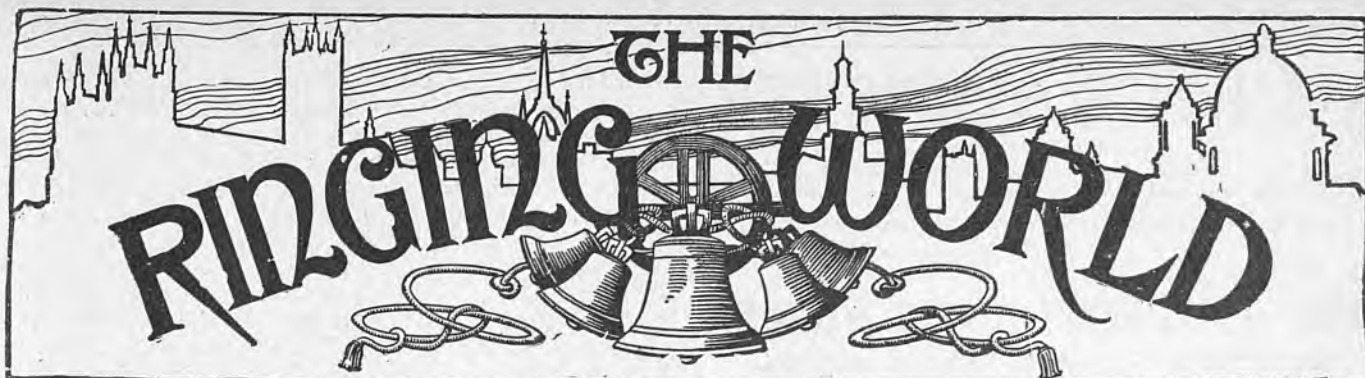




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BROADCASTS.

The position with regard to the broadcasting of bells prior to services relayed from churches on Sundays is still unsatisfactory, mainly from two points of view. In some cases the ringing itself is not good enough; in others, the programme arrangements treat the ringers badly. There was another instance of this latter on Sunday evening, when the bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, were heard, prior to the customary service at eight o'clock. They should have been on the air for five minutes, but most of this time was taken up with a description of the church itself, and the bells came in at the close for about one minute and a half. No one complains when the story of an interesting church and its associations is briefly told, but it ought not to break into the time allotted to the bells. It has happened before, but it is a poor acknowledgment, to say the least, of the services of the ringers, which in most cases are given voluntarily and often at great inconvenience. Broadcast ringing, when done properly, requires organisation and preparation; in the case of Hart Street it must have meant bringing eight men from considerable distances, and the giving up of their Sunday evening to the work. The ringing that was heard made it obvious that it was in the hands of a competent band. It is a matter worthy of protest that they should receive such scant treatment. To cut the time for the bells down to five minutes may be reasonable, and it is long enough if the ringing is not of the best, but to tune the bells in for a bare minute and a half, makes the effort involved not worth while, for, in addition to the actual broadcast, it often means also that the band has to be in attendance much earlier in order that the positions of the microphones and other mechanical details may be tried out.

On the other hand it is equally unsatisfactory when the ringing itself is bad—and it is the irony of coincidence that generally, when this is the case, the bells are on the air for the full allotted period. Comments upon the poor displays that are often put up have frequently been made, but it cannot be too constantly repeated that only the very best ringing should be broadcast. We are aware there is a certain amount of pride among a company of ringers when they know that their bells are to be included as a preliminary to a service broadcast from their own church, and we are quite sure that they determine to give of their best. Unfortunately, however, their best may not be of a standard that should be sent out to, perhaps, millions of listeners, and unfortunately, also, they may not be capable of judging their own standard. The inclusion of the bells seems to be decided in a very hap-

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hazard way, and in view of the vast sums that are now spent in the organising of broadcasts, the B.B.C. ought to go a step further and appoint some competent 'observer' to attend a preliminary audition. It seems to us that only in this way can a good standard of broadcast ringing be ensured. It might mean the elimination of the bells before some of the services, but that which would be heard would be worthy of the occasion and the audience. Then, having ensured this, the ringing should be put on for the full advertised time and not cut to the few final changes and some rounds at the end. It is only ringers' enthusiasm for their art and their desire to help which makes them silent under what is really a slight.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 11 lb. in D.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	*ANDREW THOMPSON 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES... .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH 3	BERT HORTON 9
HOWARD HOWELL 4	JOHN WORTH 10
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... .. 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	JOHN E. HOBBS 6
FRANK BRADLEY 2	*WALTER NICHOLS 7
RONALD H. DOVE... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
TOM CLARKE... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
RICHARD W. DRAGE 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Treble	REGINALD A. REED 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 8
CHARLES W. DENYER... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9
EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 5	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN GOODMAN ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 2	NORMAN G. LEECH 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	HENRY HUBBALL... .. 8
*DENNIS HOLDEN 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 5	SAMUEL E. WEBB Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard and a congratulatory peal to the conductor, who was recently married to Miss Hilda Jeavons, a member of St. Thomas' Junior Church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. A. E. LOCK Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
* WILLIAM F. STENHOUSE ... 3	ALFRED H. WEBB 7
JOHN NUBES 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

* First peal of Stedman.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

A birthday compliment to L. W. G. Morris.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CIPPESWYCK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. ARBON Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

This was the first peal in the method, produced by C. J. Sedgley.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	CHARLES W. LOOME Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method with twin bobs throughout by all, on the bells and for the association.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

THOMAS YEOMANS Treble	ALFRED G. WRATTEN 5
MISS LILY WICKENS 2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 6
LESLIE A. PORRITT 3	ALBERT A. JARMAN 7
STANLEY J. GEE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th. First peal as conductor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY Treble	ALBERT W. COLEMAN ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	* DEREK CARR 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	ARTHUR W. BIRD 7
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE 4	RICHARD W. L. COATES ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL ... Treble	* P. J. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	JOSEPH JENNINGS 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	PERCY GREEN 7
DONALD JENNINGS 4	P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.

* First peal. First peal for the Essex Association by four fathers and sons.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
ALFRED KING 2	EDWIN BRISON 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	HORACE H. SMITH 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

Rung for the wedding of Albert Fleet, which took place at Wargrave, Berks, the same day.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

* CYRIL WOODWARD ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	WILLIAM HUTTON 6
* LESLIE G. HAINES 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
* ALBAN R. POYNITZ 4	ARCHIE DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

* ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	* HARRY R. ROPER 5
* HOBART E. SMITH 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.

* First attempt for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

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ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 wo Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DELROW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. A birthday compliment to H. Hodgetts.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH 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	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	FRED PRICE 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Referee—John S. Mason.

Rung silent.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 wo Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to J. H. W. White, Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 hree Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS Treble	CHARLES OLLIER 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER 6
*G. LEONARD BURGESS ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
REV. FRANK BONNER 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

*LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 2	FRANK H. HICKS 6
ALBERT RILFE 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 7
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).]		Tenor 11 cwt.
DAVID H. BENNETT Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH 5	
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND 6	
ERNEST STITCH 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7	
FRANK J. BAILEY 4	ALFRED HANNINGTON Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Leslie Davies, of Cardiff, to Miss Dorothy May Orchard, of Marshfield.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 hree Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC B. HARTLEY Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*HERBERT S. ARBIN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. WARD 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Y. Roberts, a member of the local band, who was married at St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, the same day.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 5
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
*FRANK VALLANCE 3	WILLIAM FAY 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major and first attempt; also first peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

BRYAN O'NEILL Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 5
*WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS 6
PETER A. BLAMEY 3	JOHN E. TAYLOR 7
*BERNARD C. CASTLE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Major other than Plain Bob, and belong to Sandhurst and Hurst respectively. Remainder from St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.

NORTHOP, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	*HARRY PYE 7
FRED HARTMAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHROTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
*REGINALD G. WOODLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM G. DAMEN 4
DONALD R. HARVEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*K. ERIC HARVEY 3	GEORGE W. DENNIS Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal and first attempt.

GUILDFORD.—For evensong on the dedication festival, October 2nd, at St. Nicolas', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,275 changes): E. G. Heath 1, F. Radford 2, S. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, S. Breeze 5, W. Oope 6, G. Tomsett 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Elton (conductor) 9, J. West 0.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

C. WILLIAM NUTT Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	WILLIAM LEWIS Tenor

Tenor 18 cwt.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Rossendale, Stamford, London, Wells, Beverley, York and Durham.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD Treble	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

ALLENDSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. KITSON Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	FRANK DOWNES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DOWNES.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. BAKER, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: 360 April Day, 360 Evening Star, 480 Canterbury Reverse, 480 Old Doubles, 960 St. Simon's, 1,440 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. F. WHITE Treble	†P. KINDRED 3
*T. H. KINDRED 2	*J. W. G. KINDRED 4
G. LEE 3	 Tenor

Conducted by G. LEE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods by all. First peal as conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARCHIBALD J. KAY Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ERNEST POWELL 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for the marriage of P. J. William Farham, of Ashford, and Miss Gladys Hyland, of Willesborough. Also a birthday compliment to W. J. Lancefield.

RETFENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

WILLIAM PERRY Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 4
*HARRY JAY 2	CHARLES JAY 5
FRANK C. MAY 3	ALBERT E. NORTH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM PERKINS Treble	†ALAN D. STEELE 4
*EDWARD STEELE 2	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 5
*HARRY HALL 3	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

MONK SHERBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... Treble	*DONALD W. NASH 3
*RONALD F. KINGHAM ... 2	*FREDERICK F. MUNDAY ... 4
JOHN CHESTERMAN 1	enor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in more than one method as conductor. The first peal on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FREDERICK BRIGHMAN ... Treble	†CHARLES PERKINS 4
WILLIAM DUFFY 2	EDWARD BROWN 5
CHARLES E. BLACK 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the third. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 38 extents with 10 variations of calling, and two 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*LEONARD A. HICKS Treble	WILLIAM T. SWALLOW 4
A PATRICK CANNON 2	JOSEPH E. HOBBS 5
†ALBERT G. HARRIS 3	*KENNETH J. JONES Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDEITHON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM RICHARDS Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
THOMAS R. PAYNE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
A. BRYAN ELLSMORE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung by special request of the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Fowler) in celebration of the centenary of the church and bells.

PEAL NOTES.

ANOTHER REAL DOUBLE.

A peal of 'Real Double' Superlative was rung at Pulham, Norfolk, on October 19th. The method, of course, is our old friend; the doubling is in the bobs, which are called when the treble is both in front and behind.

Why the two words 'Real Double' are applied to a peal of this kind we don't know, except that it is to distinguish it from the common or garden peal. But Superlative is already double and nothing more can be done about that. It is the bobs that are doubled, not the method. But there it is; or, should we say, here it is, for below is given Mr. Nolan Golden's composition, which runs to 5,280 changes:—

23456	A	B	C	D
62534	x		x	
23645		x	x	
34256		x	x	
23564		x	x	x
36245		x	x	
64352		x	x	
45623		x	x	
52436		x	x	
65324	x		x	
52643		x	x	
24536		x	x	

Twice repeated.

A=Tenor Wrong from behind, followed by three consecutive bobs at the half-leads.

B=Tenor 5th's from before, 4th's from behind.

C=Tenor 5th's from behind, 4th's from before.

D=Tenor Middle from behind, Home from before.

Seven of the band rang their first peal of Bob Major and the other his first peal as conductor when Annable's composition was rung at St. Lawrence, Thanet, Kent, on October 20th. This old composition, which is the foundation of many modern ones, is in nine blocks of five courses each. The courses are all called Wrong and Middle, except that the Wrong is omitted from the first course of each block and a Home is added at the end of the third, sixth and ninth blocks.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell) visited Rotherfield to preach on Sunday. In honour of his coming to this Sussex village a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on the fine ring of bells at the Parish Church on the previous day. It was the 25th peal rung together by Messrs. Albert Relfe and William A. Kitchenside, and enabled the latter to complete the circle of the tower.

The wedding of Mr. Leslie Davies, of Cardiff, and Miss Dorothy May Orchard, of Marshfield, on Saturday, was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Triples at Marshfield Church the same day.

It is no mean performance to ring a hundred peals in one tower, but Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford, has done more than that. On Friday he rang his one hundredth peal on the fifth bell in Crayford tower, when he called a peal of Stedman Triples. Bert must know every little idiosyncrasy of that bell, if it has any, and the bell must know Bert's—if he has any. It was on this bell that he rang his first peal.

The peal last Friday was Derek Sharp's one hundredth for the Kent County Association.

A wedding compliment to a ringer was a peal of Double Norwich at Husbome Crawley, Bedfordshire, on Saturday, when Mr. Albert Fleet, until recently one of the local band, was married at Wargrave, Berks. Coupled with their good wishes for his future happiness, the band regret that he has left the district for Ickleton, Cambs.

The peal of Minor rung at Willesborough, Kent, on Saturday, for the wedding of Mr. P. J. W. Farham, of Ashford, and Miss Gladys Hyland, of Willesborough, was also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Lancefield.

FATHERS' AND SONS' PEAL.

There was an interesting performance at Great Baddow on Saturday, when four fathers with four sons rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. It was called by the Master of the Essex Association, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, to whom it must have been a great additional pleasure to conduct, under such conditions, his own son's first peal. It was the first peal by four fathers and four sons for the Essex Association and was rung on the 51st anniversary of the day that George Green began ringing at Great Baddow Church.

The first peal on the bells at Monk Sherborne, Hants, was rung on Saturday. They are a ring of five, with tenor of 10 cwt., hung backward. They are rung from the ground floor of the church.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall, on Saturday, was arranged for Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and to enable Mr. Andrew Thompson, hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, to ring his first peal of Stedman Cinques. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Howard Howell.

At Draycott on Saturday, Mr. J. G. Cartlidge rang his 25th peal when he took part in seven 720's in three Minor methods.

The composition of Kent Treble Bob Major by Henry Johnson, which Mr. Kenneth Lewis called at Reddish, Lancashire, on Saturday, has the sixth the extent Wrong at four course ends and the extent right at twelve course ends, bobs being called at every position.

Gippeswyck Surprise Major was rung for the first time at Helmingham, Suffolk, on October 17th. It is a method produced by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich.

Mr. Charles Ollier kindly completed the band at the last minute when the rest had met short. His action was greatly appreciated and he is to be complimented upon his performance, as the peal was rung within a week of his 75th birthday.

Mr. John Goodman, Master of the Dudley tower, has now 'completed the circle' no fewer than nine times in this belfry. On Saturday he rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters.

The peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, the hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild, and as a congratulatory peal to the conductor, Mr. Norman G. Leech, who was recently married to Miss Hilda Jeavons, a member of St. Thomas' Junior Church.

The composition was one by the late Mr. William Micklewright, who was for so long connected with ringing in and around Dudley. We wonder how many times Dudley bells have been heard to the music of this composition?

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Seven or eight years ago a peal of Stedman Caters was lost at Beddington, Surrey, in the last course but one. It was then decided that another attempt should be made to ring it.

It was not until last Saturday that the peal was put on again. In the meantime circumstances had changed; removals and other causes prevented half of the band from taking part, but the remaining half, with the five vacant places competently filled, met again, and the peal was rung.

Afterwards they were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, and with other ringers who came to swell the party spent a very enjoyable hour under their hospitable roof.

Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, rang his 777th peal on October 20th when he called a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Except for Mr. R. H. Dove, it was the first peal of Oxford Royal for all the band and the first on the bells. The composition, by Mr. Morris, was rung for the first time.

Bosbury, Herefordshire, is one of those rare places where the tower is detached from the church, and there on October 15th a seven-method peal of Minor was rung in 3 hours and 5 minutes. The bells, of good tone, were rehung and a new frame installed last year by Mears and Stainbank, the weight of the tenor being 18 cwt. 'Bill' Ranford, who lives at Suckley (just over the border in Worcestershire), and 'Geoff' Lewis (a native of the nearby village of Cradley, now residing at Powick, Worcestershire) were thus able once again to visit the 'happy hunting grounds' of years ago. 'Bill' and 'Tom' Lewis (father and son) and 'Large' George, three other Worcestershire ringers, each 'bagged' a fresh tower, while 'Bill' Nutt, a local man, piloted the treble in his usual efficient way. The peal was rung for the Hereford Guild.

A birthday compliment to the hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, was rung at Heptonstall on October 15th, when a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was brought round.

The Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild, Mr. Joe White, of Coventry, celebrated his 60th birthday on Saturday with a peal of London Surprise Major at Nuneaton. Leicester and Bath, as well as Coventry and Nuneaton, contributed to the band.

Kenneth J. Jones, who rang the 13 cwt. tenor behind to a peal of Doubles, at Abbots Langley, Herts, on Saturday, is only 14½ years of age. The six ringers came from as many different parishes.

There were some young ringers, also, in the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on October 8th at Shroton, Dorset. Eric Harvey, who is 15, rang his first peal, as did Reginald Woodland, who is 17. Donald Harvey is also only 17. With W. G. Damen and G. W. Dennis they belong to the local band, and the peal, rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. V. E. B. Norton), who has left Shroton for a village near Marlborough, was conducted by W. C. Shute.

Yet another! The Hertfordshire band, who are now making an almost weekly habit of ringing new Surprise methods, rang a peal of 'Delrow' at Aldenham on Saturday without previous practice. It is a method which enables peals to be obtained with only the 4th, 5th and 6th in sixth's place at course ends.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Hodgetts and was the one hundredth peal which Messrs. Fred Brinklow and Maurice Hibbert have rung together.

The first peal in four Minor methods by the local band at Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire, was rung on Saturday as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Frank Taylor.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Erdington on Saturday by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The referee, Mr. J. S. Mason, checked the six-ends throughout the peal. Mr. George Fearn rang the tenor and it was his 150th peal.

Silent peals are not very frequently rung. They require a good band and every man has to keep himself keyed up all the time. All the same, we would like to see more such performances.

A peal of Bob Minor was rung at Llanfihangel Rhydieithon, Radnorshire, by special request of the Rector, to celebrate the centenary of the church and bells. The Rector helped to raise and lower the bells in peal by taking the treble, and after the peal kindly provided the ringers with refreshments. He congratulated the band on their ringing.

The first peal on the bells, a ring of five, at Pakefield, Suffolk, was rung on October 20th, when all the band rang their first peal in seven methods and Mr. G. Lee rang his first peal as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT'S NEW MEMBERS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) was held on Saturday, October 15th, at Sutton-on-Hull, by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. Paley) and the local company. There was an attendance of over 50 ringers, on a fine autumn day, the towers represented being Beverley Minster, Cottingham, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hessle, Hull, Howden, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Silsden, Sutton-on-Hull and visitors from Barton-on-Humber and Ulceby, Lincolnshire. At the service Mr. A. B. Cook, a former district secretary, deputised on the organ, the church organist being away, and the Vicar gave an inspiring address. Tea, which was generously provided by the ladies of the parish, was served in the new Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Six new members were elected, Mr. L. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelly, of Goole, and Messrs. J. S. Thompson, B.Sc., and F. R. Pearson and Miss Patricia Henri, of Kirk Ella, making a total of 20 new members elected at Eastern District meetings during the past year.

Selby was chosen as the next place of meeting in December.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, was elected on the General Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. E. West, and Messrs. E. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and C. Hill, of Goole, were elected to vacant seats on the District Committee.

The secretary was asked to write to Mr. J. Drake, of Goole, on his resigning his seat on the District Committee on account of advancing years, expressing gratitude to him for all he had done in the cause of ringing.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and local company and the ladies were passed, and the Vicar, in his reply, warmly welcomed the association to Sutton and said they were not to wait to be asked to come again, but to come again soon.

Further ringing on tower and handbells concluded a very enjoyable meeting, after which some found their way to Hull Fair which was being held.

LINK WITH FORMER LONDON RINGERS.**DEATH OF MR. ALFRED LINSTED.**

There recently passed away at the advanced age of 82 years Mr. Alfred Linsted, who was well known and highly respected as the tower-keeper of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn. Although not a great ringer, he was a highly proficient tune player on handbells. In his day he knew most of the old London ringers, such as Cox, Haley, etc., and could tell many stories about them. His death severs another link with the past.

MISS DOROTHY SAYERS A RINGER.**GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AT ISLE OF WIGHT MEETING.**

Miss Dorothy Sayers, authoress of 'The Nine Tailors,' attended a meeting of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Brading recently. She was accompanied by another writer, her friend, Mrs. Denis Browne (Miss Helen Simpson, the novelist and historian), who is the prospective Liberal candidate for the Isle of Wight. After tea, at which the members were guests of the Archdeacon, Miss Sayers astonished the meeting by ringing the treble on handbells to a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, which was the more amazing as she declared she had never rung handbells before. But then, Miss Sayers wrote 'The Nine Tailors' without ever having been into a belfry.

At the subsequent business meeting, presided over by Dr. J. Bruce Williamson, Miss Sayers and Mrs. Denis Browne were elected non-resident members of the Guild, and the Vicar of Newport and Mr. W. Rowntree, of Ventnor, were elected hon. members.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight. Among the hymns sung was 'There is a land of pure delight,' which the Archdeacon announced as 'the Isle of Wight hymn,' saying that it had been written by Dr. Watts whilst seated on the shore of Southampton Water looking towards the Island.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held on Saturday week at the beautiful old-world village of Cawthorne. The weather was ideal and members were present from Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Sandal, Wath and Wentworth, with a good muster of the local company. Tea was served at the Spencer's Arms, 16 sitting down. After tea the ringers adjourned to the Old Parish Room to hold the business meeting.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Greenwood) presided and was thanked for the use of the bells and also for acting as chairman.

The Vicar, in reply, said ringers were always welcome at Cawthorne, and he was also pleased to be with the ringers of the district once more.

Crofton was chosen next place of meeting, to be held on November 12th. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in a great variety of Minor methods, ranging from Original to London Surprise.

SOUTHAMPTON.—For evensong at St. Michael's Church on October 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Melville 1, G. Pullinger 2, F. Glasspool 3, W. Andrews 4, G. Noice 5, W. Melville 6, R. Reed (conductor) 7, S. Hector 8.

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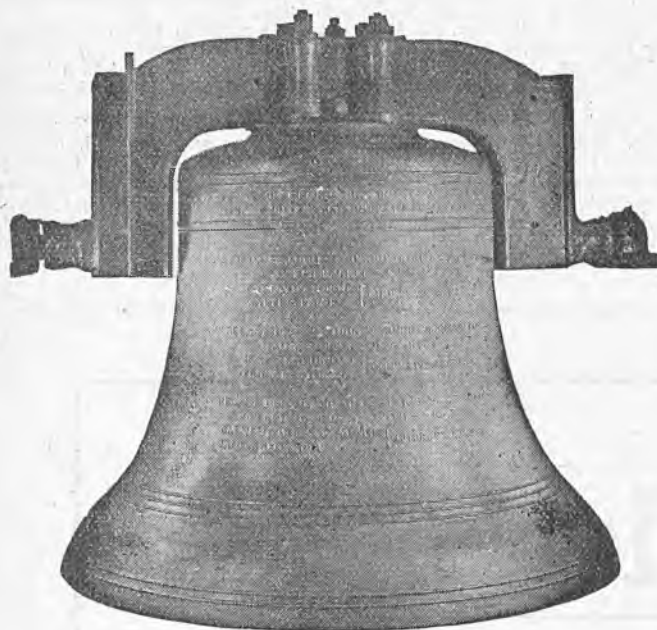
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. Walter Judge has not entirely severed his connection with All Saints' tower, Oxford. All he has done is to relinquish the office of captain of the tower, his reason being that he is now unable to give full-time service. He will, however, retain his membership.

The Ladies' Guild will inaugurate the newly-constituted Eastern District, formed as part of the reorganisation scheme, at a meeting at Stowmarket, Suffolk, to be held on November 12th.

Leicester and Hinckley Districts of the Midland Counties Association are to hold a joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild at Lutterworth on November 5th.

The peal rung at Barton-on-Humber and recorded in our issue of October 14th was claimed to be the first peal of Superlative on the bells. Mr. F. H. Dexter points out that a peal of Superlative was rung there on June 8th, 1924, conducted by J. T. Dyke.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN VANCOUVER.

Visitors from Victoria and Dunstable, Alberta, were present at a ringing practice at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, on September 28th. They rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, including 212, 168, another 212 and 336. Those who took part in the last touch were R. H. Tapper 1, A. C. Limpus 2, R. Pitman 3, F. Hird 4, G. Roberts 5, — Guest 6, — Watts 7, T. Silvester 8. Others who took part in the ringing were M. Bennett and W. Bond.

Five of the band between them totalled 366 years. They were Messrs. Guest, aged 72, from Leigh, Lancashire; W. Bond, 76, from Cheltenham, Glos.; T. Silvester, 76, from Sheffield; Watts, 72, from Wigan; and A. C. Limpus, 70, from Windsor. Mr. Silvester is expecting to remain in Vancouver.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

In order that the seating at the College Youths' dinner may be adequately arranged, all names of those intending to be present should be sent in by Tuesday morning, November 1st.

The preacher at the service at St. Michael's, College Hill, will be Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association.

HOLIDAY GUIDES.

A SUGGESTION TO HEAD RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When one seeks pastures new for his holidays, he first takes steps to provide himself with an 'Illustrated Guide' to some particular district. Next he turns up the 'Ringers' Directory,' which, unfortunately, does not contain all the names of the towers or particulars needed. If you are fortunate enough to possess an old copy of a report which covers the district, it will help a little, but I would like to suggest that the head ringers of the churches situate at seaside towns and spas get in touch with the authorities concerned with the issue of the local 'guide' (usually the town clerk) and ask them to insert the number of bells with the name of the church. There is usually a section devoted to 'places of worship' in the guide. Perhaps with a little persuasion 'practice night' could be included.

I had it in mind that the Central Council might do something in this line, but the next meeting will be too late for next season, and then again, if the head ringers take it up, none will be overlooked.

P. CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

HERTFORD RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

MR. G. GRAY'S VALUED SERVICES TO RINGING.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death, from heart failure, of Mr. G. Gray, who passed away on Monday, October 17th, at the age of 54 years. His death came as a great shock to all, as he was ringing at both services on the previous day.

He was a pillar of strength to the Hertford company and a regular attendant at all meetings of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association. One of his chief delights was the tuition of young ringers and to watch them making progress. He will be greatly missed in the towers of All Saints' and St. Andrew's Churches. The funeral took place on Thursday, October 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, and was attended by a large number of ringing friends and townspeople.

As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled by his colleagues, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside, by Mrs. Fletcher and Messrs. G. Radley, Sidney Carter and A. Lawrence. There were many wreaths, including one from the Eastern District of the association, and a beautiful bell with the words, 'That's all,' from his colleagues.

Mr. Gray rang his first peal at Hertford in 1909, and his total was 69. Among them were a colour peal, in which the names of all the band were colours, a Royal Jubilee and two Coronation peals. Mr. Gray leaves a widow, to whom the sympathy of all goes out to her in her sad bereavement.

On Sunday for morning service, 700 Grandsire Caters was rung at All Saints' Church with the bells half-muffled by the following members of the Herts County Association: Miss C. Ditton 1, A. J. House 2, G. E. Debenham 3, A. Lawrence 4, R. Dore 5, G. Freestone 6, S. Carter. (conductor) 7, A. Wright 8, J. Ladley 9, P. Saunders 10.

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PERCY J. JOHNSON.

One of the modern 'pillars of the Exercise' in Yorkshire is Mr. Percy J. Johnson, who has served his association in many capacities, including 15 years as its honorary secretary, an exacting position in a county of such a size. Mr. Johnson is often mistaken for a Yorkshireman born and bred, but while it is true he has lived most of his life in the county of broad acres, he is proud of the fact that he is a Londoner by birth, having been born at Bethnal Green in 1882. He began his ringing as a youth in 1898 at Holbeck, and between that tower and St. Michael's, Headingley, he has shared his ringing career. He first joined St. Michael's band in 1903, and after three years went back to Holbeck, where he remained a member until 1914. In that year he returned to the Headingley band, to which he has been attached ever since.

It was in 1914 that he also first took office in the association, becoming in that year Ringing Master of the Western Division and continuing until 1917, when he became hon. secretary of the association and served it in that capacity with efficiency until 1932. On his relinquishing this post he was elected vice-president of the Western Division and still fills that office.

Mr. Johnson rang his first peal in 1903 and since then has rung 260 peals, of which he has conducted 114, about 240 having been rung and over a hundred called for the Yorkshire Association. He took part in the first peal of London Surprise in Yorkshire, rung in March, 1904, and was one of the band that rang the only peal of Double Norwich Major 'silent' on handbells. This was in October, 1932. Mr. Johnson has taken part in many interesting handbell performances and has helped to raise handbell ringing in Yorkshire to a high level. In addition to his interest in the Yorkshire Association, which he has served for so long, Mr. Johnson has taken an active part in the affairs of the Leeds and District Society, and it was as the representative of this organisation that he was first elected to the Central Council in 1912, and served until 1920. In 1921 he was elected one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association and he has continued a member up to the present time.



MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
THE RESTORED BATTERSEA BELLS.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at Battersea on Saturday week, when some 60 members and friends attended to try the bells of St. Mary's Church, which have been recently retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The general opinion was that the 'go' and the tone of the peal left nothing to be desired.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, and, with a short break for tea and business meeting, continued till just before 8 o'clock, when, owing to illness in the neighbourhood, proceedings were brought to a premature conclusion. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Spliced Surprise Major.

A company of 42 sat down to tea, and the business meeting followed with the District Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) in the chair. Two new members were elected—Mr. Frederick C. Pearmain, of Wimbledon, and Mr. Dennis G. Brown, of Penge.

The Master stated that arrangements were being made to hold the next district meeting on December 17th at St. George's, Camberwell, and St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, and to Messrs. G. Barber and W. Essery for their help in making the arrangements.

THE NORTH STAFFS INCIDENT.

RINGERS' MEETINGS ON LICENSED PREMISES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am partially in agreement with your article of last week's issue, but the last paragraph is most distressing. Having read your report of the meeting on page 685, I fail to see 'the implied stigma cast upon ringers that they cannot be trusted to regale themselves on licensed premises without risk to their reputations.' I feel somewhat confident, sir, that you have never met the gentlemen you condemn, or you would never have applied such uncharitable words in your article, words capable of being construed harmfully. I have met and known something of the spiritual work of Mr. Gardner, and the stigma you suggest that was contained in his protest is unworthy of your Christian reputation. Mr. Gardner is a man of high Christian principles, with a character based upon discipleship of Jesus Christ. His bone of contention was a principle, which I suggest could have been better and more successfully considered at the annual meeting of the association, when an opportunity could have been given for both sides to express their views in a Christian spirit of brotherhood.

In days long ago the only place for meetings was chiefly upon licensed premises, and thither our great friendly societies met, and probably many do so now. But with many it has been found advantageous to move into unlicensed premises, because it was found with changing times that, if the membership and success of these societies was to continue, unlicensed premises must be secured. This has been done without inflicting any hardship upon the member who wanted his beverage of ale. There is no reason to draw comparisons between the ringer who drank in the belfry and the parson in the vestry; these things have passed away, never to return. The past history of ringers is still recorded upon public-house signboards, and that is enough.

But the North Staffs incident leads me to express views which I have held for many a day, and that is, could not the College Youths find an unlicensed meeting place? I shall never forget my first introduction to the Coffee Pot, with its grand array of churchwarden pipes, etc. It is certainly reminiscent of the past and that is all; but it was no encouragement for me to attend future meetings. We are recognised now as churchworkers, chiefly owing to the ringers themselves, through the medium and pertinacity of the ringing associations, not forgetting 'The Ringing World.' If we are churchworkers we should be invited to meet upon church premises the same as other church organisations.

It would add greatly to the prestige of the College Youths if they could hold their business meetings at the Church House, when rebuilt, or some such similar institution.

Don't misunderstand me, sir, for I think the licensed house at the moment is a necessity, and always will be. As a College Youth for many years I should like my vision of this great ringing society an actual fact. But when all is said about being churchworkers, let us remember that we don't gain entrance into the heavenly mansions by merit. We must be workers together with Jesus Christ in a spiritual sense, which will place a new complexion upon all our ringing. When this is done (and why not?) we shall better understand the principles set forth by the Rector of Bucknall and the Vicar of Biddulph in the fullest Christian spirit.

Duffield, St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL.

A FIRST—AND LAST—QUARTER PEAL.

BERKSHIRE RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

There is a pathetic interest in the following record of a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles rung at Brightwell, Berks, on Sunday, October 2nd, for the harvest festival. The ringers were F. Brooker 1, J. R. Pease 2, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 3, F. Castell 4, J. Castell 5, G. Burnham 6, and it was the first quarter by ringers of 2nd and tenor.

Mr. G. Burnham, the ringer of the tenor in this quarter-peal, was also a highly esteemed member of the choir, a parochial church councillor and associated in many ways with the social life of the village. We much regret to record that he died suddenly on October 13th at the early age of 25. He will be greatly missed.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, October 15th, and as a tribute to his memory a quarter-peal was rung in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, in four methods, viz., Grandsire, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles, by J. R. Pease 1, J. Castell 2, E. V. Naish 3, F. Castell 4, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 5, F. Brooker 6.

SHEPshed RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled at Shepshed Parish Church as a last token of respect to Mr. Thomas Hill, one of the local ringers. His services as well as his cheery personality will be missed in the tower he loved so well. The quarter-peal was rung by H. Lacey (Shepshed) 1, J. Saddington (Loughborough) 2, G. Butler (Shepshed) 3, G. H. Grundy (Loughborough) 4, R. Edwards (Loughborough) 5, H. Kirby (Shepshed) 6, L. Stevens (Loughborough) (conductor) 7, B. Quemby (Shepshed) 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESS OF FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

Ringers and Churchgoing.

The first venture of the Chester Diocesan Guild to hold an annual dinner met with marked success, when at Kettell's Restaurant, Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th, some 100 ringers and friends thoroughly enjoyed the event. Among those present were Mr. J. W. Milner (Master of the Guild), the Rev. M. H. Ridgway (hon. secretary), the Archdeacon of Chester, the Rev. S. T. Stevens, the Rev. C. G. Dickson, the Rev. Parry Williams and Alderman T. H. Kelsall and Mrs. Kelsall, the Mayor and Mayoress of Crewe.

Among those who sent apologies were the Bishop of Chester, the Dean of Chester, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. Evetts and Mr. A. Thompson.

The proceedings were opened by the chairman, who addressed a few words of welcome to the guests and said how pleased he was with the decision of the Guild to hold an annual dinner.

After an excellent repast, the Chairman proposed the toast of His Majesty the King. The company was then immediately put into the right 'atmosphere' with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by the talented Frodsham ringers, augmented by Mr. A. Barnes, of Stockport, and a humorous sketch, by a member of the concert party, entitled 'The Cautious Curate.'

The toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by the Archdeacon of Chester, who first thanked the Guild. He went on to say that he was present last year at the jubilee dinner at Chester, which was his first public function after having been appointed Archdeacon, and he carried from that dinner very pleasant memories of the happy evening. He, too, was very glad that it was decided that the dinner should be an annual one. He was sorry he came alone from his parish that night, but he expressed the hope that by next year Tattenhall ringers would be members of the Guild.

Continuing, the Archdeacon spoke of the recruiting of ringers and said how glad he was to see so many young ringers present. He himself had learned to ring when an undergraduate, but regretted he had never really mastered the art, but he had not given up hope that some day he would have time to go on with the study. The Archdeacon said that since the jubilee dinner he had taken unto himself a wife, and caused much laughter by adding that a certain person, on hearing of the engagement, told his future wife that the first seven years were the worst and after that it brightened up a bit. He concluded by saying that they were deeply indebted to all who rang the bells because he did not know what would happen to the congregations if there were no bellringers.

DECLINE IN HONORARY MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary of the Guild (the Rev. M. H. Ridgway) responded. He said he was very glad that the effort to establish an annual dinner had met with such success. Their Guild was one of the foremost in the country and held the record performance of a peal in 84 methods. One thing he did regret, and that was the gradual decline in honorary members, and he took the opportunity of hinting to clergy and churchwardens that they should become honorary members. He knew the Archdeacon would make a mental note of his suggestion so that he could supplement it when on his annual trot round the diocese at Easter time. The speaker caused amusement by his reference to the habits of ringers with regard to attending service after ringing. He knew ringers who were past masters in the art of slipping through a door only 3in. open and he did not know how on earth they did it (laughter). He personally did not expect them to attend every service, but it would be nice if sometimes the ringers would send a representative, if only to be able to tell the others what the Vicar had said.

The Mayor of Crewe, who was the next speaker, said he was sorry he had not been able to get to the dinner owing to having been to another one immediately previous, and he had no room for two (laughter). Even a Mayor's capacity was limited. However, he could assure them that he was delighted to be present. He had attended all sorts of dinners and social functions, but it was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending a bellringers' dinner. The Mayor pictured a snow scene, with the bells pealing out from the tower, and there came to his mind that delightful poem, 'Ring out the old, Ring in the new.' Although ringers were isolated in the belfry, they were performing a very essential public service in the life of the community in calling people to church. He thought it very nice to have such a thing as a Guild whereby they could all join together. Continuing, he said that as the civic representative he was very glad to welcome them to Crewe. H. G. Wells, that great imaginative writer, in one of his books had visualised the time when the material side would outdistance the moral and spiritual side of life, but it was such organisations as their Guild that had a steady influence.

The Rev. S. T. Stevens, of Crewe, thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for honouring them with their presence. Incidentally he quickly had his hearers roaring with laughter with several good stories, and he reminded the company that he and the Rev. C. G. Dickson, Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Marbury, were both bachelors. He, however, assured those present that it was not their fault. They had on several occasions been taken down from the shelf and dusted, only to be put back again (laughter).

A most enjoyable entertainment was provided by the concert party and there were splendid exhibitions from the Lawton and Frodsham handbell ringers.

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TWO MORE SURPRISE METHODS.

SUFFOLK AND HERTFORDSHIRE PERFORMANCES.

We record this week peals in two more new Surprise methods, one rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, and the other at Aldenham, Herts. The following are the methods and the compositions used with them:—

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By C. J. Sedgley.

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First rung at
Helmingham, Suf-
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1938.

DELROW.

By H. G. Cashmore.

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First rung at
Aldenham, Herts,
on Oct. 22nd, 1938.

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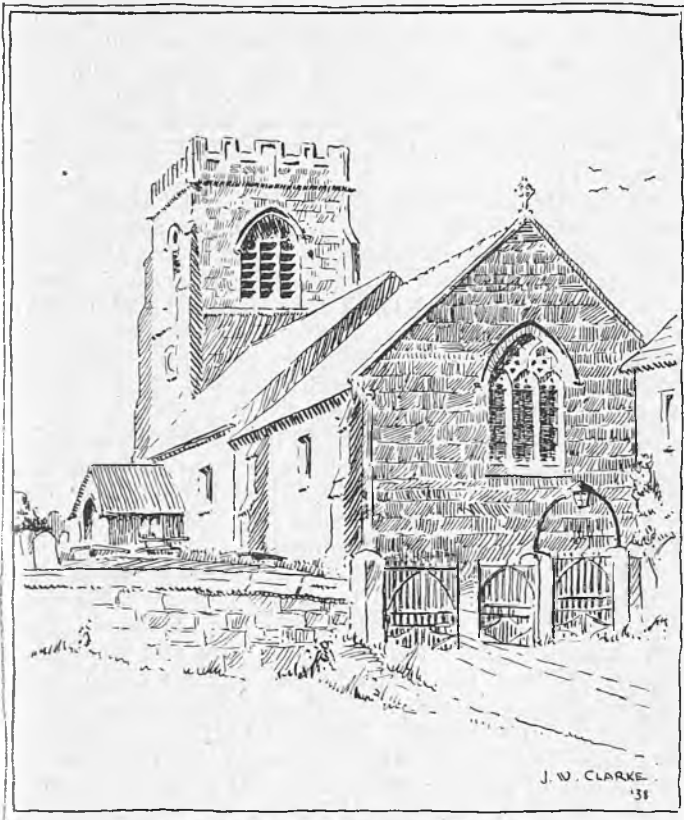
This report would be incomplete without paying tribute to the splendid work of the local committee who were responsible for the arrangements, and the writer feels that special mention ought to be made of Mr. R. D. Langford, the indefatigable hon. secretary of the Crewe Branch, and Mr. H. Parker, who holds a similar position with the Northwich Branch. As one speaker so aptly put it, the annual dinner has been well and truly launched, and the Crewe Branch has set the other branches a very high standard to emulate.

NEW BELLS AT SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE. AN INTERESTING HISTORY.

Seventeenth Century Churchwarden's Lapse.

Standing on the edge of the Dee marshes is the ancient Cheshire village of Shotwick. Even in these days it has managed to remain in its peaceful backwater without apparent disturbance, and the sturdy tower of its picturesque church looks out, as it has done for many centuries, across the wide estuary to the Welsh mountains beyond.

Three bells must have hung in the tower as far back as the 16th century, and an interesting light is thrown on the affairs of the time by a record of the proceedings of the Consistory Court in 1629, when Richard Chamberlain, churchwarden, appeared at the Court 'for taking and not accepting to the parish in his time for 32 lbs. Bell-metal worth xxiijs.' The theft was made in 1610, nineteen years previously, when 'the middle bell' was recast and arrived at the church 'not tunable.' The founder, in an effort to put matters right,



SHOTWICK CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

'did hewe the same thinner and did take out metal which he caused to be weighed by one John Caldey, who said it was 30 lbs. or thereabouts.' As the bell was doubtless not very large, its condition after this treatment can easily be imagined, and evidently gave the church cause to be dissatisfied with its bells generally, for four years later they were disposed of.

William Clibury, who owned a foundry of considerable importance at Wellington, in the neighbouring county of Shropshire, supplied Shotwick with a new bell in 1616. The bell weighed about 9 cwt. and was inscribed in good Roman letters, 'Iesvs be ovr speed,' an inscription which the founder frequently made use of. His initials, neatly arranged in a plain shield, also appeared on the waist. The bell evidently gave considerable satisfaction, for a second was ordered in 1621 and was duly delivered and hung. Its inscription, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' had an elaborate ornamental border in the spaces between the words—a special feature of many of Clibury's bells—and was no doubt gazed on with some feeling of pride when the wagon bearing it lumbered to the church gates. At any rate, these two bells seem to have been deemed sufficient for nearly half a century.

In 1664 it was decided to add a third bell. The Clibury foundry had by this time lost much of its original fame, and several bells in the neighbourhood had lately been supplied by John Scott, of Wigan, Lancs. Scott started his foundry in 1656, and it is of perhaps more than passing interest to note that his foundry is the only one that has ever existed in this industrial county. Bells were cast there until 1750, but not many of them now remain.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. An attendance of 91 was recorded, representing 25 towers and four districts of the association. The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's were available to members during the afternoon and good use was made of the bells in various methods. Service was held at St. Alphege's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. H. Hodges), and an interesting and helpful address was given by the Archdeacon of Maidstone (the Rev. T. K. Sopwith). At the organ was Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac.

Tea, provided by the association, was served in Gaywood's Rooms, amongst those present being the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Revs. A. R. Barnes, E. A. Miller, C. A. Manley and J. W. Horsley (all honorary members) and the Rev. W. H. Hodges.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was occupied by the Rev. A. R. Barnes. The hon. secretary's annual report and balance sheet were adopted, the latter showing a balance on the year's working of £27 (less the cost of the day's tea).

For meetings during the coming year, Walmer was selected, after a vote against Selling, as the venue of the spring meeting, but the proposer of Selling had his own way later when that tower was chosen for the summer meeting. St. Lawrence (Thanet) was selected for the next meeting of the district.

For the first time the district decided the election of its officers by nomination and ballot. Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected as district secretary, his being the only nomination received. Mr. E. Trendell was elected as Ringing Master, also unopposed. For the two committee representatives three members stood for election, Messrs. F. G. Brett, H. R. French and H. Whitehead, the resulting ballot deciding that Messrs. Brett and Whitehead 'carry on.'

Mr. Brett was cordially thanked for his services as Ringing Master over a number of years.

It was unanimously decided that a message of congratulation be sent to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore on his recovery from a serious illness, together with the meeting's greetings and best wishes.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped in making the meeting a success, and the members then returned to the towers for further ringing, the bells of the Cathedral being also available.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER TO BE REVIVED.

By kind permission of the Vicar, a meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths (Nottingham) was held on Saturday last at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Beeston.

During the afternoon some good practice was obtained in many methods from Grandsire to Cambridge, including some spliced ringing; the handbells were also brought into action.

After tea a meeting was held, at which a committee was formed to carry out the arrangements for reviving the Crofts Memorial Dinner, to be held in February next.

A suggestion that a mid-week meeting be held met with general approval, and the first of these will take place at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Thursday, November 24th.

Returning to the tower, further ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m.

The society desires to record appreciation of the visit of the churchwarden to the tower during the ringing and his manifest interest in the work; also thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

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The Shotwick bell cannot have done the foundry much credit, for it was very much out of tune and of inferior quality. However, together with the two Clibury bells, it did duty—with doubtless one or two rehauings—until a few months ago. It then became possible, through the generosity of the late Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Wansbrough, who left a sum of money for the purpose to provide, among other things, a ring of six bells and execute considerable repairs to the ancient tower.

The two Clibury bells have been retained and form the fifth and tenor of the ring, four new trebles being added. The Scott bell now stands in the church, where it remains as an example—although perhaps not a very good one—of a founder whose work has almost disappeared. The restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who are deserving of congratulation on the excellence of the job. Shotwick now possesses a delightful ring of six with a tenor of 8½ cwt. in F sharp, hung in an iron frame on steel girders.

The little church, with its quaint box pews and 'three-decker' pulpit, was filled to overflowing on Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, when the bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean of South Wirral, the Rev. E. G. Auden. The customary rounds were rung as the clergy walked back from the belfry to the chancel, and at the conclusion of the service 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. R. Sperring, A. E. Richards, J. Hughes, C. Dryland, J. Morgan and J. W. Clarke. Touches of Cambridge and Kent followed, several members of the Chester Guild taking part.

We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Clarke both for the excellent drawing of the church and this interesting history of Shotwick bells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**JOINT MEETINGS DISCUSSED.**

The quarterly meeting at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th, was favoured with beautiful weather and a company of nearly 40 met together. After about an hour's ringing in various methods, a short service was held in the church, conducted by the curate, from the Guild's form of service. Tea in the school followed and the business meeting afterwards took place, Mr. J. H. White, Ringing Master, taking the chair. First he heartily welcomed the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell from Staverton, whose first visit it was to Bedworth.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Rev. W. H. Trickett (Rector of Church Lawford), Messrs. D. H. Argyle (Nuneaton) and H. C. Burt (Lillington).

Arising out of the minutes of the meeting at Monk's Kirby in July, the question of a combined meeting at Claybrook with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was brought up. Mr. Webb inquired why the meeting had not taken place.

The hon. secretary read a letter from Mr. W. A. Wood, the hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, explaining that Claybrook bells were not available, therefore the proposed meeting could not take place. However, a letter had been received from Mr. Perkins, hon. secretary of the Leicester District, inviting the Guild to a meeting at Lutterworth on November 5th. This was well received and the members promised to do their best to attend.

The meeting places for the next three months were then fixed: Allesley for November, Shilton for December, and Nuneaton for January.

One new member, Arthur R. Webb, of Keresley, was admitted. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. E. Stone to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to Mr. M. Melville, who officiated at the organ, and to Mr. R. Lydster (local captain) for having everything in readiness and for arranging the tea.

Mr. Webb, with his handbell ringers, delighted the company with a number of well-known tunes. A return was then made to the belfry, where ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

'YOUTH' IN LANCASHIRE.**LEARNERS' EXCELLENT PROGRESS.**

Another successful meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Westhoughton on Saturday last. At the advertised time for the bells to be available (3 p.m.) there was a band waiting to start, and before 4 p.m. touches in five methods had been brought round, with the striking, on the whole, very good. The youthful learners of a year ago have come on in leaps and bounds, thanks to a few old stalwarts who answered the call.

A service had been arranged, but had to be cut out, owing to another urgent engagement of the Vicar, who sent an apology.

At the business meeting Mr. Wright, of Westhoughton, took the chair. Three new members were elected, and a resolution referred back from the annual meeting to branches with regard to the Central Council was discussed.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their welcome and preparation, and to the ladies for providing tea, followed by more ringing, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major was the favourite method of the day.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**WELL ATTENDED MEETING AT DEEPIING ST. JAMES.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Deeping St. James on Saturday week. With perfect weather conditions, about 30 ringers were present from Peterborough, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Bourne, Edenhall, Morton, Rippingale, Billingborough, Folkingham and Deeping St. James. The Rector (the Rev. T. Williams) kindly allowed the use of this grand peal of six, with tenor 19½ cwt., during the afternoon and evening, and the bells were kept going to a large variety of Minor methods, including Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise.

A short service was conducted by the Rector in the ancient and interesting church, and a splendid tea was served in the school, 23 sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. T. Williams presided. A proposition was made to hold the next meeting (the annual meeting) at Edenhall. An amendment was made in favour of Grantham, but, on being put to vote, Edenhall secured the majority.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, and coupled with this was a special vote of thanks to the Church Workers' Guild for providing such an excellent tea. The Rev. T. Williams suitably replied, saying he welcomed the Guild to Deeping St. James and hoped they would again visit there on a future occasion.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, in Church Hall.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of the above division will be carried forward to October 29th, at Great Holland. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baltonsborough on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street, Somerset.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornford, near Sherborne, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Benfieldside on Saturday, October 29th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. T. W. Dodd, Spa Lodge, Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham? Also will ringers kindly note that the stepping-off place for Benfieldside is Shotley Bridge? A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Frank Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, at approximately 5.15, followed by business meeting.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Monkton on October 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The 'Elizabeth' bell will be dedicated on Sunday, October 30th, at 11 a.m. by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bedford. The bells (6) will be available for visiting ringers from 2 p.m. Come and try Hertfordshire's new six.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 30th, at the 11 a.m. service, the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co. to augment the peal to a ring of six.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for November: St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1st, 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3rd, 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 8th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 10th & 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 15th, 7.30 p.m.; *St. Mary le-Bow, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Secretary, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A Wednesday meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Balcombe on November 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by October 31st. All ringers are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LADIES' GUILD (London District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A combined meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E.1, on Wednesday, November 2nd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 6 o'clock at Lyons, opposite Southwark Cathedral. Ringing after tea. Everybody welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn,

T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Magnus-the-Martyr, St. Clement Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, will be available for ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL DINNER of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at the King Alfred Hotel, Alfreton, at 6.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Ringing from 2.30 to 5. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Application for dinner tickets (3s. each) must be made by October 29th to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, or T. Clarke, 63, Kingsway, East Kirkby, Notts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Sandown Corner House at 5.15 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1939 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, November 2nd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Double Court and Double Norwich. Also Rounds, etc., for local beginners. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me about tea by November 2nd.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Telephone, Larkwood 1959.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45 for those who notify me by Wednesday, November 2nd. This is the first meeting since the restoration of the church, and is also arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar. A good attendance requested, but remember the postcard.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting Shifnal, November 5th. Good peal of bells and important business. For tea, please advise me by November 2nd.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, November 1st. I should appreciate it if all outstanding 1938 subscriptions are paid before or at this meeting.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be a joint meeting of the Nottingham and Derby Districts at Duffield on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the Bridge Inn. Please come and make a good party for some handbell ringing with our friend, J. Pagett. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, November 5th. Hoddesdon tower at 3 p.m. Service at Broxbourne Church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Welcome. All are welcome at the Welcome.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weekley (6 bells) on Saturday, November 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 24, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford (8 bells) on Saturday, November 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh Church on Saturday, November 5th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, nr. Sheffield. All welcome—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Rd., Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford (8 bells, available 2-9 p.m.) on Saturday, November 5th. Tea at a moderate charge for those who inform Mr. H. S. Hinkins, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous.—H. S. Hinkins and K. W. Mayer, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Leicester District and Hinckley District) **AND THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Lutterworth on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by November 3rd.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Local Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The first meeting of the new year of the above district will be held at Gosforth, All Saints' (10 bells), on Saturday, November 5th, at 3 p.m. Will members requiring tea (1s.) please notify me by Thursday, November 3rd?—Jack Roach, Hon. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Fenham, Newcastle, 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Twynning (6 bells) on Nov. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify by November 1st.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge (St. Mary's R.C.) on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Tower open 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The peal, recently augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be available for the first district meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, and I must ask you to 'play the game' and let me know. Remember, it's an opening of a new peal. May I expect 10—or 100? Committee members please make an effort to attend, as I have business for you.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Golding, 10, Alma Rd., Hemel Hempstead, by the previous Thursday? Beds ringers please note.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8 bells) on Saturday, November 12th, to inaugurate the new Eastern District. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should notify Miss S. Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Monday, November 7th. Excellent bus service from Ipswich. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business and election of officers for 1939. Private coach from Owen's Garage, Shaw Street, Worcester, 2.30. Return fare 1s. 3d. Please notify me seats required and numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 8th.—G. E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

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