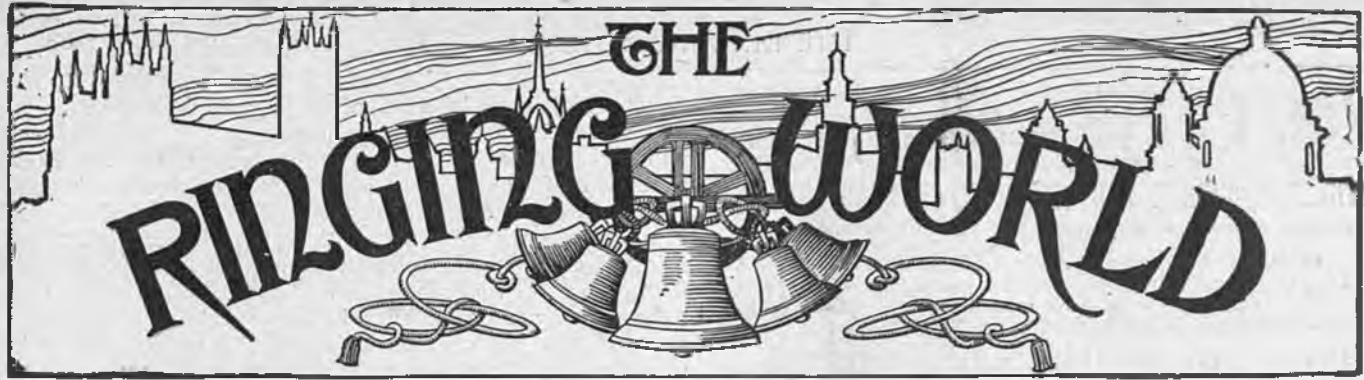


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RINGING ORGANISATIONS IN LICHFIELD DIOCESE

The rapidity with which the modern ringing societies spread over the country about fifty years ago is again brought to mind by the fact that yet another has just celebrated its jubilee, so that in the last seven years the best part of a score of these organisations have completed half a century of useful work. Last Saturday the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford officially commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, an event which was naturally the occasion for many congratulations, and one upon which the Exercise at large will felicitate the members. The number of original members now surviving is, of course, a very small one, but it is rather remarkable that there have been only three lay secretaries in all the length of the Society's life, and forty-eight years is covered by the services of two men. This is rather a wonderful record upon which the Society may well pride itself. It has throughout this time been faithfully and loyally served, and Mr. Herbert Knight, the present occupant of the office, has earned the deepest gratitude of the members by giving them no less than twenty-five years' ungrudging service. Such men as Mr. Knight, who unostentatiously labour, year after year, for the benefit of their fellows, who in face of the disappointments and not infrequent discouragements which fall to the lot of a secretary, still stick to their task, are the salt of the Exercise. Twenty-five years is a long period for one man to give to an honorary office, and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society has had the unusual experience of two men who have thus served them for practically a quarter of a century each.

It is not generally realised that no fewer than four ringing organisations at present exist to cover the diocese of Lichfield, which embraces the counties of Staffordshire and Shropshire—they comprise the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the North Staffs Association, the Shropshire Association and the Midland Counties Association, which partly overlaps Staffordshire. In these days when the tendency is towards Diocesan Guilds, it may be wondered why some effort is not made to unite the area under one organisation. This would, on the surface, appear to be the ideal arrangement, but there are local difficulties, largely geographical, which make it far from easy of practical achievement. There have been instances in the past where the amalgamation of a number of small societies into a Diocesan Guild, as was the case, for example, in the dioceses of Lincoln and Peterborough, has been advantageous and has given the united association an added dignity, prestige and influence. In the diocese of Lichfield, however, there seems to be some

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doubt whether the interests of ringing would be as effectually served by a united organisation, on account of the widespread area which it would have to serve. Now that two of the Staffordshire societies have celebrated their jubilee, and the Shropshire Association is a well established entity, to say nothing of the fact that the Midland Counties Association claims the diocese of Lichfield as part of its area, it is perhaps too late in the day to expect any radical change in the manner in which these two counties are organised for ringing purposes, and it may be doubtful if any substantial advantage would accrue. Nevertheless, it might be well if those chiefly concerned were to review the situation and examine the possibilities of a more powerful and influential Guild if the three principal societies could combine their forces. In any case, no harm would be done by an investigation, if those responsible in the various parts of the diocese could be got into one mind on the subject. A Guild for the whole diocese of Lichfield would, it seems to us, be no mean force to stand by the interests of ringing in that important area.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Liverpool City Police ... ..	... Treble
Det.-S. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City Police ... ..	... 2
P.C. WILLIAM PYE, Manchester City Police ... ..	... 3
P.C. DONALD BROWN, Manchester City Police ... ..	... 4
EX-P.S. WILLIAM C. DOWDING, Birmingham City Police ... ..	... 5
P.S. HAROLD G. JENNEY, Leicester City Police ... ..	... 6
P.S. PETER CROOK, Bolton Borough Police ... ..	... 7
P.S. FREDERICK PAGE, Manchester City Police ... ..	... 8
Sub-Div. Insp. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, Metropolitan Police ... ..	... 9
P.S. CECIL A. SMITH, Chipping Wycombe Borough Police ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by Ex. P.C. CORNELIUS CHARGE, Metropolitan Police.
Conducted by Det.-Sgt. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City Police.

First peal of Stedman Caters for the Guild, and first by a band of police officers. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert Woodward and Miss Constance Elizabeth Wickes, friends of the ringer of the 6th, on the occasion of their marriage at Uppingham Parish Church on this day.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

JAMES H. JUDD ... ..	... Treble	HUGH R. THORPE	6
WALTER CLAYDON	2	GEORGE F. HOAD	7
FRANK JEAL	3	ARTHUR G. WILLETT	8
H. BERNARD WELLS	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	9
RICHARD V. FULLER	5	HENRY A. HOAD	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.
Rung for the conductor's silver wedding.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... ..	... Treble	† WILLIAM H. Y. ADKINS	6
MRS. A. E. LOCK	2	* HENRY W. CURTIS	7
* ERNEST W. SMITH	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	8
MISS STELLA DAVIS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	9
* REGINALD W. REX	5	* EDWARD CROCKER	Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal. First peal on the ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN G. NASH Treble	JAMES BENNETT 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	GEORGE B. COLLINS 7
HENRY RUMENS 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 3 cwt. 18 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	*ERNEST J. LADD 6
FRANK N. SBEATON 2	ALEC RICHARDSON 7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 8
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	ERNEST J. OLIVER 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by STAFFORD GREEN

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK BOORMAN Treble	GEORGE H. SPICE 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 2	JOHN W. UNWIN 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
†MRS. GEORGE H. SPICE 4	GEORGE KENWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE FOX Treble	VICTOR APPEGATE 5
HARRY C. WALTERS 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
FRED NEWTON 3	HARRY BROWN 7
JOHN H. LENTON 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ALFRED PYE 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH MARKS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This is the 100th peal that Mr. J. E. Davis has rung in this tower.

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STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK

The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band excepting the ringer of the 7th.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*JOHN FOSKETT 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	†WALTER D. JOLLEY 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDMUND MOUNTNER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by JAMES BENNETT

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM FLATT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
CHARLES LOOME 2	GEORGE GOWER 6
WILLIAM C. BUNN 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE H. RANDLES 5
*OSWALD CLAYBROOK 2	*BERTRAM RUTTER 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. First local peal of Grandsire on the bells.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. STEELE ... Treble	THOMAS JONES 5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	*NORMAN HEAPS 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

* 50th peal. First peal of Major on the bells. A birthday peal for the grandson of the treble ringer.

DARSBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK 2	FRANK TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	STANLEY HARRISON 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	*HARRY GILL 7
*CYRIL RYDER 4	*JOSEPH LITTLER Tenor

Composition 115 C.C.C.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the patronal festival, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. Victor and Mrs. Dams, Vicar of the parish.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

W. H. ANDREWS 2	F. G. BRETT 5
MRS. E. H. SPICE 2	F. R. WELLER 6
G. G. JENKINS 3	E. E. TRENDELL 7
J. W. UNWIN 4	B. J. LUCK Tenor

Conducted by E. E. TRENDELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Gosden Fairbrass, a foundation member of the Kent County Association, and for many years an active member of the Christ Church Cathedral band, Canterbury.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*HARRY SMERDON 2	*GEORGE CHIVERTON 5
GEORGE RAYNER 2	†EDWARD ENTICKNAP 6
HARRY E. GOOD 3	†W. CYRIL SMITH 7
†GEORGE REED 4	*RAYMOND FOREMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the patronal festival and as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd. All the ringers are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JAMES TOPP 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. T. GREENWOOD

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. SEABRIGHT...Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
HARRY ARGENT 3	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 7
RICHARD A. CONSTANT 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt at Major. Rung for the 296th anniversary of the society and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. All the above are Sunday service ringers in Gravesend, the conductor being Master of the Ancient Society.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTBIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES 6
EDGAR HANCOX 3	FRANK CORKE 7
PERCY E. JONES 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells for 30 years.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM DYE 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	*FREDERICK CRAPNELL ... 7
HERBERT SHERRING 4	GEORGE E. SIMMONS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM GARRARD. Conducted by WILLIAM DYE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Messrs. Brundle and Dye rang this same peal 53 years ago.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	FRED HAWKES 6
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association. The quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	*RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association; also on the 48th anniversary of R. W. Stannard's first peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, 30

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST W. PVE 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
*RONALD D. WARD 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
ERNEST J. RUNTER 3	†ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
ERNEST J. BOTLER 4	ERNEST BRIT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

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GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	HORACE BELCHER 5
GEORGE J. BOTCHER 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

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

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hoskins.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*GEORGE IVES 2	REGINALD MARTIN 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First Surprise peal. The 50th peal together of ringers 4 and 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association. The band thank him for his hospitality after the peal.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

HARRY RABBITT Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
*CHARLES H. SONE 3	TOM SAUNDERS 7
ERNEST H. EVEREST 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 100th peal together. Birthday peal for C. H. Sone and a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Everest. Rung after meeting short for Major, Mr. Rabbitt kindly taking a rope.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE Treble	*ARTHUR H. PALMER 5
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES 2	*AMOS V. S. NEALE 6
JAMES OSBORN 3	*ARTHUR E. HOLMES 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4	*JOHN T. MACHIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of 2nd and 4th have now completed the circle to a peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	HENRY WARN 6
PERCY GREEN 3	HERBERT DEVONISH 7
HENRY W. KIRTON 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

Rung for the dedication festival.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL 5
GEORGE TILBY 2	JAMES RICHES 6
ALBERT RICHES 3	WALTER RICHES 7
ROBERT RAYNER 4	ROBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHES.

A birthday peal for the daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS BUSH Treble	ERIC SHINKINS 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	ARTHUR LAWSON 5
JOHN RICHARDSON 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal by all the band, except the conductor, and first attempt by ringer of the treble.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
AMOS SMART 2	WALTER PERKINS 5
FRANCIS BALL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Miss Steel kindly provided a tea after the peal.

OLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

HERBERT G. CLAY Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 2	JOHN WORTH 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Minor on these beautiful bells, which are the heaviest ring of six in the county.

ACCIDENT TO RINGER.

Mr. F. C. Mogford, of Pensford, near Bristol, met with a cycle accident on November 2nd, and broke his collar-bone. We wish him a speedy recovery. On the previous day he had called a quarter-peal for the first time.

BATLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Oxford.
Tenor 10½ cwt.
*HARRY MARSDEN Treble | THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2 | JOSEPH THACKRAY 5
FRANK ELLIS 3 | GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal in seven methods.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) London and Wells; (4) Beverley and Surfleet; (5) Chester and Munden; (6) York and Durham; (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 19½ cwt.
JOSEPH O. LANDAN Treble | THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2 | ROGER W. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all except tenor and 2nd ringers. First in 14 Surprise methods as conductor and on the bells.

MEAVY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
*WILLIAM LAVERS Treble | *WILLIAM WONNACOTT 4
†WILLIAM F. OATWAY 2 | WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 3 | A. WILLIAM MYERS Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to William F. Oatway. The first peal of Minor on the bells, which have been recently tuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The band tender their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells; and to Mr. Harry Stephens for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.
*HAROLD G. CASHMERE ... 1-2 | FRANCIS KIRK 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4 | CHARLES JEFFS 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Witness—Mrs. F. KIRK.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At HERSTECOMB GARDENS.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 1-2 | H. PERCY SPARKS 3-4
*HARRY CHURCHILL 5-6

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.
Umpire—W. Williams.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. Ward, for many years a member of the Staplegrave band of ringers, who was interred at Staplegrave on the Saturday previous.

RUTLAND.

THE EFFORTS OF THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had no intention of entering into correspondence through 'The Ringing World,' but the statements in your last issue call for some comment. Mr. Amos says, 'Dog in the manger.' I agree, but the dog is in his kennel, not ours. He says 'a few months ago' he and others noticed how the county was neglected and decided to act. What has he done? He accuses the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of copying his ideas, the boot is on the other leg, and he, apparently, was copying us.

As long ago as 1925 or 1926 I had the pleasure of arranging a day's tour to several towers in Rutland, and took the opportunity then of talking over with some of the Rutland ringers we met the possibility of forming a branch of our Guild in the county. At the time there was not much enthusiasm for the idea. It has not been forgotten, however, and has more than once been discussed by our Central Committee.

Just over a year ago I wrote to several Rutland ringers on the same subject, and this year we have gone a step further and are hoping to get a start with the new branch in this, our jubilee year.

As the county of Rutland is in the Peterborough Diocese and we are a Diocesan Guild, one of whose objects is 'The cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing,' we are quite justified in trying to form a branch there without asking permission from Mr. Amos or anyone else.

His next point is that it is an impossibility to get from Northants to Rutland for meetings. If this is correct, how was he intending to make the journey to form and to run his new association?

My answer to this is in the report in 'The Ringing World' of the recent meeting at Oakham, when five branches of the Guild were represented and over 70 ringers were present. There are over a dozen rings of bells in the county in good ringing order, and that should be enough to get a start with, in spite of the cold water that is being poured on our efforts.

Mr. Amos says you have been wrongly informed that 13 rings in the county are in good ringing order. Perhaps he will give us a list of the others (above 13) that are in good ringing order, as I would like to get in touch with the ringers there.

'Doubtful' is certainly not an optimist, and states what has been done, but adds that there is still work for the spade. Here then is the proof that there is work for a branch of a Diocesan Guild, which will need the help of the local ringers to make it a success. I hope the ringers in Rutland will fall in and work together for the good of the cause.

I will reply to 'Rutland Ringer' if he comes out over his name and address. Anonymous sarcasm is cheap.

ROBERT G. BLACK,
General Hon. Secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

THE FIRST PEAL AT GLASTON.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the correspondence 'Rutland' in this week's issue, and in particular to 'Doubtful's' letter and his reference to a peal at Glaston (which, by the way, was for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, not the M.C.A.), I was the person responsible for sending this particular 'peal report' to 'The Ringing World,' and can quite definitely state that it was reported by me as the 'first MULTI-METHOD' peal on the bells, as I was told of the earlier peal (of Grandsire Doubles) at that time. The omission of these two words leads 'Doubtful' quite naturally to believe that we were claiming the first peal on the bells, whereas such was not intended.

Incidentally, the peal of Grandsire was only heard of in a casual manner. As a native and resident of Stamford, which has 'one foot in Rutland,' so to speak, I am interested in the towers of the county, and have, in company with Mr. Amos and others, visited a number. We have always received a most cordial reception, and I look back to my various visits with very pleasant memories. If 'Doubtful' (with whom I am possibly already acquainted) cares to write to me at my address I shall be very pleased.

J. R. NICHOLS,
47, King's Road, Stamford.

MR. AMOS' GRIEVANCE.

Dear Sir,—I think the time has come when the grievance between certain members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and Mr. P. Amos should be made public. Being a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, I, like many others, am getting 'fed up' with the letters of P. Amos, which always cast a slur on certain other members of this Guild. We would like to see what has caused this bitterness, and then, if Mr. P. Amos is at fault, his letters should be barred.

If Rutland has a branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, they will manage it themselves, and, according to 'Doubtful,' have some capable ringer to do it. That the first meeting is to be held at Empingham on November 11th is unfortunate, as far as the number of visitors are concerned, it being Armistice Day anniversary, when most ringers will be ringing muffled or half-muffled at their own towers. Mr. P. Amos, 'Doubtful' and 'Rutland Ringer' are only individuals, and it is the results from the rank and file of Rutland ringers which matter.

(Continued in next column.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 28th, and was attended by nearly 50 members from Brasted, Haver, Crawley Down, Penshurst, Shipbourne, Lamberhurst, Plaxtol, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, East Peckham, Leigh, Tunbridge Wells, Mayfield and the local tower. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon S. H. Clark), an hon. member of the association, and the local organist presided at the organ. The Vicar gave an excellent address, and a collection, taken for the association benevolent fund, realised 15s. Tea was partaken of at the Carlton Cafe, followed by the business meeting, Mr. E. H. Lewis (vice-president) presiding.

The district secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he said that in some respects the district was in a flourishing condition. Six meetings had been held and most of them had been well attended. The number of practising members had slightly increased. This was accounted for by the Brasted hand joining and the transfer of the Sandhurst band from the Ashford District. He called attention to the fact that only 13 new members were elected during the year, a fact that did not augur well for the future.

Mr. W. Latter and Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell were re-elected to the offices of district secretary and representatives respectively, with the thanks of the members for past services.

Reference was made to the bereavement sustained by Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, in the death of his wife. The deceased was interred the previous day, and the members stood in silence in sympathy, the district secretary being asked to write to Mr. Lambert and family expressing the members' sympathy.

It was decided that meetings for the ensuing year should be held at Marden, East Peckham, Sandhurst and Speldhurst on the first Saturdays in February, May, July and October respectively.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and local secretary for the parts they had respectively taken in organising and carrying out the arrangements for the meeting, and to Mr. E. H. Lewis for presiding, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

(Continued from previous column.)

To conclude, Mr. Amos says, 'It is practically impossible to get to Rutland from Northants before 3 p.m.'; but that is quite early enough for most meetings, also, according to his postal address, he is eight miles or more further off Rutland towers than the Kettering ringers of this diocese.

30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

A. BIGLEY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Yet another successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on October 28th at St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow. This ancient and historic church is the 'Stratford-atte-Bow' mentioned in Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales,' and dates back to 1311.

In spite of a stormy afternoon, a large company assembled and a variety of method was rung until 5 p.m., when a bright service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. F. J. Ansell).

After tea, which was served in the Church Hall, the usual business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected, and St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, was chosen for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ansell for the splendid welcome he had given the members was proposed by the District Master and seconded by the secretary and carried with applause.—In responding, the Rector assured the members of a hearty welcome as long as he was at Bow.

In the gymnasium attached to the Church Hall, one of the older members, inspired, no doubt, by the achievement of the grand old (?) men at Hart Street, surprised the youngsters by agilely climbing to the top of a 20ft. rope.

Ringling continued until 8.30 p.m., and the methods rung ranged from call changes to London Surprise Major.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT ALVERSTOKE.**

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on Saturday, October 28th, when members attended from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Bramshott, Catherington, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Swanmore and visitors from Epsom and Beaconsfield. Ringling commenced at 2.30 p.m., and at 4.30 p.m. the Guild's service was held, at which the Rector of Alverstoke (Canon G. Landon) officiated, and Mr. W. Linter (Fareham) addressed those present.

Tea was partaken of at the Bodrick Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair.

St. Mary's was selected for the annual district meeting, the date being January 20th, 1934.

The Rev. E. B. James proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choirboys.—The Rector suitably replied, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Alverstoke. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Exercise will extend congratulations and good wishes to Canon G. F. Coleridge, who is 76 to-day, and to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Koyston, and formerly of Manchester, who will be 70 on Sunday.

'Many happy returns' also to the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher), who also celebrates her birthday on Sunday.

By the way, a birthday celebration due this month, which will doubtless be the occasion of many congratulations, is that of Mr. James George, Birmingham's youthful veteran, who attains the age of 80 years on the 27th.

The Kent County Association has lost one of its foundation members by the death of Mr. Henry Gosden Fairbrass, of Canterbury. He was a member of the Cathedral company. The Kent Association was started in 1880.

A privileged few who were present at the jubilee of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society on Saturday were let into the secret of old age combined with virility for peal ringing. We hope it is not high treason to reveal it; so here it is—a drop of whisky in the tea in the morning. It is the elixir which makes a celebrated Birmingham veteran—who shall be nameless—the wonderful man he is. We have his own word for it.

The peal rung at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday last to commemorate the 296th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths also records the completion of 25 years' continuous service at that tower by two of the band, Messrs. G. R. Ambrose and F. M. Mitchell. The last named is the reigning Master of the Ancient Society.

THE VETERANS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns offer to the veterans who rang the peal of Stedman at Hart Street recently the hearty congratulations and sincere admiration of the younger generation.

It was a truly great performance, and may the ringers live to break their own record. Old 'youths,' we youngsters raise our hats to you. 'TWENTY-ONE.'

ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The above method was composed or arranged many years ago by the late Arthur Craven, principally as an illustration of splicing more than one method into one lead. The first eight changes are Yorkshire, the next four are Ipswich and the next four are Pudsey, making the half-lead; the second half-lead being the reverse, viz., Pudsey, Ipswich and Yorkshire. It was also recently published in 'The Ringing World' as an improved variation of Cambridge extended to ten and twelve. E. JENKINS.

THE COMPOSITION.

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that the composition rung to Aldenham Surprise, and published in your last issue, was produced by Mr. Arthur Craven in 1899 as a peal of Yorkshire Surprise. I was not aware of this or I should not, of course, have claimed it as my own composition. H. G. CASHMORE.

INTERESTING CLOCK CONTRACTS.

ROMSEY ABBEY'S TRADITIONAL CHIMES.

A large new clock is in course of construction at Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Clock Works, Derby, for Romsey Abbey, Hants. It will chime the 'ding-dong' quarters on two bells of the ring of eight in the Abbey tower, and so maintain the traditional chimes which have been in vogue there for many years. The dial—10ft. in diameter—comprises a massive cast iron frame with a copper sheeting background, and has been designed specially to be in keeping with the unusual tower.

Amongst other contracts in hand at the Midland Clock Works are the addition of Westminster Chimes at Fenton Parish Church, Staffs, and Charing, Kent, the latter forming a memorial to the late Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, donor of the first portion of the clock in 1910; a new chiming clock for St. John's (R.C.) Church, Banbury, etc., while extensive repairs are being carried out at Greenlaw, Berwick, St. Peter's, St. John's and St. Mark's, Tunbridge Wells; Hathern, Leicestershire, and many other places.

A NEW BISHOP.

The Ven Archdeacon Ridsdale, of Gloucester, for some time Vicar of High Wycombe, was consecrated Bishop of Colchester in St. Paul's Cathedral on All Saints' Day, November 1st. In honour of his elevation, members of All Saints' Society, High Wycombe, met on the evening of the same day and rang 1,299 Stedman Caters on the bells of the Parish Church: H. Hayes (conductor) 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, R. Coles 3, E. Markham 4, F. D. Boreham 5, G. F. Hinton 6, E. R. Coles 7, G. White 8, C. A. Smith 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY'S JUBILEE.

CELEBRATION AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

A company of a hundred and fifty ringers and friends gathered in Wolverhampton on Saturday to celebrate the jubilee of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This Archdeaconry forms part of the Diocese of Lichfield, and it was in the Cathedral city—in fact, in the Cathedral belfry itself—that the first meeting was held on June 2nd, 1883, to form the society. It followed closely on the formation of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stoke. The remainder of the diocese is a large portion of the county of Shropshire. The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford has had a very successful career, and throughout its existence valuable work for the promotion of change ringing has been done.

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield, who is patron of the society, evinced great interest in the jubilee, and presided over the chief event of Saturday's commemoration—the traditional dinner by which Englishmen celebrate any event of importance. Early in the afternoon ringing took place at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, and other churches in the district, including St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Penn and Tottenhall.

The dinner was served at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, and the Bishop was supported by the Rector of Wolverhampton, the Vicar of Willenhall (the Rev. W. Harrison), the Vicar of Tottenhall (the Rev. W. Goode), the Rev. C. H. Barker (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer of the society), Mr. Herbert Knight (lay secretary), Mr. Harry Mason (Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrins (Coventry), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. J. Jaggar (Oldbury), Mr. Bert Horton (Ringing Master of the society), Messrs. C. H. Clapham and W. Pinson (churchwardens of St. Peter's), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). Among the visitors also were Mr. G. Dent (Harlow), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, the Rev. J. Doggar and the Rev. J. B. Lance (curates at St. Peter's), Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. H. F. Martin (Ringing Master, Northern Branch, Worcestershire Association), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Miss O. Sanders, Messrs. G. F. Swann, H. E. Fearn, G. Fearn, M. J. Morris, J. W. Pemberton, F. W. Rishworth (Birmingham), J. J. Taylor (Northampton) and representatives of most of the towers in the Archdeaconry. Mr. J. George also joined the party late in the evening.

GOOD WISHES FROM DEVON.

At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toast was honoured, and Mr. Knight then read letters of apology from the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. Hugh Bright), the Mayor of Wolverhampton (Sir Charles A. Mander), Mr. Ben Gough, Mr. B. Fullwood and the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild). The last named, who was clerical secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford from 1909 to 1915, wrote: 'I see in "The Ringing World" that the society is celebrating its jubilee to-morrow. Had the dinner not been on Saturday I should have tried to be present for old time's sake. Will you kindly apologise for my absence and convey my congratulations on this auspicious occasion. I have the happiest memories of my time with the society, and my revolving chair and barometer are in daily use and a real boon. By the way, the barometer has behaved itself splendidly this summer; I suppose it is not wholly ignorant of its society's jubilee year. We began change ringing here (Bramford, Devon) two years ago, and now can ring Grand sire and Bob Doubles, and, with a little help, Bob Minor. We have just got some additional recruits, aged 13, 13, 12 and 11, and our 5½ cwt. tenor lends itself to this capably. With hearty personal congratulations to yourself on your splendid service to the society—long may it go on' (applause).

Mr. Harry Mason proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in felicitous terms. In both Church and State, he said, they were faced with momentous matters which sometimes gave them great anxiety. They often heard of the crisis in the Church. At all times the Church had been passing through crises, but he felt that as these were overcome it sharpened them up for the future. He believed things would right themselves, and he hoped in the future there

would be peace and concord between Church and State and the nations universally. Mr. Mason added that he was very pleased, as one mixed up with that society for many years—he rang in a number of the society's first performances—to join them on such an important occasion. Ringers had done a tremendous lot in the last 50 years to improve their position in the Church, and the change was largely due to the societies, with the help of the clergy. In these times of change and chaos, ringers were trying to tread the path of duty towards Church and State. He commended to them the motto that they should live in love and charity with their neighbours, and that the Church and State should in future be more united than they were to-day should be their earnest prayer (applause).

BELLRINGERS NOW 'A BETTER LOT.'

The Bishop, in reply, said it was a great honour to be the guest of the society on that auspicious occasion. He had known a good bit about bellringers for more than 50 years, and the more he knew

about them the more he honoured them, especially as he thought they were a better lot now than they used to be (laughter and applause). His Lordship spoke of some of his experiences of bells, remarking that his first recollection of them was about 64 years ago, when he was five years old and used to visit his grandfather's parish of Wedmore, which possessed one of those glorious Somerset towers with a peal of six bells. His grandmother used to tell him the bells said, 'Why don't you come to church?' 'I did go,' added the Bishop, 'and my grandfather used to preach very long sermons, I remember' (laughter). In the first parishes in which he served after he was ordained the churches had only one bell. In one of these, where he was Vicar, the clapper of the bell fell out, and it was kept upon his study mantelpiece as an ornament. One summer he set off with his wife for a walking holiday in the Lake District, and he carried their luggage in a knapsack. On the first day they climbed a pass, and he found the knapsack was extremely heavy, although his wife assured him she had only packed what was really essential. At the top

of the pass the clapper of the church bell fell out of the knapsack (laughter)—one of the curates had surreptitiously put it there as they were leaving home (laughter). His first church at which there was a ring of bells was St. Mary's, Gateshead, and it was there that he learned to know what a good peal of bells was. From there he went to Liverpool, where there were two churches with fine peals of bells and at St. Nicholas a good band of ringers. From there he went into Yorkshire, where again he found a good peal of bells and good ringers in the parish, and from there to Lichfield. They all knew what Lichfield bells were like, and it was a joy to him to know they had so many good peals in the diocese.

Continuing, the Bishop said he could look back over 50 years and could remember the condition of affairs in the State in 1883. It was perfectly true that Europe was now in a more troubled condition and that this country was weighed down with a burden of unemployment—which, thank God, was growing steadily less—but even allowing for that, the condition of the country, especially the condition of the poorer people, was incomparably better than 50 years ago. They had only to see the way the children were clad to know that. He did not say that things were as good as they should be, but in many respects they were better than they were 50 years ago.

NO CRISIS IN THE CHURCH.

Proceeding, the Bishop said he was rather tired of hearing about the crises in the Church. If any doctor's patient had been through such long and continued crises as the Church was said to have done, he would surely have come to an end, but the Church had not come to an end. He was not at all pessimistic about it. There was no room for self-complacency; they must not be content with themselves: they had got to do lots of things they were not doing now, but they were better than they were 50 years ago. They often heard of the falling off in church attendance, and of empty churches, and one heard a lot of nonsense about it (hear, hear). He had 470 churches in his diocese. In the course of his visits he did not see any empty churches. They might say, 'No, that is because the Bishop was there.' Possibly, but a great friend of his who had



REV. C. H. BARKER,
17 Years Clerical Secretary.



MR. HERBERT KNIGHT,
Lay Secretary for 25 Years.

known Wolverhampton for the last 40 years told him not long ago that although nobody would say all the churches in Wolverhampton were as well attended as they should be, he was certain the Church attendance was better than it was 40 years ago. Again, with regard to disputes and controversies, the newspapers only printed what was 'good copy.' He did not blame them for that. The ordinary affairs and commonplaces of life would have no interest for the public, and it was very misleading to judge the state of affairs by what they saw in the daily Press. Let them not, therefore, be misled about crises in the Church. He did not think there was any crisis in the Church, but let them not be content with things as they were, because a lot of progress could be made.

With regard to the particular aspect of church life in which they were specially interested, 50 years ago there were some uncommonly good teams of bellringers, but not nearly so many as to-day, and he did not think they were as efficient as they now were. The art of bellringing had made great progress in the last 50 years, and the number of good bellringers had enormously increased, and, generally speaking, wherever they had got a good peal of bells they also had a good band of ringers. Change ringing, added the Bishop, was not only largely a matter of mathematics, which, not being a mathematician, he could not appreciate; but it was also good music, and that he could understand and enjoy; for example, the music of Lichfield Cathedral bells. They who were bellringers were not only mathematicians, but, he was sure, good musicians as well. He thanked them for the work they did and wished them prosperity in that service to the Church which they so loyally and efficiently performed (applause).

POINTS FROM THE SOCIETY'S HISTORY.

The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.' This toast, he said, ought to have been proposed by Mr. Knight, who had been a member for 39 years, and, as they all knew, for 25 years had been one of its mainstays as secretary; but with his usual modesty he refused to have his name on the programme. The society was very proud of the fact that they had only had two lay secretaries in 48 years. Mr. Knight had held the position for the last 25 years, and he was preceded by Mr. Samuel Reeves, who was secretary for 23 years. It was remarkable that their predecessor should still be alive. They had hoped to see him present, but, unfortunately, he was unable to be with them. The present Mayor of Lichfield was actually the first secretary of the society for two years.

Proceeding, the speaker said those who read 'The Ringing World' were reminded in that week's number of the tremendous health-giving properties of bellringing. A band of veterans had rung a peal, their average age being 76½ years, and some of them were actually over 80. As the Editor had pointed out, it said a tremendous lot for their stamina and their power of concentration to stand for three hours and ring that peal. He suggested to any non-ringers who might be present that if they wished to have a long life they should take up change ringing (hear, hear).

Continuing, Mr. Barker quoted interesting details from some of the earlier reports of the association. In the report of the annual meeting for 1887 at Lichfield the address was given by the Rev. A. P. W. Ingram, Bishop's chaplain. The Rev. A. F. W. Ingram was the present Bishop of London. In 1883-90 Mr. S. Reeves attended the newly-formed Central Council of Church Bellringers as the representative of the society. In 1894 the secretaries and committee in their report talked about the attendance at the quarterly meetings of the society, remarking that sometimes the attendance was very small and members were earnestly requested to make an effort to attend at least one quarterly meeting a year. He thought that was a splendid suggestion which he might repeat on that occasion. They did not complain of the attendance at the meetings, but there was a very large number of members of the society who scarcely ever attended a quarterly meeting. Some turned up once a year at the annual meeting. He thought it would be a very good thing if captains of the various bands would suggest that every tower should send one representative at least to the quarterly meetings, which were held to encourage each other and to meet socially. In 1896 for the first time they had a report of the peals rung for the society. This record covered the first 13 years. During that time the towers at which most peal ringing was done were St. Martin's, Tipton, and Christ Church, West Bromwich, each with 25 peals; All Saints', West Bromwich, 23, and Wolverhampton 19. Looking through the list of present members he found that there were 87 who had been members for 30 years or more, 54 for 35 years or more, 31 for 40 years or more, and 12 who joined before 1890. Tamworth had five who had been members for over 40 years, viz., 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 years, the oldest of them being Mr. J. Timms, whose name, he thought, had been on the books longer than any other member (applause). Lastly, he had been looking through the number of peals scored for the society. Mr. H. Knight, their secretary, came first with 396, and then followed C. Wallater 267, W. Fisher 266, R. Pickering 212, T. J. Elton 193 and J. Perry 191.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

'IN TERROR OF THE DEAN.'

As the Bishop had to leave early, the toast to the health of the chairman was advanced in the programme, and was proposed by Mr.

J. Jaggard, who welcomed the Bishop, who was their patron. Many great and learned men had held the See of Lichfield, but the present occupant was as great as any of his predecessors. They had a lovely peal of bells at Lichfield Cathedral, continued Mr. Jaggard, and they owed a debt of gratitude to Bishop Hackett, who put them there in the 17th century when he completed the restoration of the building after some silly people had knocked it about (laughter). He suggested it would be a good thing if the Bishop could get the use of the bells for a peal (hear, hear, and laughter). He, perhaps, could get round the Dean where others failed (laughter).

The Bishop, in a humorous reply, said modestly led him to doubt whether he was such a good man as Mr. Jaggard had made him out to be, whether, for instance, he could claim to be so good a man as St. Chad, who had occupied the See. He was proud to recall that Bishop Hackett was a member of the same college that he (the speaker) afterwards attended—Trinity College, Cambridge. With regard to the bells of Lichfield Cathedral, the Bishop had no authority whatever in his own Cathedral; he was entirely in the hands of the Dean and Chapter. He was as much in terror of the Dean and Chapter as Mr. Jaggard or anyone else (laughter). He had received many honours, concluded the Bishop, but he should always count it a great honour to have been allowed to be chairman on that jubilee occasion. He wished the society all possible prosperity in the great work to which they had set their hands (applause).

In proposing 'The Visitors,' Mr. F. W. Perrens said no organisation in the land welcomed its visitors more heartily than ringers, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford extended to their visitors that evening a wholehearted, one hundred per cent. welcome (applause). They were grateful to the visitors for coming to join in that jubilee celebration. Such gatherings as those gave them the opportunity of further cementing old friendships, and, what was, perhaps, still more important, making new ones. They were very pleased to see with them the various clergy and the representatives of a number of ringing societies, and he hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed their evening with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

COMFORT FOR THE SUPERSTITIOUS.

Mr. Albert Walker, whose name was coupled with the toast, referred to the close association which had existed between his own society, St. Martin's Guild, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. As long ago as 1831 a Staffordshire man, William Halls-worth, of Walsall, conducted the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in which Henry Johnson himself took part. Samuel Reeves, for 23 years secretary of the Stafford Society, was a prominent member of St. Martin's Guild, and others who were active members of the two societies were William Rock Small and William Godden, while Mr. J. E. Groves, who was the first ringing master of the Stafford Archdeaconry, succeeded him (Mr. Walker) for a time as Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild.

Proceeding, Mr. Walker referred to a recent incident, reported in 'The Ringing World,' in which the clapper of a handbell, when ringing was taking place at the graveside, fell into the grave. It seemed, he said, as if some people might look upon this as an ill-omen. When Mr. Samuel Reeves was buried a course of Grandsire Caters was being rung at the graveside when a similar thing happened. It would be a matter of comfort to the superstitious to know that the gentleman who was ringing the bell was still alive and in that room that night, looking jolly and healthy (hear, hear). He congratulated Mr. Knight upon the success of the jubilee dinner. He had added a great deal to the fortunes of the society for many years, and he would like to thank him for his courtesy and the Rector of Wolverhampton for the privilege which was given to St. Martin's Guild from time to time to visit St. Peter's for peals. He congratulated the society on its progress. It had certainly got some promising ringers, and he thought they could look forward to a future of continued prosperity (applause).

Mr. B. Horton proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' which, he said, had done much to develop that wonderful spirit of comradeship which prevailed throughout the length and breadth of the land. The Editor was constantly reminding them of the importance of good striking and consistently reminded them of their duty as churchmen. One would think there would not be a ringer who was not a reader of the paper, but unfortunately it was so, and if there were any friends there that night who were not readers, he urged them to become so and so join that very interesting circle (hear, hear). The Exercise was fortunate in having a gentleman of the calibre of Mr. Goldsmith to edit the paper. He had done eminent service to the Exercise, and he hoped he would long be spared to carry on the work (applause). One hardly dared to think, he said, what the position of ringing would be without the assistance of the Press. It aired their views and their grievances, often corrected their mistakes and he hoped 'The Ringing World' would go on from strength to strength, its circulation increase so that eventually it could reach that desired aim—a bigger and a better paper. Mr. Horton also spoke a word in appreciation of the local Press, the local evening paper, with a large circulation, being very kindly disposed towards ringers and ringing generally. He thanked the representative who was present for the facilities they gave them—a thing that was often lacking in many places.

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A POLICEMEN'S PEAL.

DETECTIVE PICK-POCKET SAVES SITUATION.

Recorded in the proper place will be found a peal of Stedman Caters rung by members of the National Guild of Police Ringers at Loughborough. The band was representative of Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton, London, High Wycombe and Leicester. We think, Mr. Editor, when you reach the conclusion of this narrative, you will perhaps agree that it is a peal worthy of more than the usual passing recognition.

Striking into changes at 2.23 p.m., the band settled down at once to good ringing, which seemed a sure guarantee of success. Consternation reigned, however, when the light suddenly went out after half an hour's ringing. The 'boss of the show,' the worthy secretary, said, 'Carry on,' whilst we were wondering whether someone had played a trick upon us, or if it was a temporary failure which would be rectified. On we went with good ringing until the belfry darkened and we looked like phantom ringers, whose shirts showed an outline of human form.

Hope was rapidly fading with the light, when the 'Boss' appeared to be adopting the role of a contortionist, ringing with one hand and apparently bent on a little pocket picking in the dark with the other from the clothes hanging behind him. It was now difficult to see what he was up to, but just as we were expecting the command to 'Stand,' a faint glimmer of light, which was found to be produced by a pocket flash lamp, came into view. There is a sudden lurch forward and the lamp is deposited on the table in the centre, with its fitful rays directed to the ceiling. We could see what was happening in a dim sort of way.

Thus we carried on with over an hour to go. Surely the listeners outside would see that we were in the dark and would put us in order again! But no, on we go, eerie shadows flitting round the walls as the ropes rise and fall and ghostly figures, concentrated on overcoming the difficulty, ring almost perfectly until, at last, we hear the welcome call, 'This is all,' with the battery of our saviour fading into dimness that would have meant the end in a short time. The band take off their hats in recognition of the resource and ability shown by their conductor, who saved the situation and brought to a successful conclusion a peal which all thought irrevocably lost, and which will be, to those taking part, a lasting memory in their ringing careers.

Others of the party, helped by locals, made a start for a peal at the Bell Foundry, but, although not in the dark, were beaten by the tricky light ring.

After tea at Loughborough, a return was made to Leicester, where the visitors were shown over the new police headquarters, and then spent an enjoyable evening at 'a place within the meaning.'

Sincere regret was felt that Supt. F. R. Williams, the Guild president, of Manchester City Police, was prevented from making the journey at the last moment. His presence was much missed.

Worthy of special note is the ringing of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the handbells between Sheffield and Nottingham, in the train, by the following: P.C. W. Pye 1-2, P.C. D. Brown 3-4, P.C. F. Page 5-6, P.C. T. R. Butler 7-8. H. G. J.

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QUAINT BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

In responding to the toast, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke of the advantage to be derived from obtaining the sympathy of the local Press, and said that a good deal more could be done in this direction by ringers. He congratulated the society upon attaining their jubilee and said that probably the next most interesting thing to be present at the birth of a new society was to be present at its jubilee, and he had had the privilege of attending no less than twelve such celebrations in different parts of the country.

After the Bishop left the gathering, the chair was taken by the Rector of Wolverhampton, who took the opportunity of proposing the health of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, whom he welcomed to Wolverhampton. He referred to the excellent work which Mr. Johnston did when he installed the bells at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton.

Mr. Johnston, in reply, amused the company by his comments on some of the inscriptions on St. Peter's bells. The seventh said, 'God prosper Woolverhampton. Long May Wee Ring, 1698.' The second was, 'E.S. I.P. Churchwardens Bachelors.' The eighth said:—

'The Claper hung to long in mee,
My founders loss, pray think of hee.'

The fourth was, 'God save the Church of Eengland and the founder. 98.' Speaking, he said, in the centre of the motor-car industry, he ought to say they supplied the bells with a new chassis; the bore and stroke were increased, and he had it on good authority that on the evening of the opening celebration the lubrication was not entirely applied to the bells (laughter).

There was an exceedingly enjoyable musical programme, sustained by Miss Doris Griffin (Walsall), Messrs. A. Dickin, A. Williams and H. Carrington Bailey. Miss Bessie Field, L.R.A.M., was at the piano. A perfect course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. G. F. Swann, F. Perrins, A. Walker, F. Pervin and M. J. Morris.

A delightful evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

PASSING OF MR. RICHARD LYNCH.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Richard Lynch, president of the Irish Association and Master of Christ Church Cathedral Society.

'Dick,' as he was familiarly known, had been in failing health for the past two or three years, but none expected him to be called away so early. He passed away on October 7th after only a few days in hospital.

The interment took place in Mount Jerome Cemetery, after service in St. Kevin's Church, conducted by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Dungan and the Rev. Jordan. Amongst those present were his widow, Mr. W. E. Lynch and Mr. F. Lynch (sons), Mrs. Smith and Miss A. Lynch (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Kyle (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. D. Gibson and Mr. G. Lindoff (hon. treasurer and hon. secretary, Irish Association).

Mr. A. L. Murray, B.A., represented St. Patrick's Society. All the members of Christ Church Cathedral Society were present, together with Mr. J. Hutchinson, P.C. (St. George's Society), Mr. J. B. Tough (Christ Church, Bray) and numerous friends.

Wreaths were sent by the Irish Association, Christ Church Cathedral Society, St. Patrick's Cathedral Society and many friends, including the Dean, clerical Vicars and staff of Christ Church Cathedral.

Mr. Lynch had been one of the stalwarts of the Irish Association, joining it at the start and loyally supporting it ever since. He first learned to pull a bell in St. Eunice's Cathedral, Kilkenny. Migrating to Dublin 44 years ago, he joined Christ Church Cathedral Society, then the home of all changes. He was mainly responsible for his own tower, of which he had been Ringing Master for the past 17 years, embracing change ringing. Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see them ring their first peal, although he had stood in an attempt that failed just over half-way. Shortly after that he did not feel well enough to make another start just then, so the attempt was put off till he would be able to join in.

Mr. Lynch was also a member of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, and with them learned change ringing. In all he had rung 17 peals, comprising Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. He was elected president of the Irish Association at the last annual meeting at Kilkenny, where he had first learned to pull a bell. He will be well remembered by visiting bands, to whom he always gave a hearty welcome.

The St. Patrick's Society met on Friday, October 13th, and rung 1,260 Stedman Triples muffled on the minor eight in 48 minutes: R. George 1, T. McMorran 2, R. Tait 3, G. Lindoff 4, E. George 5, J. A. Atkinson 6, A. L. Murray, B.A. (conductor) 7, W. Farrell 8. The bells of Christ Church Cathedral were rung muffled on Sunday, October 8th, for both services. A peal was attempted by the Christ Church Society, but failed after a quarter had been rung.

DEATH OF THE REV. G. H. ENSER.

PRIEST WHO INSTALLED CLAPHAM PARK BELLS.

The death occurred on October 3rd of the Rev. George Herbert Enser, who from 1905 to 1924 was Vicar of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, London, and afterwards Vicar of Leyland, Lancs. While he was at Clapham Park Mr. Enser raised the funds for the installation of a ring of eight bells, and by his enthusiasm and example also raised a local band of ringers, of which Mr. Herbert Langdon was instructor.

The service ringers, who began here, overflowed, afterwards, writes our correspondent, to other churches—St. Leonard's, Streatham; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Clement Danes and elsewhere. There was a homely circle at St. Stephen's, and the Vicar drilled in everyone to be a churchworker by a method of his own—personality. He was severe on the girls if they went elsewhere to ring or came a quarter of an hour late.

It was a red letter day for the Vicar when, at his beloved church, he covered a peal of Grandsire Triples with what our correspondent describes as a correct hand in front of him, and adds: 'Herbert Enser, thanks to his devoted Bert, gave delight to many for service ringing, as distinct from peal ringing. Though dead, his works still follow him.'

Before the College Youths' practice at St. Magnus' Church, London, on All Souls' Day, November 2nd, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung in memory of George Herbert Enser, priest (at rest October 3rd), Frederick George Newman (at rest September 25th) and Henry Gordon Fairbrass, of Canterbury (interred October 31st). Before the ringing, 'De profundis' was recited with appropriate antiphons at the beginning and end. Mr. Newman's two sisters, who had so devotedly attended their brother in his declining days, were present. The bells, we are told, were rung 'with the Langdon touch, or as it was put by the Rev. Francis, of Waltham Abbey, 50 years ago, "the ringers handled their bells as if they loved them like the angler loved his rod."'

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael for evening service on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Springham 1, W. Prior 2, W. T. Prior 3, T. Jordan 4, R. Hayden 5, H. Bull 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. W. Tucker 8.

THE DEATH OF MR. J. WAGHORN, SEN.

A RINGER FOR 74 YEARS.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Tuesday morning after only a few days' illness, of Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., the veteran London ringer.

Mr. Waghorn had reached the advanced age of more than 90 years, and since he was 16 years old had been actively interested in bell-ringing.

Among the interesting events for which he had rung in the course of his long life was the death of the Prince Consort in 1860, and he was also one of the ringers at Westminster Abbey on many occasions connected with royal celebrations and historic events.

His record as an Oddfellow was almost as long as that of his bell-ringing, for he was initiated into the 'Tower of London' Lodge in July, 1864.

The funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium, Ilford, on Saturday at noon.

SOUTHAMPTON CLOCK AND BELLS.

CROYDON PRODUCT INSTALLED IN NEW CIVIC CENTRE.

Southampton is engaged in carrying out a great scheme for the building of a civic centre. The first block consisted of the Municipal Offices, which were opened some time ago by the Duke and Duchess of York. The second block is the Law Courts, which have just been completed, and were opened on Friday by the Lord Chancellor (Viscount Sanky). The Assembly Hall is the third section of the scheme, and the last the Town Hall, which will be an outstanding feature of the edifice.

With the opening of the Law Courts, the bells and clock installed in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, came into commission. The bells chimed the hour of noon and played the tune 'St. Anne,' associated with the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past.' The bellfounders were represented at the ceremony by Mr. C. F. Johnston.

The clock has four dials, each 11ft. in diameter, illuminated at night from inside the tower.

The electric lamps placed behind the dials are switched on and off by the operation of a light cell in place of the more usual spring-wound time switch. The light cell placed on the north-east corner of the tower is so sensitive that should a heavy fog occur, the current for lighting up the dials will be automatically switched on, while with this arrangement lighting up of the dials is ensured each night, not at a predetermined time, but in accordance with the actual time of darkness.

The driving mechanism is of the type standardised by the makers for all their largest tower clocks, consisting of an independent master clock to ensure the most perfect time-keeping, and an independent and powerful motor-wound driving gear released by the master clock every half-minute.

The bells, nine in number and harmonically tuned, are of the following notes and weights:—

- 1.—D sharp, 4 cwt. 2 qr.
- 2.—D, 5 cwt.
- 3.—C sharp, 5 cwt. 3 qr.
- 4.—C, 6 cwt. 2 qr.
- 5.—A sharp, 8 cwt. 1 qr.
- 6.—G, sharp, 12 cwt.
- 7.—G, 14 cwt. 1 qr.
- 8.—F, 20 cwt.
- 9.—A sharp, 68 cwt.

The largest bell is used for the hours, and the true Westminster quarters are chimed on four of the smaller bells, and at predetermined times during the day the hymn tune, 'O God, our help in ages past,' is played.

The bells are hung in a steel frame, and provision has been made so that the number can, if required, be increased to cover a full carillon in the future.

The operating mechanism for the chiming and striking and tuning is of the direct motor-driven type, the motors being started by the timepiece portion of the clock at the correct moment, and stopped by automatic switch gear incorporated in the mechanism.

The whole of the clockwork and mechanism is self-contained in a single chamber at the dial level, no weights falling below this level; it is electrically operated throughout, and forms a very interesting example of a modern tower clock installation.

The complete installation of bells and clock mechanism was manufactured and supplied by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

A circular stairway of 215 steps, with intercepting platforms, has been built to enable ascent of the tower.

BASINGSTOKE.—At All Saints' Church on September 27th for dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Butler (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Munday 2, E. Austin 3, H. Balaam 4, G. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 5, H. Wooding 6, J. Chesterman (conductor) 7, P. Maselin (first quarter-peal) 8.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal: P. Maselin (first quarter-peal on a working bell) 1, P. Munday 2, H. Balaam 3, F. Wilson 4, J. Munday (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Ballard 7, J. Woodley 8. Rung on the occasion of the Bishop of Winchester's visit. Mr. A. Burgess is 82 years of age.

RINGING TOURS.

THE WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND TRIP.

To the Editor

Sir,—May I again crave the favour of your space and the indulgence of your readers to make reply to the letter which appeared under the name of Mr. Hogarth with regard to the above?

This appears to be such a fantasy of inconsistency and contradiction that I have had some difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that it is in actuality a personal attack upon myself, inasmuch as, apart from my letter in your issue of September 8th, Mr. Hogarth was fully aware that I had made the necessary arrangements for the tour. In his letter Mr. Hogarth most condescendingly exonerates my colleagues from blame, and leaves me the villain of the piece, a fact for which I am certain my colleagues will be for ever grateful. To have associated with a 'tower grabbing' leader and a peal ringer gone mad, and yet retain a measure of praise and escape the condemnation of Mr. Hogarth, is something which all my distinguished colleagues will ever remember.

Apropos the question of Sunday peals, I do not propose to add further to my letter of September 8th other than to emphasise that the Vicar of the parish and his wardens had a much better idea of the local position and attitude than Mr. Hogarth is ever likely to attain. In addition, I think the position fairly and admirably dealt with in your leading article this week, and also in the letter from Mr. R. A. Daniell, which appeared in the issue of September 15th, for which I, for one, am much obliged.

Arrangements for the ringing at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, were made by me through the medium of Mr. Hogarth, the local Ringing Master, and he helped us to attain our object very willingly. From letters in my possession prior to the tour, and from our conversation in Keswick with Mr. Hogarth, he at no time showed himself antagonistic to the spirit of the tour, or to peal ringing generally, and surely that was the time to have done so. In fairness, however, to Mr. Hogarth, in a letter to me towards the end of August he definitely condemns peal ringing, and said our visit had caused a lot of local resentment in Cumberland. Without the permission of Mr. Hogarth, I cannot, of course, quote verbatim from his letters to me, but I can assure your readers that his attitude would require some defending. In fairness to the places we visited, I wish to state that we at no time met with resentment, we at all times had a typical Cumbrian welcome, and at every tower we visited we were met with every kindness and courtesy, and the week was made enjoyable in every respect. After the tour I had several letters of appreciation from ringing friends in Cumberland expressing thanks for the advice, etc., which individually and collectively the touring party had been able to give.

And now, reverting to Mr. Hogarth's letter, it would perhaps be better to take his points seriatim. Apropos paragraphs 1 and 2, this seems to me a puerile attempt at cheap wit, sarcasm, or what you will, in the form of a personal attack upon myself. Who, in the world of campanology, reading this effusion, would imagine the author claiming to be a member of the ringing fraternity, with its best interests at heart? I am content to leave your readers to judge.

Paragraph 3 on Sunday peals has already been dealt with. May I say, however, that though possibly all my actions may not meet with the approval of a rigid Sabbatarian, such as one must assume Mr. Hogarth to be, yet even I have certain clearly defined views on Sunday observance, such as, for instance, the question of trading for profit on Sundays.

Coming to paragraphs 4 and 5, I can only state that the remarks of Mr. Hogarth are wrong in fact and in foundation, and at best can only have been acquired at second hand, for he was not present at the church to meet us, that being delegated to a youth of whose help we should have been glad, owing to our colleague, Mr. James George, not being available that day for ringing. It may interest Mr. Hogarth to know that the programme of peals was decided, more or less, as regards the methods, before the tour started, and I can only state that his remarks are in the nature of a 'terminological inexactitude.'

With regard to his concluding paragraph, properly approached this has much to commend it, but I am left wondering, in view of my local knowledge, whether Mr. Hogarth is sincere or merely being subtle?

I should, however, be prepared to visit Keswick at any time to call a peal, or give any advice or instruction I could on various methods, if Mr. Hogarth will get together a band. I should also like to state that I have never at any time refused to ring with anyone, be he a beginner or an expert, but, after all, perfection in the Exercise is the ultimate aim. Without in any way desiring to blow my own trumpet, I should like to state that I was mainly responsible for the formation of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, and that during the past five winters I have sacrificed two evenings a week visiting places within a 20 miles radius of Kendal to instruct and teach newly-formed bands of ringers to enable service ringing to be done, another instance, in Mr. Hogarth's view probably, of further 'tower grabbing and peal ringing gone mad.' In conclusion, I might add that I have called peals at Crosthwaite Church with local members taking part, and which are not recorded and are already forgotten.

I maintain that even on the basis which our tour embraced, local ringers could have learned a lot. No member of the party at any

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A SUCCESSFUL COMBINATION.**GUILDFORD GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD JOIN AT ALDERSHOT.**

Success crowned the joint meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, which was held at Aldershot last Saturday. From 2.30 until 4.30 the merry little peal of eight was rung to standard methods, and good striking was the order of the day. The church service, which was of a very impressive character, was conducted by the Vicar of Aldershot, Canon Hugh Le Fleming, R.D., assisted by the Rev. G. Hamilton Douglas. A choir, consisting of 18 boys and six men, led the singing, and Mr. George Goodwin, F.R.C.O., was at the organ. Canon Le Fleming gave a short but instructive address, which was much appreciated by the congregation.

Tea in the Parish Hall was a jolly affair. Plenty and varied were the victuals provided, and a company of 66 sat down and enjoyed the spread. A programme of light music was played by a gramophone. Among those sitting down to tea were the Vicar, the Rev. Hamilton Douglas and Mr. W. A. Dollimore, a churchwarden. These three gentlemen having to leave immediately after tea, Mr. F. Nye, of Bagshot, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed them among the ringers and thanked them for their interest in that part of the church work. He also thanked all who had made arrangements and done the necessary work connected with the meeting.—Mr. Dollimore briefly replied.

Mr. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, was voted to the chair for the Farnham District business meeting, at which three members were elected, viz., Mr. W. A. Dollimore, hon. member, and the Misses Rose and May Dickenson, ringing members, all of Aldershot.

The nomination of district officers for 1934 resulted in the retiring officers being renominated. These were Mr. R. Hasted, Ringing Master; Mr. C. W. Denyer, hon. secretary; Mr. P. L. Eldridge, hon. auditor; Mr. L. A. N. Muddell, representative of the honorary members; and Messrs. F. Nye and T. Upshall, ringing representatives on the Executive Committee.—The Chairman moved that a special vote of thanks be passed to the Aldershot ringers for the splendid arrangements and beautiful service. It was, he said, one of the finest meetings he had ever attended.

Mr. S. Roper, of Croydon, seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously.

The Ladies' Guild then held their business meeting and the gentlemen returned to the tower.

Ringling was continued until 9 o'clock and good practice was put in, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major. The towers represented during the afternoon and evening were Aldershot, Ash, Alton, Overton, Farnborough, Seale, Croydon, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas), Farnham, Ottershaw, Worplesdon, Twyford and Bagshot.

The members of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. Nineteen ladies were present, and so were able to 'man' the ropes on more than one occasion. The vice-president (Mrs. Bruce) called in before the service, but was unable to stay. Mrs. Hazelden took the chair for the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, the Misses Rose and May Dickinson, of Aldershot, and Mrs. Sargeant, of Ewshot.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Basingstoke in February.

The secretary thanks the ladies for their splendid support, and the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for allowing them to combine.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Peter on Sunday evening, November 5th, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Gridley 1, D. Felton 2, H. Herbert 3, T. Chinery 4, C. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, D. H. Elliott 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. Rung half-muffled in accordance with Armistice Sunday. Kindly arranged for the conductor, from Forest Hill, London.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church for evening service on Sunday, November 5th, 1,010 Stedman Triples: J. Tipper 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, A. V. Rees 4, J. Worth (conductor) 5, W. Stevenson 6, W. Gages 7, J. Waumsley 8.

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time reserved any advice or help he could give, whilst one and all were prepared to take part in touches of various methods with any local ringer who so desired. There were two instances where we should have liked to include a local ringer during the tour, but it was not possible.

It is a matter of keen regret to me that your paper has had to be made the medium of ventilating a personal matter, but the letter of Mr. Hogarth, savouring so much of 'dog in the manger,' left me no option but to reply. If he wishes further to defend his attitude, perhaps he will grant me permission to quote verbatim from his correspondence to me.

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Kendal.

[We regret that the above letter has been held over for some time, on account of pressure on our space.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.']

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30 to 3.30; Bow, Cheap-side 3.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Rev. Canon J. A. Douglas, B.D.).—W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on November 16th and 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th (Election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The first meeting and election of officers will be held at Empingham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Give the new branch a hearty send off!—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea (6d.) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool. It will be worth making an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Dunmow, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—The postponed meeting will be held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea immediately after. Cathedral bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Teas at 1s. 6d. per head to all who notify Mr. C. Clark, 338, Higher Walton Road, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th. Please make an effort to attend. Subscriptions due. Next combined practice, Brownedge, Wednesday, Nov. 15th.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Mr. Hutchinson's Café, Market Place.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Nov. 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A service, tea and business meeting will be held. All will be heartily welcome. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condo- ver on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. All requiring tea should notify me by November 9th.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Earlswood, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea, Tuesday, Nov. 14th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Shaw bells (6) available after tea. Intending visitors please reply by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, to H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON- DON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 3.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15, in Parish Hall, Rectory Road, at the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. P. Gough). If you require tea *please* inform me by Nov. 14th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 1s. each. Please inform Mr. H. W. Gid- dings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs, numbers. This is the last meeting for 1933. Please attend and make the meeting a success. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON- DON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45, to those who advise me by Nov. 15th. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Framsdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing at Helm- ingtonham (8 bells) at 2.30. Tea at Framsdon Mission Room, at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HATHERN, near Loughborough. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 4.30, to those who notify the Rev. D. Hoole, Hathern Rectory, Lough- borough, by Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea by previous Wednes- day. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton- on-Trent District.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Come in crowds and make it a bumper meeting.—A com- mittee meeting will be held in the Vestry.—J. H. Swin- field, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on- Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warm- ington on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Ser- vice 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Nov. 15th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to at- tend. Tea, at small charge, to all who notify Mr. D. Brown, 140, Hulton Street, Manchester, 16, not later than Wednesday, 15th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The November meet- ing is to be a joint one with the Midland Counties Asso- ciation (Hinckley District), to be held at Wolvey (6) on Nov. 18th. Tea provided. This is the last meeting of the year. Please turn up and make a successful meet- ing.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who advise me by Nov. 15th. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO- CIATION.—Southern Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided, and will those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous? Bells (8) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) ready from 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Midwinter, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Good attendance requested. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3. Please advise me by the 16th to enable provision of tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Longparish, Nov. 18th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., for which please notify Rev. T. Marsden, Longparish Rectory, Whitchurch, Hants. — Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (1s. each), followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—St. Mary the Virgin, UPTON GREY.—The peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea (6d.) follows. As accommodation is limited, please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at latest.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held in the small hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. W. Short (Master). Musical programme. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, must be applied for before Tuesday, Nov. 21st, from either of the branch secretaries, or from J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

IRISH ASSOCIATION STOP WATCH COMPETITION.—Owing to so many cards being outstanding the committee have decided to keep this competition open till Nov. 23rd. Will those who have cards with any amount, however small, kindly send them in? — G. Lindoff.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The proposed meeting at Ashted on Nov. 25th has been unavoidably cancelled.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Service 3 p.m.

LAMBETH PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Sunday, Nov. 26th, at morning service (11.15 a.m.), at which the Mayor and Corporation will be present.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the three new bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to eight.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. F. Swann has removed to 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham.

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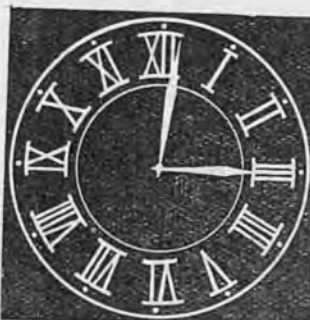
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ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday evening, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Olive Ashbrook 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. Tricker 3, Miss Doris Lidbetter 4, F. Hawthorne (conductor) 5, W. Ellingham 6, H. W. Lidbetter 7, H. Brooks 8. Rung for evening service and for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble.



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