 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents with the ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH SAUNDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM TURNER, JUN.	4
WILLIAM TURNER, SEN.	2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	5
CHARLES LUCAS	3	EDWARD AMIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD
First peal by all the band excepting the 4th ringer. All are Sunday service ringers at Hartlebury.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Friday, November 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,520 of Plain Bob and 2,520 of Grandsire.

*R. HATWELL	*Treble*	H. RADLER	4
W. BUTLER	2	*G. H. POTT	5
H. P. FLOYD	3	W. E. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. JONES
* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. A birthday compliment to W. Butler.

COPPOCK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, November 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
JAMES W. JENNINGS	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 24 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN J. KING	*Treble*	†WILLIAM G. COOPER	3
†P.C. HENRY J. VINCE	2	ALFRED J. FORD	4
†GEORGE R. FINCH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by G. R. FINCH.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

FREDERIC W. LAWSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR HOWES	4
*CHARLES A. FARROW	2	ERIC S. GOOCH	5
HENRY E. WOODHOUSE	3	EDWARD HOWES	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.
* First peal. First peal in two methods by all except the conductor.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minute
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEORGE VESSEY	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4
FRANK VERNON	2	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY	5
JACK VESSEY	3	†RICHARD H. M. HARVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. H. M. HARVEY.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung for Armistice Day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Cambridge and Primrose; (2) Surfleet; (3) Beverley; (4) Netherseale; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) London. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS TOMPKINS ...	...*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ...	2	*FRANCIS KIRK	5
HORACE L. WAITE	3	†WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in eight methods. † 450th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells and first in more than one method.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR STEDMAN ...	...*Treble*	†MICHAEL G. WHEAT... ...	4
JAMES E. BURLES	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
NICHOLAS NEWBY	3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RONALD W. STEWARD...	...*Treble*	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	4
MISS ELEANOR REEVE ...	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
JAMES W. JENNINGS	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Specially arranged as a bachelors' and spinsters' peal for the Guild.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE LATHAM	...*Treble*	WILLIAM DEAN	4
TREVOR PRITCHARD	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
BASIL LATHAM	3	THOMAS PRICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung to commemorate the Armistice.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods: (1) College Single Reverse; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Double Court; (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

HARRY CARTER	...*Treble*	ALBERT L. DIXEY...	4
ALEC M. GENERY	2	THOMAS BIRD	5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	3	RALPH BIRD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in eight methods by all and on the bells.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours & Forty Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ...	...*Treble*	PERCY TOMPKINS	3
*ERNEST EAST	2	JOHN CHURCH	4

R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to St. Paul's Walden for the dedication of the organ.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. M. SPICE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BRETT	4
JABEZ WALTER	2	EDWARD TRENDALL	5
PERCY W. SMITH...	3	BERTRAM J. LUCK... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. J. LUCK.

A birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes), also in honour of the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Treble*	JAMES W. JENNINGS	4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
*JOHN PENNELL	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, EALING AND RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Edwin Jennings.

The peal consisted of 1,440 London, 672 each of Cambridge and Rutland, 768 each of Ealing, Superlative and Bristol, with 135 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

CANON COLERIDGE'S BIRTHDAY.

Members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Seale Parish Church on November 10th in honour of the 80th birthday of Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Guild: Capt. H. J. Cann 1, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, R. Kenward 3, T. E. Denyer 4, R. J. Whitford 5, E. Gardner 6. First quarter-peal by Capt. Cann, who is Canon Coleridge's nephew.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, for morning service on November 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung to mark the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Fieldhouse, a member of the local company: G. Gaunt 1, James Hey 2, Miss O. Renton 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, Joseph Thackray 5, Frank Rayment 6. For evening service 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: Joseph Thackray 1, G. Gaunt 2, Olive Renton 3, J. Fieldhouse 4, A. Fieldhouse 5, F. Rayment 6, James Hey tenor (covering).

On Sunday, November 7th, the wedding of Mr. William H. Lawley (a member of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton) and Miss Edith E. Hartshorn was solemnised at Queen Street Church, Wolverhampton. In honour of the event touches of 627 Stedman Caters and 270 Grandsire Caters were rung at St. Peter's Church by H. Knight (conductor) 1, G. A. Baker 2, T. Roden 3, H. Griffiths 4, J. Whatmore 5, J. Williams 6, T. Smith 7, F. Brotherton 8, B. Horton 9, R. Thompson 10.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW BISHOP OF LICHFIELD BECOMES PATRON.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Burslem on Saturday, November 13th. Thirty-six members were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Draycott, Fenton, Kidsgrove, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and Stone.

Tea was held in the Schoolroom, where a welcome to the association was extended by Mr. J. Hurd, in the absence of the Rector.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells, and also the use of a room for a committee meeting.

Four new members were elected, viz., C. Jackson, of Newcastle, and J. Snape, S. Till and G. Hounslow, of Darlaston.

A letter was read by the secretary from the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, in which he said: I am glad to succeed my predecessors as patron of the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers. Please tell them how interested I am to hear of the peal rung on the occasion of my enthronement.'

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT TWICKENHAM.

PRESIDENT ACTS AS HOST.

On Saturday, November 13th, the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild visited St. Mary's Church, Twickenham. Ringers attended from a wide area, including places as far apart as Crayford and Watford, while district towers sent their representatives.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the president of the association, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, who is also the Vicar of St. Mary's. The lesson was read by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, and a feature of the service was the singing of the new ringers' hymn, 'Ruislip Bells.'

Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Lovell, both wives of local ringers, served a tasty tea in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, and was supported by all the district officers.

Two new lady members from the Ruislip band were elected.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) read an appeal on novel lines from Mr. P. Amos, seeking funds for the augmentation of the bells (or bell!) at St. Andrew's, Northampton.

Before the tower was revisited, the company were entertained to some change ringing on handbells. The keen air outside kept an appreciative audience in close company to the stove until the last possible moment! The tower-bell ringing, varied in character as usual, ranged from rounds and Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HUGHENDEN.

Once again the young and the not so young joined forces to produce a most interesting monthly practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. As there are no facilities for tea nearer Hughenden than High Wycombe, it was arranged that those who could would meet at Lyons and there fortify themselves for the evening's ringing. This was done by the usual stalwarts, who then found their way by various means to the tower, which, by the way, really needs a summer's day for one to appreciate the full beauty of its setting.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were soon rung, also, the experts having arrived, Double Norwich, Superlative, London, Cambridge and Bristol were likewise disposed of.

An encouraging feature of this meeting was the number of towers represented and the presence of those members of the Guild who perform such good work in scoring peals, but who, alas, are not often seen at monthly practices. It was also gratifying to welcome visitors from other societies.

An amusing interlude was caused by one, who, on discovering in the pockets of the jacket which fitted him so well several articles which were unfamiliar to him, began to bestow them one by one on a more suitable owner. On investigation he was found to be the rightful owner of the jacket as well. Further amusement was caused later by two other jackets being twin brothers.

Plain courses of Grandsire were made full use of by keen beginners, whilst others refreshed their memory for a course of Yorkshire. This was followed by Oxford Bob Triples and Little Bob Major, the novelty and music being enjoyed by novice and expert alike. Three leads of Kent and a well-struck bob course of Stedman Triples brought to a close a happy and enjoyable evening.

DEATH OF OAKLEY CAPTAIN.

We regret to record the passing of another of the Winchester and Portsmouth (Basingstoke District) members in Mr. William Hunt, for many years captain of Oakley tower, and a very highly respected member of the Guild.

He was buried at Oakley Church, the service being conducted by the Rev. Judewine, Rector and chairman of the Basingstoke Branch. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells around the grave as a token of respect by members of the Basingstoke District: Rev. H. S. Marle 1, B. Garrett 2, J. Munday 3, F. Munday 4, J. Chesterman 5, F. Knapp 6, C. Ostler 7, H. Garrett 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday was a great success. We hope to publish a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

A ring of five bells at Corley, Coventry, which have been restored, are to be rededicated on Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. James George, of Birmingham, will celebrate his 84th birthday on Saturday. Many good wishes will, we are sure, find their way to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, to-morrow.

We once heard Mr. George say he hoped to live to be 117. Well, he's doing his best. He is still a 'tough guy' at the end of a bell rope, and is hoping to celebrate his birthday next week by taking part in several peal attempts.

The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Hoad, a respected member of the band at Salehurst, Sussex. The funeral took place on November 18th and two days later a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his memory.

A ringer, who recently called a peal of Stedman Triples, which was his first peal as conductor, thanks us for the help he got from the Beginners' articles on Stedman a few months back. 'You pointed out facts,' he says, 'which ordinary people like myself might not have seen in ten years.'

To-morrow a peal board memorial is to be unveiled at Mitcham Parish Church to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., Master of the Surrey Association from 1913 to his death in 1928.

He was a member of Mitcham Society for over 50 years; his father was a ringer for over 50 years and his eldest son for over 20 years until killed in action in the Great War.

Two lady ringers in Australia are to be married shortly. Miss Joan Helen Kynaston, daughter of the Vicar of Hambledon, Hants, who has been teaching the girls at Frensham School the art of change ringing, is to be married at Mittagong, New South Wales, on the last day of the year.

Early in the new year the wedding is to take place in Melbourne of Miss Frey Shimmin, the young Australian lady who took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Armistice Day, 1934.

A few copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing the full report of the College Youths' tercentenary celebrations, may still be obtained, price 3½d. each, post free, from 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking.

THE OLDEST SOCIETY OF RINGERS.

THE CLAIMS OF LINCOLN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the recent celebration of the tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths the claim was made that it is the oldest society of ringers in the world. Some years ago, when a similar claim was made, I wrote to the 'Times' and pointed out that the 'Company of Ringers of our Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln' has a still older history. But as the assertion of this other claim is still repeated, I would again call attention to the facts, which are as follows:—

In the Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln there are two documents, containing (1) the Ordinances of the Ringers, dated 1612, together with the names of the company, beginning with Robert Sandye, scrivener (who was Master in 1614), and (2) the Letters Patent of the Dean and Chapter to the Company of Ringers, dated September 23rd, 1614.

The Ringers' Chapel by the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral has painted upon its walls, with ornamental borders, a list of the Masters of the ringers from 1614 to 1635, as well as the names of the company in 1634, and in 1722-25.

A reprint of these documents, and a description of the lists painted on the walls of the Ringers' Chapel, will be found in Bradshaw and Wordsworth's 'Lincoln Cathedral Statutes, III.,' pp. 603-627.

It will thus be seen that the Lincoln Company was established 23 years earlier than the Society of College Youths.

J. H. SRAWLEY, Chancellor of Lincoln.

The Chancery, Lincoln.

THE SPLICED SURPRISE 'SIX' ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Please allow me the space to congratulate Mr. Cashmore and his colleagues on their latest and most wonderful performance. I agree that it is one of the most brilliant ringing achievements of all time. As a member of the band that rang the first peal in six Surprise Major methods at Willesden some few years ago I can remember the thrill which came with success—but I feel sure that there must be a double thrill after having rung two bells through such a peal. That the ringing is good goes without saying; it would be impossible to correct a bad trip with so much to think about.

That this talented band will go on to many more successes is the wish of the great majority of ringers, I am sure, even though the names of the methods may be taken from Bradshaw's guide, and contain the ridiculous word 'Surprise'—ridiculous, perhaps, only to those who have to keep Plain.

C. T. COLES.

BOURNEMOUTH'S RECAST BELLS

DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

A Memorial Sacring Bell.

St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, now possesses a magnificent peal of eight bells with tenor of 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E. The peal has been recast and tuned on the 'true-harmonic' system, rehung in the old frame on modern fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Thus the bells have received long delayed attention which has transformed them into one of the finest eights on the South Coast.

When the work was first discussed about a year ago it was felt, in view of the precarious state of the church funds, that work of re-hanging the peal alone could be considered. Even this project suffered a setback when the church finances were examined at the end of the year, but the desire to instal a Sacring bell in memory of the late Archdeacon A. E. Daldy, Vicar of St. Peter's for 16 years, brightened the prospects of restoration considerably.

The bells were originally cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1870, and, having heard them, Mr. E. Denison Taylor strongly recommended that they should be recast. Further, he supported his recommendation with a most generous offer to bear half the cost of such work. The Vicar, Canon Hedley Burrows, thus encouraged by practical sympathy, launched his appeal to the townspeople for the balance to enable complete restoration of the town's only peal of bells to commemorate Coronation year, 1937. He received the full support of the Coronation Mayor, Alderman T. V. Rebbeck, with the happy result that Capt. H. B. Norton came forward to complete the fund with a generous cheque for £400. Other sums received since that date from various organisations have allowed for restoration of the belfry and other necessary extra work to ensure the completeness of the peal.

DISTRICTS WITHOUT CHURCHES AND BELLS.

The rededication service took place on Saturday last, the Lord Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett) officiating and giving the address. The service was fully choral and the church filled to capacity. After an opening hymn, 'Unchanging God who livest,' prayers were offered by the Vicar; the Rural Dean (the Rev. F. C. Learoyd) read the lesson, and to the singing of a special hymn, 'Ring out new hope and love and power,' the Bishop proceeded to the west door beneath the tower for the rededication ceremony. He was escorted by the Vicar, the churchwardens, Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, J. P. Fidler and V. G. Newton. After the ceremony under the tower the procession re-formed and returned to the sanctuary during the singing of Walmisley's anthem, 'From all that dwell below the skies.' In the sanctuary the Bishop dedicated the Sacring bell and struck it by pressing the electric control. Rounds were then rung on the tower bells by the local company of ringers.

The Bishop delivered an interesting and appropriate address on the uses of bells, saying that where, in distant lands, the Christian faith was hated and oppressed, no bells were heard. For another cause, he said, bells were not heard in our country, a country noted for its bells. It was because in many newly-developed areas there were as yet no churches in which to hang the bells. He appealed to the large congregation to support his effort to supply the need for new churches and halls in the diocese, a need which was felt almost within sound of the rededicated bells—in North Bournemouth.

During the singing of the hymns, 'Now thank we all our God' and 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' a collection was taken for the Bishop's appeal. The service concluded with the National Anthem, and whilst the congregation was dispersing Mr. J. D. Chandler, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., played the very appropriate 'Carillon' by Vierne on the organ.

The first 'touch' on the recast bells was rung by the following members of the local company: Messrs. H. Osborne, R. Dear, F. Frankland Rigby, H. Roberts, W. Garrett, C. R. Forfitt, P. W. Witham and A. V. Davis. Tea was then served at the Alexandra Hall, about 250 guests sitting down.

GENEROUS DONORS.

In a short speech, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman T. V. Rebbeck, outlined the launching of the appeal and the success it met with, thanking the donors, particularly Capt. H. B. Norton and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, for their generosity, which resulted in the Parish Church of Bournemouth possessing such a magnificent peal of bells.

The Vicar addressed the gathering in his usual cheery manner and explained the inscriptions he had had placed on the bells. He concluded by thanking the captain of the local company, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, for his assistance in all matters pertaining to the work.

Mr. Davis responded on behalf of the ringers, saying that he knew his colleagues of St. Peter's tower felt that their duty now lay perfectly clearly before them, to keep the bells of Bournemouth's Parish Church well and regularly rung.

Ringers numbering about 80 were present from all parts of two counties of Hants and Dorset, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise, the striking being of high order throughout.

Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), the Rev. R. H. Dundry (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. G. Preston, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, the Rev. Eddrupp and the Rev. E. A. Phillips

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RINGING SECRETARY FOR 14 YEARS.

MR. ARTHUR TOMLINSON'S SERVICES TO LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Worthy tributes to the service rendered to the Lancashire Association by Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, who has just retired from the position of hon. ringing secretary, were made at the annual dinner of the association, held at Blackpool recently. Mr. Tomlinson has taken over a business in Blackpool and reluctantly found he was unable to devote himself to the association's work.

MR. ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

For fourteen years he ably filled the office which he has just laid down. Not only has he compiled the yearly records of peals rung by the association and the statistics of individual members' performances, but has also been responsible for organising many peals, of which he has rung nearly three hundred for the association and conducted a considerable number.

He was elected a member of the association in 1908 and represented it on the Central Council for six years from 1930. For many years, before removing to Blackpool, he was attached to St. Michael's band, Blackburn. As we recently recorded, the Lancashire Association has presented Mr. Tomlinson with a gold watch in recognition of the work he has done for so many years.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FIFTEEN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Petworth on Saturday, when 30 members attended from eleven towers.

At the business meeting 15 new members were elected, all from Storrington.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Petworth for the use of the bells, also to Mr. W. Charman for presiding. The party returned to the belfry for further ringing until 8 p.m.

The secretary wishes to say how much he appreciates the large attendances at the meetings, and hopes that they will continue. He also thanks several of the older members for the help they have given him at the meetings.

STEDMAN CATERS AT GLASGOW CATHEDRAL.

Members of the Scottish Association at Glasgow rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) on Saturday, November 20th, at St. Mary's Cathedral—the first by all except the ringers of the 5th and 9th: A. Dodds 1, J. Ewing 2, H. F. Sargent 3, N. Leiper 4, R. O. Street 5, T. C. Winderam 6, S. G. Lewis 7, E. A. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Carmichael 10.

INSCRIPTIONS ON NEW BELLS—Continued from previous column.

(Salisbury Guild), Mr. F. W. Townsend, Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Cheater, the Rev. E. P. Furrow, Mr. E. C. Elliott and ringers from Southampton, Portsmouth, Winchester, Ringwood, Christchurch, Bournemouth, St. John's, Poole, Wareham, Dorchester, Wyke Regis, Sturminster, Blandford, Wimborne, Kington Magna, etc.

The interesting inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble (The People's Bell).—'Jesus be our speed.'

2 (The Founders' and Vicar's Bell).—'In memoriam fundatoris. Alexander Morden Bennett.'

3 (The Town Bell or Marriage Bell).—Pulchritudo et Salubritas' (Bournemouth's motto).

4 (The Winchester Bell).—'Manners Makyth Man.'

5 (The Peace Bell).—'Peace from Him, which is, and which was, and which is to come.'

6 (The Coronation Bell).—'God save King George, 1937. Mon Dieu. Mon Roi, Mon Cœur.'

7 (The Passing Bell).—'Esto Fidelis Usque ad mortem et Dabo Tibi Coronam Vitæ.'

Tenor (The Resurrection Bell).—'In memoriam, Mary Ellen Norton, 1936.'

Sacring bell (10 cwt. in G) (The Bell of the Incarnation).—'In memoriam. Alfred Edward Daldy, Vicar, 1904-1920. St. Peter, St. Swithun. Sanctus. Sanctus. Sanctus.'

PEAL NOTES.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES.

Peal in Six Surprise Methods.

Mr. Alfred Ballard rang his fiftieth peal of Stedman on November 13th at Hugglescote.

Messrs. C. V. Ebberson and R. W. Cooke 'completed the circle' together at Fakenham, Norfolk, when they took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob arranged by Mr. Nolan Golden for Mr. Pat Cannon. It was the 75th tower in which the latter has rung a peal and he has not rung many more peals than that. Fresh towers are his hobby.

After meeting short for a peal of Major at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on November 15th, a peal of Minor in three methods was rung. Mr. R. G. Port kindly standing down. The peal was a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes), who is an honorary member of the Kent County Association, and in honour of the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson.

The ringers of Hartlebury, Worcs., rang a peal at Clifton-on-Teme on Oct. 31st, and it was the first peal by five out of the six ringers. Hartlebury is isolated from active ringing centres in Worcestershire, but it is gratifying to know that this band is keeping change ringing going in a very difficult district. The success achieved in this peal should lead to increased enthusiasm.

A peal of Erith Little Bob Major figured on the Friday menu at Crayford last week. The method had been rung there before, but there were five 'firsts' on this occasion. The composition was by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, but he probably did not know that such a method existed when he set down the figures.

Their Majesty's visit to St. Paul's Walden, Herts, where the Queen was born, was celebrated by the first peal on the five bells at All Saints' Church on November 13th, when their Majesties were present at the dedication of the organ.

LADIES RING ANOTHER PEAL.

Another peal to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Ladies' Guild was rung on Saturday, at Harrow Weald. Eight ladies rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first in the method for the Guild and, would you believe it? the first peal in the method which Mrs. E. K. Fletcher has conducted.

Mr. James E. Bailey called his first peal of Stedman, at the first attempt, at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on November 16th, and his wife, at the same time, rang her first peal in the method. Mr. G. J. Butcher rang the 3rd and thus 'completed the circle' in this tower. The peal was a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Canon C. Elliot Mitchell).

Another birthday peal by members of the Kent Association was rung on November 20th. This was for the 75th birthday of Mr. Richard Smith, who rang the second to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Gravesend.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has just rung its first peal of Norwich Court Bob Major, at Alburgh on November 20th.

There has been a 'hoodoo' on the attempts which Mr. Reg. Woodyatt, of the Worcestershire Association, has made to call his first peal. Every try for Grandsire came to grief. Last Saturday at Claines he tried Oxford Bob Triples to break the spell and got it the first time.

Messrs. Sam Longbottom and Harold Pearce finished 'the circle' at Queensbury, Yorkshire, on Saturday, when they took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. Handley. It was Mr. Longbottom's first peal of Grandsire, too, and three others of the band scored their first in the method.

Seven out of the eight ringers at Rawmarsh on Saturday rang their first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major and that after 'meeting short.' Fortunately Mr. F. Pickering was able to stand in and rang the treble.

The bells at West Clandon, Surrey, were augmented to eight in 1932, but the first peal on the octave was not rung until last Saturday. At one time Clandon was a Winchester Guild stronghold of six-bell ringing, but just before the war the tower was devastated by fire, then came the war and only two peals of Minor were rung afterwards.

Saturday's peal was rung on the twelfth anniversary of Mr. G. L. Grover's wedding. George has put in a lot of work at West Clandon, as well as being the district secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The method rung was Grandsire Triples, and, by a coincidence, it was 40 years almost to the day since the conductor (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) first called the same composition—Parker's Twelve-Part.

The peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Coddenham on November 20th makes the eighth peal that Mr. C. J. Sedgley has rung there in eight different methods, a somewhat rare performance.

A correspondent says he believes we were wrong in assuming the letters 'P.G.' after Miss Bowyer's name on a recent occasion meant 'Peal Grabber.' He thinks they really meant 'Pint Gug,' someone not knowing how to spell 'jug.'

Believed to be the first peal of Stedman by a band of Sunday service ringers in the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, a peal in this method was rung at Moorside, Oldham, on November 8th. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. H. Dunkerley, J.P., for more than 35 years Vicar's warden.

Messrs. Frank Lawton and Joe Ogden have now rung peals in the four standard methods on Moorside bells with a Sunday service ringing band. That is something to be proud of.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Cinques at Leeds on Saturday, it is worthy of note that the aggregate mileage travelled by the band was over 1,500. Messrs. W. Woodhead and W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne and Leeds respectively, rang together in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham more than 40 years ago. Mr. A. Paddon Smith was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association during the preliminary rounds. The peal was, incidentally, the first occasion on which the conductor had called a bob on 12 bells.

A peal of Bob and Grandsire Minor on November 5th was rung by members of Cassington Bellringers' Club. Bellringers' clubs are seldom heard of; in fact, the only other one we know of is at Ballarat, Australia, but there the members are not attached to any church, but ring the bells at the City Hall.

On the question of 'local' College Youths' peals, Mr. R. T. Hibbert sends us the further information that from 1900 to 1905 the Caversham band rang upwards of 30 peals for the old society, mostly London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, but including five peals of Stedman Triples, also Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. That definitely puts out of court any later claim to the first 'local' peal of Stedman Triples for the society.

We are, however, now informed that the claim of the Cheltenham ringers was to the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in the Cheltenham district by resident members of the Ancient Society. That was not made clear in the original report.

AN AUSTRALIAN ECHO.

For the first time for eleven years a peal has been rung at Guildford Cathedral by a Sunday service band. Time was when such a performance was of frequent occurrence, but the vagaries of fortune have prevented it since 1926. The peal was rung on November 16th.

Mr. Alfred Pulling has now got the company going again on a peal ringing basis, and it probably will not be long before they get away from Grandsire Triples.

There were three first peals, and it is not uninteresting to note that in one case the Australian tour is responsible. Mr. T. W. White, who kindly undertook part of the editorial duties of 'The Ringing World' while the Editor was away, and knew nothing of the technicalities of ringing when he took over the responsibilities, had his interest in the art so much stirred that he had learned to handle a bell at Holy Trinity Cathedral before the Editor returned.

Messrs. Urban W. Wildney and Alan Andrews rang their twenty-fifth peal together on November 6th at Kirby-le-Soken.

A peal of Doubles was rung at Marlesford, Suffolk, on November 9th, the first on the bells for over 30 years. It was rung by a band of local Sunday service ringers, which makes it all the more creditable.

A peal of Double Norwich was rung at Boreham, Essex, on Nov. 13th, specially arranged for a sale of work and social, held at the Village Hall. Four of the band rang selections on handbells at the social.

Four bachelors and two spinsters took part in a specially arranged peal of Minor at Hintlesham, Suffolk, on November 15th.

HERTS RINGERS REPEAT GREAT PERFORMANCE.

Yet another Spliced Surprise Major peal on handbells in six methods! Last Friday at Oxhey the Hertfordshire band scored a further success in the same methods that they rang a week previously, and this time, two minutes quicker. By the way, the earlier peal was rung on Friday, November 12th, not Saturday as printed.

They added another to the new methods rung on tower bells at Oxhey on Saturday, a peal of Eastbury Surprise, composed by Harold Cashmore and rung without previous practice. It was Mr. Maurice Hibbert's 250th peal, and the 50th peal together of Messrs. S. H. Hoare and W. Ayre.

Only one of the eight ringers who took part in a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major at Swineshead, Lincs, on November 13th, had ever struck a blow in the method before. For the purposes of the Central Council's Analysis Committee, however, this information, conveyed in the footnote to the peal, does not make it clear whether there were seven or eight firsts in the method in this performance. It is a little point on which correspondents should be precise.

A peal at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on November 13th, was Mr. Walter Ayre's 450th. He has now called a peal in each of the four towers in St. Albans, and wishes this last peal to be associated with the memory of the late John Malyan, for many years captain of St. Stephen's ringers.

The six bells of Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, have a tenor of only 6¼ cwt. A peal was rung on them on Armistice Day in 2 hours 23 minutes—the quickest on the bells. Mr. R. H. M. Harvey, who called the peal, has now 'circled' the tower.

An attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral on November 13th to commemorate the birthday of Mr. W. C. Bridgford unfortunately came to grief owing to a call omitted by the conductor, Mr. R. Longden. He much regrets the error, especially as Mr. A. Ford and Mr. F. Yates hoped to register their first Caters peal. He also thanks the band for the team work they put into the attempt, and last, but not least, Mr. W. Mosley, who travelled from Bolton, a peal at the Cathedral not as yet having been included in his list of peals.

We believe these 'Peal Notes' are a feature of much interest to our readers, and we invite those who send up reports to add any points of interest suitable for this column, either about the performances, or those taking part. When individuals are mentioned it will add to the interest if the person's home town or tower is given.

THE CLASHING OF MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While perusing the notice columns of 'The Ringing World' on several occasions in the past, I have observed advertisements of meetings to be held on the same day at towers which are within ten miles or less of each other. Apart from the fact that these meetings have given me and other ringers an opportunity of ringing in two fresh towers on one afternoon, I have always failed to see the advantage to the districts themselves.

But within the last two weeks even more extraordinary arrangements have been advertised. On November 13th a Ladies' Guild meeting was held at Isleworth, and a Middlesex (South and West District) meeting was held at Twickenham. These towers are not *two* miles apart! I was hoping that this was just an isolated case and would not occur again, but was much surprised to see advertised in last Friday's issue a meeting of the Surrey Association at Betchworth, and a meeting of the Guildford Guild at Dorking. Again these towers are only *three* miles apart!

Will someone please explain the benefit to the cause of change ringing which these avoidable clashes offer? It has always seemed to me that the idea of any meeting was to enable the ringers in the neighbourhood to meet together socially, and practise what they are unable to ring in their local towers. Perhaps there is some other reason which I have not learnt yet. If so, I shall be most interested to know more about it, to assist me in my secretarial duties. Incidentally, as secretary of the Southern District of the London County Association, I shall always be pleased to co-operate with my neighbouring officials regarding dates of proposed meetings, and would suggest that this takes place in other parts of the country.

To anyone who can kindly answer my question, I would say, 'Please don't advance the old story, "Oh, the dates were fixed months ago, and the Vicar gave permission for that date, and we don't like to alter it."' There are very few clergy, I am sure, who would not also co-operate with the secretary, if matters were explained to them. Trusting that the respective secretaries of the above mentioned associations will forgive my commenting on their arrangements.

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THE HONESTY OF CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to trespass on your space in reply to Mr. J. K. Armstrong's letter in your issue of Nov. 5th.

He says 'peals need not be true, the conductor only has to think they are,' and with this there can be little argument, but does not this statement cast a very grave reflection on the honesty of composers, which is, I think, unmerited?

Many men have given considerable time and thought to the problems of composition and the percentage of errors is very small.

His illustration that 'anyone can string bobs and singles together' to get a desired length and ring and re-ring it is, in my opinion, very far from the truth, as no ringer worthy of the name who entered into the realms of composition would allow his name to foot a peal if he were not entirely satisfied that the composition was true. New composers usually go to considerable lengths to make sure their compositions are true before circulating them, as they realise that one false peal at the outset of their composing career will take years of hard work to live down and to regain the confidence of ringers.

The solutions he proposes are excellent, but, I think, unnecessary, for just as we have to rely on the integrity of the conductor to call the peal correctly, so must we rely on the integrity of the composer to furnish true figures. Conductors will readily supply the figures of any peal they have called so that, if any doubt were entertained as to the truth of a certain peal, that doubt could be set at rest by merely asking for the figures and having them proved.

The basis of the Exercise through the centuries has been truth, and it is a sorry thing for us to admit that we cannot trust our fellow-ringers to maintain this tradition. An examination of the peal records will show that the percentage of peals withdrawn is very small when compared with the number of peals rung, the majority of which are entirely above suspicion.

The Central Council can, I am sure, find better ways of employing its finances than to subsidise a composition revision committee, which, after all, interests only a very few ringers, and which would perforce be comprised of composers, and if there is, as might be assumed from Mr. Armstrong's letter, wholesale dishonesty amongst composers, then this committee would be useless.

In conclusion, I would advise him not to waste the Council's time with this matter and to trust his fellow-ringers more.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Marple.

GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Saturday, November 6th, in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. Herbert Jermy, towerkeeper of St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. G. W. Harwood 1, R. William Barber 2, N. Golden (conductor) 3, G. Mayers 4, R. W. Ourson 5, E. G. Bennett 6, A. G. King 7, C. F. Sayer 8, H. Tooke 9, W. Clover 10.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO DISTRICT SECRETARY.

A very successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Nov. 13th at Shalford, where last year the old six bells were recast into a very tuneful ring of eight by Taylor and Co. Nearly 60 ringers were present. Whether it was the attraction of the bells or the 'pricking of conscience' after the district secretary's pertinent inquiry addressed to the members in his notice, 'What have you done for the Guild this year?' cannot be definitely stated—perhaps it was a little of both—but the fact remains it was an unusually well-attended meeting, and nearly everybody saw the secretary's joke and 'sent a postcard' to say they were coming to tea.

Altogether it was a very happy gathering, despite a cold church (because the boiler had burst) and a cold room (because there wasn't a boiler at all). But there was a warm welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. M. Tobias, formerly an Army chaplain, who is not afraid of plain talking or making his congregation smile, and who is a great believer in cheerfulness in life and in religion. He paid a tribute to his own ringers, not only for their services in the belfry, but in the life of the church in other ways.

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, the district officers were all renominated. The district secretary was ready to make way for 'anyone who would take on the job,' for, he reminded the meeting, he had done nine years. 'Make it ten,' said someone, and the secretary said it was that more than anything which would induce him to stand again. And so it was that Mr. G. L. Grover was renominated. Mr. C. Ernest Smith was renominated as Ringing Master, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden as auditor.

Four nominations were received for two vacancies on the Executive Committee.

The Vicar was elected, amid applause, as an honorary member, and Mr. A. J. Brooker (Godalming) a ringing member.

Bramley and Wonersh, Pirbright, Old Woking and Godalming were recommended for next year's district meetings, and the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks, moved by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse).

Ringers were present from Guildford (two towers), Godalming, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Shalford, Worplesdon, Pirbright, Woking, West Clandon and Cranleigh, in the district, and Ash, Aldershot, Leatherhead, Chertsey, Bagshot and Portsea.

BATH RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. ALEX EVANS' WORK IN THE WEST.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Alex Evans at Bath on October 28th after an illness lasting 14 months. Mr. Evans learnt his ringing in the Taunton district, being a member of the St. James' band, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Maddock. Ringing many of his peals there, he conducted his first of Stedman Triples.

He resided for a few years at Chippenham, Wilts, where he taught a band of young men to ring Grandsire Triples and conducted their first peal. Moving to Exeter, he joined the Cathedral band and rang in the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells by that company. His employment then took him to Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, where he again worked very hard for ringing and the Axbridge Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association, filling the post of local secretary for a period.

About five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Evans (whom he also taught to ring) went to reside in Bath to be near their friends. A hearty welcome was extended to them, and they were elected members of the Bath Abbey company. Mr. Evans quickly set himself the task of learning Surprise ringing and soon rang peals in it.

He was an enthusiastic Sunday service ringer, always reliable and punctual. He loved good ringing and disliked bad striking. His total number of peals was nearly 100, his last, a peal of Stedman Triples, his favourite method, in July, 1936.

The funeral took place on November 2nd at St. John's, Bathwick. All the towers in the Bath District were represented together, and among those also present were Messrs. W. Court (Burnham-on-Sea), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), W. A. Cave (Bristol), S. Hector, G. H. Harding and E. Parker (Trowbridge), and F. Targett (Chilcompton).

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by W. J. Prescott, J. T. Dyke, G. H. Harding and T. F. King.

In the evening muffled ringing on the bells of Bath Abbey and St. Mark, Lyncombe, took place.

WROXETER'S UNMUSICAL RING.

The Shropshire Association paid their first visit for some years to Wroxeter on October 30th. It must be admitted that the bells are not very attractive, the first five being fairly tuneable, but the tenor, when used, upset all notions of music and almost defeated attempts to ring Minor. Individually the bells are tuneful, but the intervals are not correct.

Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung and Plain Bob and Kent Minor. A short service in the ancient church was conducted by the Rev. H. Hobbs, who afterwards presided at the tea and business meeting.

NO CHANGE RINGING FOR 100 YEARS.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

In honour of the fallen, the cross of St. George flew at half-mast on the Church of St. Helen, Ranworth, on Remembrance Sunday, when the five recast bells and an additional new treble were dedicated by the Bishop of Norwich. In addition to the large number of parishioners, various cycling clubs of the district paid their annual visit for divine service, and so large was the congregation that extra seating was necessary. Members of Yarmouth and Gorleston Wheelers, East Anglian Cycle Club, C.T.C. Norwich Cycle Clubs, hikers and motor clubs attended. The Rev. E. D. Everard (Vicar) was assisted by the former Vicar (Canon H. J. Enraght, of Lowestoft). The bells have not been rung in changes for over 100 years, as four of the five had pieces broken out of them. The work of rehanging in a new teak frame and modern fittings has been excellently carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, of which town the Vicar is a native.

The restoration of the tower and bells has cost £940, of which, thanks to the energy of the Vicar and the large number of summer visitors to the Norfolk Broads, only a small debt remains. It is worthy of note that during the past 40 years £10,000 has been spent in restorations to the church.

During the absence of the bells a band of seven men and ladies have been learning to ring at the neighbouring towers of Reedham and South Walsham, and progressed so far that they were able to ring for the first time for the dedication service.

After service the bells were rung by ringers from Wroxham, Mulbarton and Acle.

Following evensong, the first 720 of Plain Bob was scored by visitors: Ernest Benton 1, Miss W. E. Ditcham 2, Miss D. Ditcham 3, C. Bird 4, R. Barber 5, G. Bailey (Wroxham) (conductor) 6. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. in F., and the Broads district has now another handy ring. It is hoped that ringers will make good use of them and help the local band.

A DORSET BELL RESTORATION.

REDEDICATION OF THE BELLS AT TOLLER PORCORUM.

The delightful and quaintly named Dorset village of Toller Porcorum was the scene of considerable activity on the evening of November 1st, when the rededication of the bells was performed by the Rev. Lindsay Bartlett, L.Th., Rural Dean of Bridport.

The four bells, with a tenor of just under 9 cwt., have been carefully tuned and rehung with modern fittings in a cast iron frame, the cannons being preserved by the use of specially designed iron headstocks. The framework has been provided to accommodate two trebles, as it is hoped before long to complete the ring of six.

A large congregation assembled and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. White.

After the dedication the Rural Dean preached a thoughtful and interesting sermon, in which he urged all ringers to remember that the real purpose of the bells was to call people to the service of the church.

Other clergy present were the Rev. A. B. Hutton, of Bridport, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., Vicar of East Ludworth, the Rev. E. S. Warner, Rector of Rampisham, and the Rev. R. B. H. Kay, B.A., curate of Bridport.

The bells, which had been silent for 18 years, were opened by the Maiden Newton band of ringers. A number of ringers from other towers also had a pull, and all expressed their appreciation of the excellent 'go' of the restored ring.

The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented at the service by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson.

A 'VICARAGE JUBILEE BELL'

AN AUGMENTED BUCKS RING.

In the little village of Langley Marish, Bucks, about two miles from Slough, old, heavy and tuneless five bells have just been retuned and rehung in ball bearings, with the addition of a new treble, the new bell being known as 'The Vicarage Jubilee Bell.' It was given by the Vicar of Langley (the Rev. F. T. H. Shepherd, M.A.) and his family to celebrate his 25th year as incumbent of the parish. The Vicar, by the way, is brother of the well-known ringer, Mr. James H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

The bells now make a very pleasing ring of six, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., and certainly do credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the work.

On November 1st (All Saints' Day) the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, were invited to send a band, which they did, and rang the first 720 on the bells, the method being Oxford Treble Bob, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After the ringing, the Vicar visited the tower and thanked and congratulated the ringers on what he had heard. Those taking part were John E. Taylor (age 16), 1 Cyril A. Burgess (age 19) 2. Peter A. Blamey (age 17) 3, Martin A. Blamey (age 16) 4, Bryan O'Neill (age 16) 5. George Gilbert (conductor) 6. Touches were also rung of Kent, St. Clement's, Canterbury, Single Oxford and Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, Union and Reverse Canterbury Doubles. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent, and the foundation has been laid for the local men to take up change ringing. G. G.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting to be held in the tower during the evening. All welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Ightham, on Saturday, November 27th. Peal of six bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea is by kind invitation. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 27th, at St. Ebbe's Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify W. Collett, 45, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting, Mitcham Parish Church, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, in Parish Room, by kind invitation of the Mitcham band, 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Memorial to the late Master of the Association, James Douglas Drewett, Esq., J.P., will be unveiled at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Langley, Bucks (6 bells), on Saturday, November 27th, at 3 p.m. Phone Slough 1260, or write.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting, as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving, will be held at Broxbourne on November 27th. Service at five. Tea and business at the Welcome after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, November 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting, Pontesbury, November 27th. Six bells and good bus service. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Farmer, 6, Mayfield Terrace, Mountfields, Shrewsbury.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, November 28th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

COVENTRY.—The restored ring of five bells at Corley will be rededicated on Sunday, November 28th, at 6.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Nov. 30th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Gateshead, on Wednesday, December 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea at earliest.—M. Bertie, 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street,

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 (1s. per head). Will members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at Dorking on Saturday, December 4th. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting in the Church Room afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by December 2nd?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 to all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than December 1st.—Andrew Thompson.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Dolphin Inn, 1s. 3d. per head. Please let me have numbers for tea not later than Thursday, December 2nd. All ringers welcome. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send number for tea by Tuesday, November 30th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Spratton (5 bells) on Saturday, December 4th. 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.

ALL-ENGLAND RINGERS will be welcomed at Hitchin on Saturday, December 4th, when the annual meeting of the Northern District, Herts Association, will be held at the Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30, in Church House. District committee are requested to make an effort to attend and bring their bands. We want a crowd; everyone will be welcome, and every help will be given to learners, but there will be some 'Surprises' at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, December 4th. For tea, please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, December 4th. Watermoor bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service at Parish Church 6 p.m. Parish Church bells (12) open after service. Will those requiring tea please advise me by November 30th?—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church (eight bells) on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be combined with the Ashford District, Kent County Association, at Folkestone, on Saturday, December 4th.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. A card for tea will oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea (6d. each), please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 4th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock, Loders, Symondsbury, all six bells. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, November 30th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send in good time. All visitors heartily welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify the Hon. Secretary, F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Beckford, December 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday, December 8th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, December 11th. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schools about 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. Names for tea to be sent to H. Chew, Enderly, Cross Roads, Northowram, by Wednesday, December 8th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James (Moss Side) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Election of officers, etc. All ringers who require tea must let me know, certain, by Wednesday, the 15th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells at 2.30. Service in St. Margaret's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, free to members, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Monday, December 6th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Uxbridge on Saturday, December 11th. Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

WATFORD, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th.—District annual meeting. Business: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc., for 1938. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45 in old school. Business meeting. Ringing after, till 8.15. Note: Subscriptions due January 1st, 1938.

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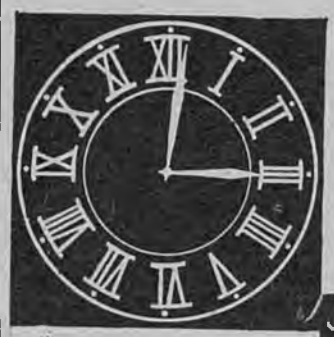

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